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REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

May 5, 2017, 7:45 a.m.
1400 W. Washington, Suite 280
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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 Bohanske at 7:46 a.m. on May 5, 2017.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Bob Bohanske, Ph.D., FNAP – Chair
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Attorney General’s Office

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no requests to speak at this time.

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

Ms. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Drs. Beljan and Mellott recused from voting on the February 21, 2017, regular session minutes. The motion carried 8-0.

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 21, 2017, Regular Session

b. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGY APPLICATIONS

i. REQUESTING APPROVAL TO SIT FOR THE EPPP ONLY

- Lauren Hayes, Ph.D.

- ii. **REQUESTING APPROVAL TO SIT FOR THE EPPP AND LICENSURE**
 - Benjamin Strader, Psy.D.
 - Jueta McCutchan, Psy.D.
 - Lindsay Tracy, Psy.D.
 - Nisha Todi, Psy.D.
 - Rachael Grantham, Psy.D.
 - Stephanie Dinner, Ph.D.

- iii. **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY WAIVER**
 - Kacey Greening, Psy.D.

- iv. **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY CREDENTIAL**
 - Angela Chiodi, Psy.D.
 - Gregory Lee, Ph.D.
 - Natalie Edmonds, Psy.D.

- c. **DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICATIONS**
 - Ame Milosevich, M.S.E.
 - Ashley Claar, M.Ed.
 - Cori Law, M.Ed.
 - Heather Gonzales, Ph.D.
 - Jennifer Holman, M.Ed.
 - Kimberly Borick, M.A.
 - Nydia Peralez, M.A.
 - Saskia Soliz, M.Ed.

- d. **DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING REQUEST SUBMITTED BY DANIEL GOOD, PH.D., FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL DUE BY APRIL 30, 2017**

- e. **DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING REQUEST FOR REACTIVATION OF INACTIVE LICENSE SUBMITTED BY SUSAN RICHARDSON, PH.D.**

- f. **DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SIT FOR THE EPPP FROM MARIA MENDOZA-RODRIGUEZ, PSY.D.**

- g. **DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING REQUEST FOR REACTIVATION OF INACTIVE LICENSE SUBMITTED BY SAMANTHA WAGNER, M.ED.**

- h. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST PERTAINING TO THE EPPP SUBMITTED BY BENNETT EDGERLY, PH.D.**

- i. **DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING REQUEST SUBMITTED BY HOLLY PERHAM, PH.D., FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL DUE BY APRIL 30, 2017**

- j. **DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING REQUEST FOR REACTIVATION OF INACTIVE LICENSE SUBMITTED BY NANCY AMICK, PH.D.**

k. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING REQUEST SUBMITTED BY SHELLEY KRAFT-HANAK, PH.D., FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL DUE BY APRIL 30, 2017

l. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING REQUEST SUBMITTED BY UMUT CATRON, M.ED., FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL DUE BY APRIL 30, 2017

m. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING REQUEST FOR REACTIVATION OF INACTIVE LICENSE SUBMITTED BY BONNIE GRAY, PH.D.

n. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING REQUEST SUBMITTED BY ASHLEY DAVIS, PSY.D., FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL DUE BY APRIL 30, 2017

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

a. Anne Murray, Ph.D.

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that Dr. Murray answered “yes” to question #10 of the 2017 psychologist renewal application. Dr. Murray was named in a complaint with the Navy that is not yet resolved. After deliberation, Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shreeve, to take no action in this matter and to approve Dr. Murray’s renewal application. The motion carried 8-0.

b. Shannon Sticken, Psy.D.

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that Dr. Sticken answered “yes” to question #15 of the 2017 psychologist renewal application. The place of business Dr. Sticken was employed by was sued by a former client of a former employee. Dr. Sticken was not involved with the client. Dr. Sticken provided a Court Order dismissing the matter. After deliberation, Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to take no action in this matter and to approve Dr. Sticken’s renewal application. The motion carried 8-0.

c. Joseph Carmona, Ph.D.

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that Dr. Carmona answered “yes” to question #10 of the 2017 psychologist renewal application. Dr. Carmona was the subject of a 2016 investigation at the medical center where he worked. The allegations were deemed unfounded. After deliberation, Dr. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to take no action in this matter and to approve Dr. Carmona’s renewal application. The motion carried 8-0.

d. Justin Dallacqua, Psy.D.

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that Dr. Dallacqua answered “yes” to questions #9 & #10 of the 2017 psychologist renewal application. Dr. Dallacqua is a licensed attorney and was the subject of an Arizona State Bar complaint, which was dismissed. After deliberation, Dr. Brundage

made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flowers, to take no action in this matter and to approve Dr. Dallacqua's renewal application. The motion carried 8-0.

e. Ashtin Adkins, Psy.D.

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that Dr. Adkins' originally answered "no" to question #15 of the 2017 psychologist renewal application and her renewal was processed. Subsequently, Dr. Adkins submitted a letter amending her "no" answer to question #15, indicating that she works for a prison, where she and a number of other prison employees were sued by an inmate. She further indicated that she was not directly involved with the prisoner. The lawsuit is pending. After deliberation, Dr. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, to take no action in this matter but requested that Dr. Adkins keep the Board apprised of the outcome of the lawsuit. The motion carried 8-0.

f. Ryan Goldenstein, Psy.D.

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that Dr. Goldenstein answered "yes" to question #9 of the 2017 psychologist renewal application. Dr. Goldenstein is licensed as a psychologist in Minnesota and he was the subject of a complaint filed with the Minnesota Psychology Board. The complaint was dismissed. After deliberation, Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flowers, to take no action in this matter and to approve Dr. Goldenstein's renewal application. The motion carried 8-0.

g. Jennifer Bortz, Ph.D.

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that Dr. Bortz answered "yes" to question #9 of the 2017 psychologist renewal application. Dr. Bortz, and the hospital where she works, was named in an American's with Disabilities Act complaint and lawsuits filed by a former hospital employee. The complaint and lawsuits were dismissed. After deliberation, Mr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to take no action in this matter and to approve Dr. Bortz's renewal application. The motion carried 8-0.

h. Thomas Golden, Ph.D.

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that Dr. Golden answered "yes" to question #9 of the 2017 psychologist renewal application. Dr. Golden is licensed in New Jersey and is the subject of a complaint with the New Jersey Psychology Board. The complaint is ongoing. After deliberation, Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flowers, to take no action in this matter and to approve Dr. Golden's renewal application, but requested that Dr. Golden keep the Board apprised of the outcome of the complaint. The motion carried 8-0.

i. Glenn Moe, Ph.D.

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that Dr. Moe answered "yes" to question #15 of the 2017 psychologist renewal application. Dr. Moe was named in a lawsuit against the Arizona Department of Economic Security. Dr. Moe provided documentation that the matter was dismissed. After deliberation, Mr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to take no action in this matter and to approve Dr. Moe's renewal application. The motion carried 8-0.

j. Heath Kilgore, Psy.D.

Dr. Bohanske recused from reviewing this agenda item. Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that Dr. Kilgore answered “yes” to question #9 of the 2017 psychologist renewal application. In 2011 Dr. Kilgore was licensed with Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners (BBHE) and was the subject of a complaint, which was resolved by a Consent Agreement. At the time the complaint was resolved Dr. Kilgore had allowed his license with BBHE to expire. Ms. Chapman noted that he properly reported the BBHE complaint on his 2013 and 2015 psychologist renewal applications. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to take no action in this matter and to approve Dr. Kilgore’s renewal application. The motion carried 7-0-1 with Dr. Bohanske recused.

6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMPLAINT NO. 17-06 AND A REQUEST TO VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER HER LICENSE

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that a complaint against Dr. Karcher was filed with the Board office in February 2017. The complaint was filed by a licensed social worker. The allegations included multiple relationships and breach of confidentiality. Subsequent to receiving the complaint, the Board office received a request from Dr. Karcher’s legal counsel, Faren Akins, that she be allowed to surrender her license in lieu of continuing with the investigation. Mr. Akins was present telephonically and requested to speak. Mr. Akins stated that Dr. Karcher is not physically well, has closed her practice, has withdrawn her membership from the American Psychological Association and from the Arizona Psychological Association and wishes to surrender her license. Mr. Akins attested that Dr. Karcher is mentally competent and is aware that a surrender of her license will be treated as a revocation. Board members deliberated and expressed concern that some of Dr. Karcher’s alleged conduct, if true, may be criminal in nature. Ms. Galvin stated that the Board can accept the surrender of Dr. Karcher’s license and refer the matter to the appropriate law enforcement agency. After deliberation, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to accept the surrender of Dr. Karcher’s license and to refer this matter to the appropriate law enforcement agency. The surrender will be treated as a revocation. The motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO RULES FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS IN THE AREAS OF SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

Dr. Mellott provided a summary stating that the Rules Committee (Committee) made changes to the supervision and continuing education section of the behavior analyst rules. She stated that the Committee is recommending that behavior analysts who received supervision prior to January 2015 must meet the old requirements and supervision received after January 2015 must meet the new requirements. Additionally, the Committee is recommending that there be no limit to the amount of continuing education that can be obtained online. After deliberation, Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to approve the draft rules and post the draft rules on the Board’s website for informal comment. The motion carried 8-0.

8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR EXAM AND LICENSURE SUBMITTED BY SAMANTHA PIEKNIK, PSY.D.

Dr. Beljan recused from reviewing this item. Dr. Mellott provided a summary stating that Dr. Pieknik’s application was forwarded to the Board due to lack of a quorum at the Board’s Application Review Committee meeting. The Board proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Pieknik’s application. Upon review, the Board determined that her application meets the requirements of statute and rule. After

deliberation, Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to approve Dr. Pieknik's application to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon receipt of a passing score and payment of the prorated licensure fee. The motion carried 7-0-1 with Dr. Beljan recused.

9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM THE BRITISH COLUMBIA COLLEGE OF PSYCHOLOGISTS PERTAINING TO A POSSIBLE BREACH OF A CONSENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN R RUSS, PH.D. AND THE ARIZONA BOARD AS WELL AS CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM R RUSS INDICATING A "SELF COMPLAINT"

Dr. Olvey provided a summary stating that Dr. Russ became licensed in Arizona in March 2013. Dr. Russ failed to report multiple licenses/certifications and registrations in other jurisdictions, discipline on some of those licenses/certifications and registrations, a name change and criminal history. A complaint was initiated by the Board in May 2014. During the complaint process the Board offered a voluntary surrender of his license to Dr. Russ. The Board accepted a Consent Agreement stipulating to a Decree of Censure and Dr. Russ' agreement not to practice in Arizona, not to apply for licensure as a psychologist in Arizona in the future without prior Board approval, not to apply for licensure as a psychologist in any other jurisdictions, and not to use electronic means to provide counseling or psychological services. The Consent Agreement also included a stipulation for a retroactive revocation of Dr. Russ' license if he violated any of the terms of the Consent Agreement. Dr. Russ' license is now expired. On April 3, 2017, the Board office received correspondence from Dr. Russ indicating he was reporting a "self-complaint". The email included attachments of correspondence between Dr. Russ and the attorney representing the College of Psychologist of British Columbia. The correspondence from British Columbia expressed concern that Dr. Russ was representing himself on his website as a psychologist and providing counseling/psychological services. Dr. Russ is not licensed/registered as a psychologist in British Columbia. On April 4, 2017, the Board office received correspondence from British Columbia indicating that Dr. Russ was portraying himself as a psychologist and offering to provide psychological and counseling services. The correspondence further indicated that Dr. Russ does not hold, and has never held licensure or registration in British Columbia.

Board members deliberated and expressed the seriousness of this matter. Board members indicated that Dr. Russ agreed to retroactive revocation. Ms. Galvin stated that the Board lacks jurisdiction as Dr. Russ is no longer licensed and the Board cannot revoke a license that no longer exists. The Board can offer a Consent Agreement for retroactive revocation. After deliberation, Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to offer Dr. Russ a Consent Agreement for the retroactive revocation of his prior psychology license. The motion carried 7-1 with Mr. Donaldson voting no.

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

Dr. Olvey provided a summary stating that SB 1335 will change the composition of the Board by increasing the number of Board members from 9 to 10. Two Board member positions will be reserved for licensed behavior analysts. The bill also creates a five member Committee of Behavior Analysts that will serve in an advisory capacity to the Board. SB 1335 passed and becomes effective November 1, 2017. SB 1071 and HB 2290 are identical bills that indicates the Board may grant licensure to some individuals with criminal convictions licensure. The Bills passed. SB 1072 will increase the Court's scope in the administrative appeals process. SB 1072 is waiting to be heard. SB 1123 prohibits agencies from contracting for lobbying services. SB 1123 passed. SB 1434 creates a new chapter defining art therapy. SB 1437 creates an appeals process through the Governor's Regulatory Review Council. SB 1437 passed. SB 1452 limits Board member terms, requires that agencies post disciplinary actions on their website,

requires that agencies post video or audio recordings to their website. If video or audio recordings are not available, then the agency will post that audio files are available. It also places a statute of limitations on filing complaints. SB 1452 passed. HB 2372 allows for application and initial licensing fees to be waived for qualified individuals. HB 2372 is stalled in the Senate. The legislature is currently focusing on the budget. Dr. Olvey stated that the agency budget included a request for additional funds for eLicensing.

11. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Dr. Wechsler acknowledged Dr. Olvey's work, leadership and contributions to the state and the psychology profession. Dr. Bohanske spoke briefly stating that there are many factions in psychology. This Board is a regulatory Board and serves at the pleasure of the Governor and the Executive branch of government which is a very different position than a state or national trade association. A regulatory Board is an Executive branch of government and it faithfully carries out statutes and regulation which have been developed; an attempt to view the Board's position differently or place any type of other meaning on the Board or its staff is well out of line and causes concern. Dr. Bohankse acknowledged the Board and staff for its hard work and acknowledged the extra effort Board staff has made with the changes in the renewal of licenses.

Mr. Donaldson requested that an update on the status of 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.

12. 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 9:14 a.m. The Motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D.
Secretary