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REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

May 8, 2015, 7:45 a.m.
1400 W. Washington, Suite 240
Phoenix, AZ 85007

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners was called to order by Vice-Chairman Wechsler at 7:47 a.m. on May 8, 2015. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP – Vice Chair
Tamara Shreeve, MPA – Secretary
Paul Beljan, Psy.D., ABPdN, ABN
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.
Joseph C. Donaldson
Lynn L. Flowers, Ph.D.
Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. (7:47 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.)
Rob Robichaud

Board Members Absent

Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D.

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. Beljan, Dr. Flowers and Ms. Shreeve abstained from the February 27, 2015, Executive Session Minutes. Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 8-0.

(a) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 27, 2015, Executive Session Minutes (9:42 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.) (Dr. Beljan, Dr. Flowers and Ms. Shreeve abstained)

(b) DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGY APPLICATIONS

i. REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR EXAM AND LICENSURE

- Comel Belin, Ph.D.
- Erin Piper, Psy.D.
- Stephanie Mandel, Psy.D.
- Wendesia White, Ph.D.

ii. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY WAIVER

- Eric Johnson, Psy.D.
- Heidi Green, Psy.D.
- Patricia Eggelston, Ph.D.
- Sarah Andreski, Ph.D.

iii. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY CREDENTIAL

- Neil Horowitz, Ph.D.

iv. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF SUPERVISED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE HOURS

- Alicia Goodman, Ph.D.
- Nicole Bartholomew, Ph.D.

(c) DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICATIONS

- Brittany DeBoer, M.S.
- Emily Molina, M.Ed.
- Julia Larson, M.A.
- Katelyn Giboney, M.S.
- Michael Linehan, M.Ed., M.A.
- Monica Yaegar, M.Ed.
- Tracy Bachman, M.Ed.

(d) REQUEST FOR REACTIVATION OF INACTIVE LICENSE FROM ROSALYN MEADOW, PH.D.

(e) REQUEST FOR REACTIVATION OF INACTIVE LICENSE FROM JESSICA MATTHES, PH.D.

(f) REQUEST FOR REACTIVATION OF INACTIVE LICENSE FROM JULIA WILLIAMS, ED.D.

(g) REQUEST FOR MEDICAL INACTIVE STATUS FROM SARAH WALSH, PH.D.

- (h) REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND APPROVAL OF 2015-2017 RENEWAL APPLICATION REQUESTING INACTIVE STATUS FROM SUE LERNER, PH.D.**
- (i) REQUEST FOR REACTIVATION OF INACTIVE LICENSE FROM BARBARA BACKLUND, PH.D.**

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

Stuart Goodman with Goodman Schwartz Public Affairs was present telephonically and provided a summary to the Board stating that the legislative session has ended and two matters were discussed during the legislative session that may impact the Board. Mr. Goodman stated that the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners is now mandated to post non-disciplinary action on their website. Additionally, Mr. Goodman discussed a legislative bill (HB 2297) that pertains to rulemaking.

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

- a) Patricia Roe, Psy.D.

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that Dr. Roe answered “yes” to question number six of the 2015-2017 Psychologist Application for License Renewal. Dr. Roe was present telephonically, requested to speak and made a statement. After deliberation, Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shreeve, to approve Dr. Roe’s 2015-2017 renewal and to take no action in this matter. The motion carried 8-0.

- b) Marcus Earle, Ph.D.

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that Dr. Earle answered “no” to question number nine of the 2015-2017 Psychologist Application for License Renewal. Ms. Chapman provided a brief timeline for the Board. Additionally, she stated that Board staff renewed Dr. Earle’s license. Dr. Earle was present telephonically, requested to speak and made a statement. After deliberation, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to open a Request for Investigation and simultaneously offer a non-disciplinary Letter of Concern. If Dr. Earle does not sign the non-disciplinary Letter of Concern then the Request for Investigation will go through the process. The motion carried 6-2 on a roll call vote with Dr. Mellott and Mr. Robichaud voting no.

- c) Ralph Earle, Ph.D.

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that Dr. Earle answered “no” to question number nine of the 2015-2017 Psychologist Application for License Renewal. Ms. Chapman provided a brief timeline for the Board. Dr. Earle was present telephonically, requested to speak and made a statement. After deliberation, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to approve Dr. Earl’s renewal and to open a Request for Investigation and simultaneously offer a non-disciplinary Letter of Concern. If Dr. Earle does not sign the non-disciplinary Letter of Concern then the Request for Investigation will go through the process. The motion carried 6-2 on a roll call vote with Dr. Mellott and Mr. Robichaud voting no.

- d) Andrea Gould, Ph.D.

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that Dr. Gould answered “no” to question number nine of the 2015-2017 Psychologist Application for License Renewal. Ms. Chapman provided a brief timeline for the Board. Dr. Gould was not present. After deliberation, Mr. Robichaud made a motion,

seconded by Ms. Shreeve, to approve Dr. Gould's renewal and to open a Request for Investigation. The motion carried 7-1 on a roll call vote with Dr. Mellott voting no.

e) Shanna Ratzburg, Psy.D.

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that Dr. Ratzburg answered "no" to question number nine of the 2015-2017 Psychologist Application for License Renewal. Ms. Chapman provided a brief timeline for the Board. Additionally, she stated that Board staff renewed Dr. Ratzburg's license. Dr. Ratzburg was not present. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to open a Request for Investigation and simultaneously offer a non-disciplinary Letter of Concern. If Dr. Ratzburg does not sign the non-disciplinary Letter of Concern then the Request for Investigation will go through the process. The motion carried 7-1 on a roll call vote with Dr. Mellott voting no.

f) John Stapert, Ph.D.

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that Dr. Stapert answered "no" to question number nine of the 2015-2017 Psychologist Application for License Renewal. Ms. Chapman provided a brief timeline for the Board. Additionally, she stated that Board staff renewed Dr. Stapert's license. Dr. Stapert was not present, but provided a written explanation. After deliberation, Dr. Beljan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, to open a Request for Investigation. The motion carried 6-2 on a roll call vote with Dr. Bohanske and Dr. Mellott voting no.

g) Robin Dilley, Ph.D.

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that Dr. Dilley answered "no" to question number nine of the 2015-2017 Psychologist Application for License Renewal. Ms. Chapman provided a brief timeline for the Board. Additionally, she stated that Board staff renewed Dr. Dilley's license. Dr. Dilley was present, requested to speak and made a statement. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shreeve, to open a Request for Investigation and simultaneously offer a non-disciplinary Letter of Concern. If Dr. Dilley does not sign the non-disciplinary Letter of Concern then the Request for Investigation will go through the process. The motion carried 6-2 on a roll call vote with Dr. Bohanske and Dr. Mellott voting no.

Dr. Mellott left the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

h) Sarah Stookey, Ph.D.

Ms. Duracinski provided a summary stating that Dr. Stookey answered "yes" to question number nine of the 2015-2017 Psychologist Application for License Renewal. Ms. Duracinski provided a brief summary. Dr. Stookey provided a written explanation stating that she was licensed in Pennsylvania and had a complaint filed against her that was dismissed. Dr. Stookey was not present. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robichaud, to approve Dr. Stookey's renewal and to take no action in this matter. The motion carried 7-0.

i) Melanie Bierenbaum, Psy.D.

Ms. Duracinski provided a summary stating that Dr. Bierenbaum answered "yes" to question number 10 of the 2015-2017 Psychologist Application for License Renewal. Ms. Duracinski provided a brief summary stating that Dr. Bierenbaum provided a written explanation. Dr. Bierenbaum was present, requested to speak and made a statement. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to approve Dr. Bierenbaum's renewal and to take no action in this matter. The motion carried 7-0.

j) Janet Tatman, Ph.D.

Ms. Duracinski provided a summary stating that Dr. Tatman answered “no” to question number 16 of the 2015-2017 Psychologist Application for License Renewal. Ms. Duracinski provided a brief summary. Dr. Tatman provided a written explanation. Ms. Duracinski noted that Dr. Tatman is requesting inactive status for the 2015-2017 renewal cycle. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shreeve, to open a Request for Investigation and simultaneously offer a non-disciplinary Letter of Concern and non-disciplinary Order that would require Dr. Tatman to complete 60 hours of additional continuing education if she requests to reactivate her license in the future and to approve her renewal application and place her license on inactive status. If Dr. Tatman does not sign the non-disciplinary Letter of Concern the Request for Investigation will go through the process. The motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

k) Christopher Pinhey, Ph.D.

Ms. Duracinski provided a summary stating that Dr. Pinhey answered “no” to question number 16 of the 2015-2017 Psychologist Application for License Renewal. Ms. Duracinski noted that Dr. Pinhey is requesting inactive status for the 2015-2017 renewal cycle. Dr. Pinhey was not present. After deliberation, Ms. Shreeve made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, to open a Request for Investigation and simultaneously offer a non-disciplinary Letter of Concern and non-disciplinary Order that would require Dr. Pinhey to complete 60 hours of additional continuing education if he requests to reactivate his license in the future and to approve his renewal application and place his license on inactive status. If Dr. Pinhey does not sign the non-disciplinary Letter of Concern the Request for Investigation will go through the process. The motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FOURTH REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SIT FOR THE EPPP FROM KIMBERLY THIESSEN, PSY.D.

This item was tabled for a future Board agenda.

9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM CHRISTINE DARGON, PH.D. FOR CONTINUANCE FOR INITIAL REVIEW BY THE BOARD OF RFI 14-32 AND RFI 15-02

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that the Board office received correspondence from Dr. Dargon requesting that the Request for Investigations be continued until the October 2015, Board meeting. Dr. Dargon’s legal counsel, Randy Yavitz, was present telephonically, requested to speak and made a statement. Mr. Yavitz stated that Dr. Dargon is scheduled to present continuing education for PESI and that her presentations conflict with the Board’s June and August Board meeting dates. Mr. Yavitz stated that Dr. Dargon understands the importance of the Request for Investigations and will concede to the Board’s decision. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to deny Dr. Dargon’s request and to review the Request for Investigations at the Board’s June 5, 2015, Board meeting. The motion carried 7-0.

10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO ATTESTATION SUBMITTED BY KRISTEN KIRLIN, PH.D. FOR REINSTATEMENT OF PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSE

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that the Board office received the renewal fee from Dr. Kirlin’s employer but did not receive Dr. Kirlin’s completed 2015-2017 Psychologist Application for License Renewal before the April 30, 2015, deadline. Board staff contacted Dr. Kirlin who submitted her renewal application with an attestation and written explanation. Dr. Kirlin’s license was reinstated. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robichaud, to open a Request for Investigation and simultaneously offer a non-disciplinary Letter of Concern. If Dr. Kirlin does not sign the non-disciplinary Letter of Concern then the Request for Investigation will go through the process. The motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO A REQUEST FORM MARIA TERESA VELEZ, PH.D. THAT A REINSTATEMENT FEE NOT BE CHARGED TO RENEW HER INACTIVE LICENSE

Ms. Duracinski provided a summary stating that the Board office received Dr. Velez's 2015-2017 Psychologist Application for License Renewal after the April 30, 2015, deadline. Dr. Velez was notified that her license expired and could be reinstated pursuant to A.R.S. 32-2074(B). On May 5, 2015, the Board office received email correspondence from Dr. Velez requesting that the Board waive the reinstatement fee. After deliberation, the Board determined that it does not have the authority to waive the reinstatement fee. Ms. Shreeve made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to deny Dr. Velez's request. The motion carried 7-0.

12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE BOARD AND, IF NECESSARY, ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIR AND/OR SECRETARY

Ms. Shreeve chaired this item. Mr. Robichaud nominated Dr. Wechsler for Chair. No other nominations were made. Dr. Wechsler was elected Chair on a vote of 7-0. Election of Chair created a vacancy at the Vice-Chair position. Mr. Robichaud submitted his name in nomination for Vice-Chair. No other nominations were made. Mr. Robichaud was elected Vice-Chair on a vote of 7-0.

13. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LICENSE RENEWAL UPDATE FOR LICENSING PERIOD 2015-2017

Dr. Olvey provided a summary stating that the Board office has been undergoing renewals for the 2015-2017 cycle. Dr. Olvey recognized Board staff and Board counsel for their efforts.

14. 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 is holding an in-person meeting in Flagstaff on August 14, 2015, to celebrate the 50th anniversary. The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards is holding its annual meeting in Arizona to help celebrate the professions anniversary and that planning for the meeting is underway. The mayor of Tempe has agreed to appear at the ASPPB meeting and possibly make a proclamation.

15. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Ms. Shreeve requested that an item regarding question #9 of the 2015-2017 Psychologist Application for License Renewal be placed on a future agenda.

16. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Robichaud made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shreeve, to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m. The motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Shreeve, MPA
Board Secretary