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**BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS
RULES COMMITTEE
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

*April 12, 2016
1:30 p.m.
1400 W. Washington, Suite 240
Phoenix, AZ 85007*

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners Rules Committee was called to order by Dr. Mellott at 1:32 p.m. on April 12, 2016. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Rules Committee Members Present

Ramona Mellott, Ph.D.
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.
Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP

Staff Present

Dr. Cindy Olvey - Executive Director
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3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING TO WRITTEN COMMENTS RECEIVED REGARDING DRAFT PSYCHOLOGY RULES AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REVISION AND PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Dr. Olvey provided a summary stating that the Board office posted draft rules on the Board's website for informal public comment. Dr. Olvey stated that most of the comments received pertained to R4-26-207 Continuing Education (CE). The Committee reviewed the comments and made revisions to R4-26-207 based on the comments received. Specifically, the Committee clarified those items that allow a limited number of CE that can be counted. Dr. Olvey stated that one comment received suggested that the Board allow a one-time carry over of continuing education hours for the transition to the new license renewal process. Committee members discussed the amount of time a licensee will have to transition to the new renewal process will vary from one month to 24 months, depending upon the birth month and license number. The Committee determined that it may be more challenging for those licensees who have six months or less to complete a prorated amount of CE than for those licensees who have more time to transition. Following discussion, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Wechsler, to forward the draft rules to the Board for approval as Proposed

Rules and that the Committee recommend the Board approve a Substantive Policy Statement that would allow licensees to carry over up to 10 continuing education credits from the current licensing period only in order to facilitate the transition from the current license renewal process to the new process.

4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION PERTAINING TO DRAFT RULES FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD

The Committee discussed adopting a substantive policy statement for behavior analysts that would allow a one-time carry over of continuing education during the renewal transition period. Dr. Olvey provided a summary stating that changes were made to the draft rules based on the March 1, 2016, Committee meeting. A behavior analyst was present and was invited to address the Committee. The Committee clarified that only graduate transcripts are required for an application. The Committee discussed documentation required for behavior analytic coursework. The Committee determined that an applicant who completed a certificate program in behavior analysis that required fewer course hours than Arizona's rules require at the time of application would need to make up the deficiency. Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to forward the draft rules for behavior analysis to the Board with a recommendation that the Board approve the rules for posting on the Board's website with an invitation for informal public comment; a substantive policy statement is also recommended for one-time carry over of continuing education for the transition to the new renewal process. The motion carried 3-0.

6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No items were identified.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to adjourn the meeting at 2:49 p.m. The Motion carried (3-0).

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.
Committee Chair