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**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

March 17, 2017  
8:30 a.m.  
Capitol Center  
15 S. 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Basement Conference Room  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners was called to order by Chairman Bohanske at 8:30 a.m. on March 17, 2017.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Present**

Bob Bohanske, Ph.D., – Chair  
Lynn Flowers, Ph.D. – Vice Chair  
Paul Beljan, Psy.D., ABPdN, ABN  
Joseph C. Donaldson  
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**Attorney General’s Office**

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

**Board Members Absent**

Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D. - Secretary

**3. REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CE Documentation** – Dr. Bohanske announced that licensees could receive CE credits in Ethics for attendance at Board meetings and explained how to obtain credit.

**Board Assessment Forms** – Dr. Bohanske encouraged members of the audience to complete a Board meeting Assessment Survey and place them in the survey box.

**Board Member and Staff Appreciation** –Dr. Bohanske presented a plaque to Dr. Wechsler for his service as the 2016 Board Chair. He thanked Board members and Staff for their dedication and hard work. Additionally, he recognized the changes in the renewal process for licensees and recognized the hard work and effort required to implement the changes.

#### **4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no requests to speak.

#### **5. COUNSEL REPORT**

A case was brought against the Board in Pima County Superior Court by Dr. Anthony Luick. The case was moved to Federal Court by the Attorney General's Office. A Motion to Dismiss was later filed by the Attorney General. Dr. Luick indicated an interest in stipulating to a dismissal of the case. The stipulation was signed by both parties and the Court has ordered the case dismissed.

A claim was filed with the Board pertaining to John DenBoer, Ph.D. The claim moved forward to a complaint. Dr. DenBoer's attorney, Larry Cohen, filed a Complaint for Declaratory Judgment; Injunctive Relief with the Maricopa County Superior Court to obtain a ruling on the question of the Board's jurisdiction. Board action on RFI 16-22 is stayed pending complete and final court action in the court case.

Dr. Steven Gray has filed a Special Action with the Court alleging that the Board does not have jurisdiction over anonymous complaints. The Board stayed action on the complaint pending a decision by the Court.

The Board summarily suspended the license of Christine Dargon, Ph.D. and is awaiting Formal Hearing. Dr. Dargon and her attorney, Doug Tobler, requested a continuance of the Formal Hearing until the end of June.

#### **6. CONSENT AGENDA - DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Ms. Shreeve abstained from the February 3, 2017, Regular Session Minutes. Dr. Mellott recused from the application submitted by lore dickey, Ph.D. The motion carried 8-0.

##### **(a) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- February 3, 2017, Regular Session (Ms. Shreeve abstained)

##### **(b) DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGY APPLICATIONS**

###### **i. REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR EXAM ONLY**

- Ashley Bradley, Psy.D.
- Aubrey Rodriguez, Ph.D.
- Audra Horney, Ph.D.
- Kristen Adams, Ph.D.
- Natalie Gildar, Ph.D.

###### **ii. REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR EXAM AND/OR LICENSURE**

- Christina McShane, Psy.D.
- Elisabetta Ambrosia, Psy.D.
- Veronica Poore, Psy.D.

###### **iii. REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR LICENSURE BY WAIVER**

- Alexia Kevonian, Psy.D.
- Caroline Pyevich, Ph.D.
- lore dickey, Ph.D. (Dr. Mellott recused)
- Starr Mackinnon, Ph.D.

###### **iv. REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR LICENSURE BY CREDENTIAL**

- Beverly Richstone, Psy.D.

- Gregory Hupp, Ph.D.
- Martina Soltes, Psy.D.
- Susan Hickman, Ph.D.

**(c) DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICATIONS**

- Amy Harper, Ph.D.
- Ira Heilveil, Ph.D.
- Robert Crippen, M.Ed.

**(d) DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SIT FOR THE EPPP FROM ANNEL CORDERO, PH.D.**

**(e) DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING REQUEST FOR REACTIVATION OF INACTIVE LICENSE FROM DEMETRIA BROWN, PSY.D.**

**(f) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**(g) INVESTIGATIONS REPORT**

**(h) LICENSING REPORT**

**7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION TO SIT FOR EPPP SUBMITTED BY EILEEN HANCOCK, PSY.D.**

Dr. Wechsler recused from reviewing this agenda item and exited the meeting room. Board members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Hancock's application. Upon review, the Board determined that her application meets the necessary requirements. Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shreeve, to approve Eileen Hancock, Psy.D., to sit for the EPPP. The motion carried 8-0.

**8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO INITIAL CASE REVIEWS FOR THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATIONS**

RFI 16-33, Sandra Brim, Ph.D.

Mr. Donaldson and Dr. Mellott recused from reviewing this agenda item and exited the meeting room. Ms. Shreeve provided a summary to the Board stating that, on August 9, 2016, Dr. Brim self-reported charges resulting from a DUI arrest that occurred on April 20, 2016, and described the subsequent events that ensued.

Dr. Brim and her legal counsel, Faren Akins, were present. Mr. Akins requested to speak and stated that the only matter before the Board is whether Dr. Brim self-reported within the required time-frame. Mr. Akins stated that Dr. Brim reported to the Board within ten days after she became aware of the charges. Mr. Akins further stated that the DUI charges were ultimately dismissed and that, through a plea bargain, reckless driving charges were the only charges sustained. Board members asked questions of Dr. Brim relating to the timeline of the incident until she reported the incident to the Board.

*At 9:04 a.m., Mr. Robichaud made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flowers, to go into Executive Session to review confidential information and for legal advice. The motion carried 6-0-2 with Mr. Donaldson and Dr. Mellott recused. Open session reconvened at 9:29 a.m.*

It was the consensus of the Board to authorize Ms. Galvin to enter into negotiations with Mr. Akins to modify the current Consent Agreement.

Board members expressed concern with the seriousness of the case as well as concern with conflicting evidence and timelines of the case. After deliberation, Ms. Shreeve made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to dismiss RFI 16-33. The motion carried 6-0-2 with Mr. Donaldson and Dr. Mellott recused.

RFI 16-49, Kristine Autry, Ed.D.

Ms. Shreeve provided a summary to the Board stating that the Complainant alleged that Dr. Autry assessed his parenting abilities without ever meeting him or reviewing any of his medical history. Dr. Autry's report was submitted to the Court and has allegedly affected the Complainant's court case.

Dr. Autry and her attorney, Faren Akins, were present and requested to speak. Dr. Autry acknowledged her error and outlined subsequent steps she has taken. Board members deliberated and expressed concern that there was a violation. The Board recognized Dr. Autry's efforts to correct this matter. Following deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to offer Dr. Autry a Decree of Censure. Ms. Galvin and Mr. Akins will negotiate the terms of the Decree of Censure. If Dr. Autry accepts and signs the Decree of Censure, the matter will be resolved and does not need to come back to the Board. The motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

RFI 16-43, Lisa Isaac, Ph.D.

Dr. Beljan provided a summary to the Board stating that the Complainant alleged that Dr. Isaac did not meet with a University student prior to submitting a letter to the University attesting to the student's condition which would allow the student to have an emotional support animal live with her on campus. Dr. Beljan stated that the Complaint Screening Committee determined that Dr. Isaac did meet with the student but the Committee determined that Dr. Isaac's report may not be within current standards.

Dr. Isaac and her attorney, Paul Giancola, were present and requested to speak. Dr. Isaac provided a summary of the changes she has made since the complaint was filed.

Following questions by Board members, the Board deliberated and expressed concern that much of what Dr. Isaac documented in her notes is not in the letter that Dr. Isaac provided to the University. Board members expressed concern that there is no documentation attesting to the student's condition.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, to dismiss this matter. The motion failed 2-6 on a roll call vote with Dr. Bohanske, Dr. Beljan, Dr. Wechsler, Mr. Robichaud, Ms. Shreeve and Dr. Flowers voting no. Mr. Robichaud made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to issue a Letter of Concern and Non-Disciplinary Consent Agreement for 12 hours of continuing education. The continuing education should be in disability assessment and can be counted toward her required continuing education to renew her license. Dr. Isaac is responsible for the cost of the continuing education and it should be completed within one year of the effective date of the Non-Disciplinary Consent Agreement. The motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

**9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING BARRIE WAGNER, PSY.D., AND HER REQUEST FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENT IN RESOLUTION OF COMPLAINTS 16-10 AND 16-23**

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that Complaint 16-10 was filed with the Board in June 2016, and Dr. Wagner agreed to an Interim Consent Agreement for the voluntary suspension of her license. Dr. Wagner is in compliance with the Interim Agreement. In December 2016, Complaint 16-23 was reviewed by the Board's Complaint Screening Committee (Committee) and the Committee forwarded the complaint to the Board for possible violations of A.R.S. §32-2061(15)(o) and (dd), Standard 9.01, Bases for Assessments, parts (a), (b), and (c). Subsequently, Dr. Wagner and her attorney, Flynn Carey, submitted a proposed Consent Agreement in resolution of Complaints 16-10 and 16-23.

The Complainants, R.R., was present and made a brief statement. Dr. Wagner and her attorney, Flynn Carey, were present and requested to speak. Mr. Carey outlined the terms of the proposed Consent Agreement. He indicated that the proposed Consent Agreement would allow Dr. Wagner to be employed as a psychologist, if she chooses.

Board members deliberated and determined that the Consent Agreement should include a restriction on Dr. Wagner conducting custody evaluations or rendering opinions in custody evaluations, as well as meeting with a Practice Monitor for one hour weekly unless Dr. Wagner secures employment where she is directly supervised by a psychologist. Following deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to accept the proposed Consent Agreement with the modifications identified. The initial Board review of Complaint 16-23 will be vacated if the proposed Consent Agreement is signed by Dr. Wagner. The motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

## **10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO INITIAL CASE REVIEWS FOR THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATIONS**

### RFI 16-23, Barrie Wagner, Psy.D.

It was the consensus of the Board to table Complaint 16-23 pending Dr. Wagner's signature on the proposed Consent Agreement.

## **11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE UPDATE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO SB 1071, SB 1072, SB 1123, SB 1335, SB 1437, SB 1452, HB 2020, HB 2301, AND HB 2372**

Dr. Olvey provided a summary stating that SB 1335 would create a Committee of Behavior Analysts and increase the number of Board members from nine members to ten members. Two of the ten Board positions would be designated for Behavior Analysts. This bill has passed the Senate and is waiting to be heard by the House Rules Committee. SB 1071 and HB 2290 are identical and would authorize the Board to issue a provisional or regular license to individuals who have committed certain felonies. These bills have passed the House. SB 1072 affects the Court's scope of review during an administrative appeal and has passed the Senate and is waiting to be heard in the House. SB 1123 prohibits state agencies from contracting with a lobbyist. SB 1437 establishes an appeal process through the Governor's Regulatory Review Council. SB 1452 addresses posting non-disciplinary Actions and Orders on websites for five years, not including Letters of Concern, would limit Board member term limits, posting digital recordings of meetings on websites or a statement indicating that audio files of meetings are available, posting employment opportunities on websites, and places a statute of limitation on filing complaints. This bill passed the Senate and is waiting to be heard by the House. HB 2020 and HB 2301 were never heard in committee. HB 2372 would waive application fees for those people who meet the income requirements.

## **12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ISSUED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND PROVINCIAL PSYCHOLOGY BOARDS (ASPPB) PERTAINING TO DRAFT MODEL DOCUMENTS INCLUDING MODEL ACT FOR LICENSURE, MODEL REGULATIONS, AND MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT**

Dr. Olvey provided a summary stating that ASPPB has issued three documents, the Model Act for Licensure, the Model Code of Conduct and the Model Regulations for comment. Board members noted that it may be beneficial to consider adopting ASPPB's Code of Conduct in lieu of the APA ethical code. Board members will look at the information and make comments if appropriate.

## **13. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FROM THE ASSOCIATION FOR STATE AND PROVINCIAL PSYCHOLOGY BOARDS (ASPPB) FOR AWARDS AND POSITIONS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ATTENDANCE AT THE ASPPB MIDYEAR MEETING**

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shreeve, to nominate Dr. Olvey for Board Member at Large on ASPPB's Mobility Committee. The motion carried 8-0. Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shreeve, to nominate Dr. Bohanske for ASPPB's service award. The motion carried 8-0. Dr. Bohanske spoke on changes that are being made to the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology.

**14. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE AS A PSYCHOLOGIST SUBMITTED BY JODI CUNEO, PH.D. AND POSSIBLE DENIAL OF THE SAME**

Dr. Wechsler provided a summary of Dr. Cuneo's application stating that the Application Review Committee (Committee) initially issued an additional information request letter to Dr. Cuneo because her supervision for her preinternship hours did not meet statutory requirement and the written training plan for her internship was not submitted. In January 2017, the Committee reviewed Dr. Cuneo's subsequent submission. The Committee expressed concern with the internship written training plan and voted to issue a second additional information request letter. On February 24, 2017, the Committee reviewed Dr. Cuneo's subsequent submission. The Committee expressed concern with Dr. Cuneo's internship and voted to move her application to the Board for further review and possible denial. The Board deliberated and expressed concern with Dr. Cuneo's internship. The Board requested that Dr. Cuneo submit a written training plan that is an agreement between her and her internship site. The Board noted that there is no documentation from her internship site that indicates the site is an organized training program. Dr. Cuneo should provide an internship training manual and documentation that demonstrates the site was an organized training program designed to provide the trainee with a planned programmed sequence of training experience, a description of the internship's faculty, and evaluations from her internship site. Additionally, the Board is requesting that a letter be submitted from Dr. Cuneo's supervisors, Jill Plevell, Ph.D., and Benjamin Bushman, Ph.D., that provides detailed information regarding her internship, their role as her supervisors and the amount of time she was supervised by each of them.

**15. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO A PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENT TO SURRENDER LICENSE SUBMITTED BY ALLAN GELBER, PH.D., IN CASE NO. 16-46, AND BOARD'S RESPONSE TO SAME AND POSSIBLE RESCISSION OF MOTION TO REFER TO FORMAL HEARING**

Ms. Galvin is not representing the Board in this matter as she is representing the State of Arizona. Assistant Attorney General, Beth Campbell, is representing the Board in this matter. Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that Case No. 16-46 pertaining to Dr. Gelber was scheduled for a Formal Hearing on February 28, 2017. Subsequent to the scheduling of the Formal Hearing, Dr. Gelber's attorney, Douglas Cullins, submitted a proposed Consent Agreement for the voluntary surrender of Dr. Gelber's license. Ms. Galvin addressed the Board and stated that the Conclusions of Law in the proposed Consent Agreement are sufficient and the State supports the proposed Consent Agreement for the voluntary surrender of Dr. Gelber's license. Dr. Gelber and his attorney were present and requested to speak. Mr. Cullins stated that he believes the proposed Consent Agreement will resolve this matter to the Board's satisfaction. Mr. Cullins requested that a clause be included in the proposed Consent Agreement that the document cannot be used in future litigation. Dr. Gelber made a brief statement and asked that his written statement be included in the investigative file. Following deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robichaud, to accept the proposed Consent Agreement as written. The motion carried 8-0. Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robichaud, to vacate the Formal Hearing. The motion carried 8-0.

**16. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE AS A PSYCHOLOGIST SUBMITTED BY STEPHANIE STRAETER, PH.D. AND POSSIBLE DENIAL OF THE SAME**

Dr. Wechsler provided a summary stating that the Application Review Committee (Committee) reviewed Dr. Straeter's application and the Committee noted that she did not complete her internship within 24 consecutive months, she did not receive one hour of individual supervision per twenty hours worked, her title was changed from intern after

the first 1,000 hours of internship experience and the Committee expressed concern that her internship was not an organized training program. Dr. Straeter was present telephonically, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members questions. After discussion and deliberation, the Board determined that Dr. Straeter is not eligible for licensure as a psychologist in Arizona due to the fact that her internship does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(F). Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to allow Dr. Straeter to withdraw her application within seven days. If Dr. Straeter does not withdraw her application it will be denied. The motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

#### **17. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Board members requested that an item be placed on a future Board agenda pertaining to internships completed by students from non-traditional schools. Board members requested that ASPPB's Model Code of Conduct be placed on a future Board agenda.

#### **18. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robichaud, to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. The motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Flowers, Ph.D.  
Vice-Chair