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REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

April 3, 2015, 7:45 a.m.

1400 W. Washington, Suite 240
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners was called to order by Chairman DiBacco at 7:46 a.m. on April 3, 2015. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

John P. DiBacco, Ph.D., – Chair
Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP – Vice Chair
Tamara Shreeve, MPA – Secretary
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.
Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D.
Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.
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Board Members Absent

Paul Beljan, Psy.D., ABPdN, ABN
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Staff Present

Dr. Cindy Olvey, Executive Director
Lynanne Chapman, Deputy Director
Heather Duracinski, Licensing Coordinator

Attorney General’s Office

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no requests to speak at this time.

4. COUNSEL REPORT

Ms. Galvin reported that an Evidentiary Hearing for the appeal filed by Anthony Luick, Ph.D., was heard on May 21, 2014, in Pima County Superior Court. Dr. Luick filed his appeal on five grounds. Ms. Galvin stated that Judge

Aragon issued his decision and is remanding one issue back to the Board for consideration and that the Board will hear this matter at its in-person meeting scheduled in June 2015.

5. CONSENT AGENDA – DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Dr. DiBacco recused from reviewing Dina Shacknai’s application; Dr Wechsler recused from reviewing item d.) pertaining to Stuart Friedman Psy.D; Dr. Beljan, Dr Bohanske, Dr. Wechsler and Ms. Shreeve abstained from the February 6, 2015, Regular Session Minutes; Dr. Mellott and Dr. Wechsler abstained from the February 19, 2015, Regular Session Minutes; Ms. Shreeve abstained from the February 27, 2015, Regular and Executive Session Minutes. Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shreeve, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 7-0.

(a) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 6, 2015, Regular Session Minutes (Dr. Beljan, Dr. Bohanske, Dr. Wechsler and Ms. Shreeve abstained)
- February 19, 2015, Regular Session Minutes (Dr. Mellott and Dr. Wechsler abstained)
- February 27, 2015, Regular Session Minutes (Ms. Shreeve abstained)
- February 27, 2015, Executive Session Minutes (2:52 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.) (Ms. Shreeve abstained)

(b) DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGY APPLICATIONS

i. REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR EXAM ONLY

- Felicia Wilson, Psy.D.
- Kristin Sergeant, Ph.D.
- Nicole Bartholomew, Ph.D.

ii. REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR EXAM AND LICENSURE

- Amanda Kaplan, Psy.D.
- Andrea Saathoff, Ph.D.
- Danielle Godfredsen, Psy.D.
- Dina Shacknai, Psy.D.
- Marika Maris, Ph.D.

iii. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY WAIVER

- Barbara Wells, Ph.D.
- Deborah Wade, Ph.D.
- Kimberly Holton, Psy.D.
- Kyle Bandermann, Ph.D.

iv. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY CREDENTIAL

- J. Mike Ross, Ph.D.
- Michael Klemens, Ph.D.

v. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF SUPERVISED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE HOURS

- Diana Milner, Ph.D.

(c) DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICATIONS

- Holly Salicco, M.A.
- Megan Woods, M.Ed.

(d) REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SIT FOR THE EPPP FROM STUART FRIEDMAN, PSY.D.

(e) DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REACTIVATION OF INACTIVE LICENSE FROM BORIS GINDIS, PH.D.

(f) DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REACTIVATION OF INACTIVE LICENSE FROM MEREDITH LUBOW, PH.D.

6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW BY THE BOARD

a) Jill Hayes, Ph.D.

Ms. Duracinski provided a summary stating that Dr. Hayes answered yes to question #9 of the 2015-2017 renewal application. Dr. Hayes is licensed as a psychologist in Louisiana. The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists received a complaint against Dr. Hayes. The Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists investigated and subsequently dismissed the complaint. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to take no action in this matter and to approve her 2015-2017 Psychologist Application for License Renewal. The motion carried 7-0.

b) Bruce Allen, Ph.D.

Ms. Duracinski provided a summary stating that Dr. Allen answered yes to question #9 of the 2015-2017 renewal application. On the renewal application Dr. Allen stated that a complaint was made to the Arizona Attorney General's office. The Complainant alleged that Dr. Allen discriminated against her. Dr. Allen stated that the Complainant subsequently withdrew the complaint. After deliberation, Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to take no action in this matter and to approve his 2015-2017 Psychologist Application for License Renewal. The motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RENEWAL APPLICATIONS AND POSSIBLY OPENING A COMPLAINT FOR NON-DISCLOSURE OF INVESTIGATION AND SUBSEQUENT DISCIPLINARY ACTION FROM MARYLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

c) Leslie Donnelly, Ed.D.

Ms. Duracinski provided a summary stating that Dr. Donnelly answered yes to questions #9, 10, and 13 of the 2015-2017 renewal application. Dr. Donnelly provided an explanation to question #9 stating that she is licensed as a psychologist in Maryland and a complaint was filed against her with the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists. Dr. Donnelly was reprimanded with her license placed on probation for a period of three years, is required to have supervision and was ordered to pay a fine to the Board. Board staff communicated with Dr. Donnelly regarding questions #10 and 13. Dr. Donnelly responded stating that the complainant filed a law suit. Additionally, it was noted that Dr. Donnelly did not report that she was undergoing an investigation on her original application for licensure.

Board members expressed concern that Dr. Donnelly may have misrepresented her original application for licensure. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to open a Request for Investigation for possible violation of misrepresentation of her original application for licensure. The motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to deny Dr. Donnelly's request to place her license on inactive status until the Request for Investigation has been adjudicated. The motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Donnelly was present telephonically and made a statement to the Board. Dr. Donnelly stated that she had no intention to misrepresent her original application or to deceive the Board to gain licensure in Arizona. Dr. Donnelly indicated that she misunderstood the question on her original application for licensure.

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION FOR RELEASE OF PROBATION FOR DR. FRANCES ROBBINS

Dr. Mellott recused from this item.

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that Dr. Robbins supervisor, H. Daniel Blackwood, Ph.D., recommended that Dr. Robbins be released from probation in his second quarterly supervisor report to the Board. Dr. Robbins legal counsel, Larry Cohen, was present, requested to speak and made a statement. Mr. Cohen stated that Dr. Robbins is willing to adhere to whatever action the Board deems appropriate.

Board members deliberated and determined that Dr. Robbins met the conditions of the Consent Agreement. Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to release Dr. Robbins from probation and to direct Dr. Blackwood to submit a final supervisor report to the Board. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Dr. Mellott recused.

8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM DR. STEVEN FOX PERTAINING TO BOARD ORDER FOR PRACTICE MONITOR/SUPERVISOR

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that the Board office received confirmation that Dr. Fox has secured Felix Salomon, Ph.D., to act as his Practice Monitor as set forth in his Board Order.

9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE FOR HOLLY CUNNINGHAM, PSY.D., IF APPLICANT DOES NOT WITHDRAW APPLICATION WITHIN 7 DAYS

Dr. Wechsler provided a summary stating that during review of Dr. Cunningham's application, the Application Review Committee (Committee) determined that her Internship does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(F)(2)(6) and that her postdoctoral experience does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(5). The Committee voted to forward Dr. Cunningham's application to the full Board for further review and possible denial.

Dr. Cunningham was present telephonically, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Board members questions. Dr. Cunningham stated that she can provide additional information that her internship meets Arizona's statutory requirement. Additionally, Dr. Cunningham stated that she intends to use her practicum experience hours, in lieu of her postdoctoral hours, as well as her internship experience hours toward licensure.

Board members expressed concern with Dr. Cunningham's internship experience, specifically her supervision hours and that a second psychologist was not on staff to provide supervision. After deliberation, Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shreeve, to request additional information and documentation regarding the deficiencies discussed in Dr. Cunningham's application and to remand her application back to the Application Review Committee for review. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Dr. Mellott abstained.

10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE FOR ALANA BRUNACINI, DBH, IF APPLICANT DOES NOT WITHDRAW APPLICATION WITHIN 7 DAYS

Dr. Wechsler provided a summary stating that during review of Dr. Brunacini's application, the Application Review Committee (Committee) determined that her degree does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071 *et seq.* The Committee voted to forward Dr. Brunacini's application to the full Board with a recommendation to allow Dr. Brunacini to withdraw her application within seven days of the Board's determination and if Dr. Brunacini does not withdraw her application within the stated time-frame, her application will be denied.

Board members stated that the Doctor of Behavioral Health degree does not meet the degree requirements for licensure and is not intended for licensure as a psychologist. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to allow Dr. Brunacini to withdraw her application within seven days. If Dr. Brunacini does not withdraw her application it will be denied. The motion carried 7-0.

11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE FOR LOLA CRAER, PSY.D.

Dr. Wechsler recused from reviewing this item. Dr. Brundage provided a summary to the Board stating that Dr. Craer's application was forwarded to the full Board due to lack of a quorum. Dr. Brundage summarized Dr. Craer's application for the Board. After deliberation, Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to approve Dr. Craer's application for licensure upon payment of the prorated licensure fee. The motion carried 6-0-1 with Dr. Wechsler recused.

12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO THE REQUEST BY LLOYD WILLIAMS, PH.D., TO WITHDRAW HIS APPLICATION AND CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO HIS REPRESENTATION OF HIMSELF AS AN "ORGANIZATIONAL AND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY CONSULTANT, AUTHOR AND PROFESSOR"

Dr. Wechsler provided a summary to the Board stating that the Application Review Committee (Committee) reviewed Dr. Williams' application and requested additional information. Subsequently, Dr. Williams' requested that his application be withdrawn and is before the Board for review.

Board members expressed concern that in his letter to the Board, Dr. Williams portrays himself as "Organizational and Clinical Psychology Consultant, Author and Professor", in his signature. Additionally, Board members expressed concern that Dr. Williams' internship supervisor may not have the appropriate experience to provide neuropsychological supervision.

After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to deny Dr. Williams' request to withdraw his application for licensure and to open a Request for Investigation regarding his supervision and for his use of "Organizational and Clinical Psychology Consultant, Author and Professor". The motion carried 7-0.

13. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dr. Olvey provided a summary stating that the legislature adjourned and Bills that were passed that may affect 90/10 Boards will be provided to the Board at a future meeting. Dr. Olvey stated that SB 1439 passed and was signed into law by the Governor, and will become effective July 1, 2015. Implementation of SB 1439 will be discussed at a future meeting.

14. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FROM THE ASSOCIATION FOR STATE AND PROVINCIAL PSYCHOLOGY BOARDS FOR AWARDS AND POSITIONS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Olvey provided a summary stating that every year the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) asks for nominations. Dr. Olvey provided a summary of positions available on ASPPB's Board of Directors and awards that are awarded each year by ASPPB. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion,

seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to nominate Dr. Bohanske for the Member at Large position on ASPPB's Board of Directors. The motion carried 7-0.

15. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMMEMORATING 50 YEARS (1965-2015) SINCE ENACTMENT OF ENABLING LEGISLATION ESTABLISHING PSYCHOLOGY AS A PROFESSION IN ARIZONA

Dr. Bohanske provided a summary stating that the Board held an in-person meeting in Tucson on February 27, 2015, in celebration of the 50th anniversary. Dr. Bohanske stated that an in-person meeting will be held in Flagstaff on August 14, 2015, to celebrate the 50th anniversary. Dr. Bohanske elaborated other celebratory events including:

- The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards is holding its annual meeting in Arizona
- A booth at the Arizona Psychological Association's (ASPPB) annual convention will provide historical information
- Celebration at the December 2015, in-person Board meeting

Dr. Olvey stated that commemorative pins will be ordered and will be distributed at the annual ASPPB conference. The Board office is continuing to work on commemorative certificates. Dr. Olvey stated the commemorative certificates will be available to purchase in the fall.

16. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Dr. Mellott requested that the in-person meeting scheduled for October 2, 2015 be changed to a different date.

17. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m. The motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Shreeve, MPA
Board Secretary