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**MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING
June 30, 2016
7:30 a.m.**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners Application Review Committee was called to order by Madam Chair Mellott at 7:32 a.m. on June 30, 2016. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Participating by Telephone

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. – Chair
Paul Beljan, Psy.D., ABPdN, ABN

Staff Present

Heather Broaddus – Licensing Coordinator

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3. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PSYCHOLOGY APPLICANTS

Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) Only

Brett Andersen, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Andersen's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Andersen's application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP.

Dr. Beljan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the application of Brett Andersen, Psy.D., to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP. The motion carried 2-0.

Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) & Licensure

Adam Kristevski, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Kristevski's application and subsequent submission. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Kristevski's application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Alice Parker, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Parker's reapplication. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Parker's reapplication to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

C. Daniel Spezzacatena, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Spezzacatena's reapplication. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Spezzacatena's reapplication to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Eboni Morris, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Morris' application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Morris' application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Ernesto Reza, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Reza's application. Upon review of his Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form from the Arizona State Hospital Doctoral Psychology Internship Program, the Committee noted that his supervisor, Kimberly Cohen, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Reza obtained a total of 2,009 hours from September 2, 2014 – September 1, 2014. The Committee noted that if Dr. Reza worked 40 hours per week for 52 weeks he would have obtained 2,080 hours. The Committee is requesting clarification as to whether Dr. Reza worked 40 hours per week during his internship. The Committee is requesting that he provide an explanation as to the discrepancy in the hours reported versus the hours he should have obtained. Upon review of his Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from the New Mexico VA Health Care Services, the Committee noted that his supervisor, Dr. Aaron Joyce, indicated that Dr. Reza worked 40 hours per week and obtained a total of 1,500 hours from September 8, 2015 – September 9, 2016. The Committee noted that if Dr. Reza worked 40 hours per week for 52 weeks he would have obtained 2,080 hours. Additionally, the Committee noted that Dr. Joyce listed Dr. Reza's individual face-to-face supervision as "2/week" and listed his direct client contact hours as "16/week". At this time the Committee is requesting that Dr. Reza and Dr. Joyce provide an explanation as to the discrepancy in the hours reported versus the hours Dr. Reza should have obtained. Additionally, the Committee is requesting that Dr. Reza's supervisor complete and submit a new form that indicates Dr. Reza's total number of individual face-to-face supervision hours and Dr. Reza's total number of direct client contact hours.

Gertha Sicobo, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Sicobo's application. Upon review of her transcript from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine the Committee noted that her doctorate degree was conferred 10/4/2007. Additionally, the Committee noted that she completed her postdoctoral experience August 22, 2012. At this time, the Committee is requesting that she provide an explanation as to how she has maintained

her knowledge in the psychology profession. She may wish to provide documentation of continuing education or other activities she has attended that relates to the psychology profession.

Jami Voss, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Voss’ application and subsequent submission. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Voss’ application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Jordana Katz, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Katz’s reapplication. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Katz’s reapplication to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Katherine Brazaitis, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Brazaitis’ application. Upon review of her Supervised Preinternship Experience Verification form from the District of Columbia VA Medical Center, the Committee noted that her Associate Director of Training, David A. Jobes, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Brazaitis’ experience was from July 2012 – May 2014. His subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Brazaitis received one hour of individual supervision per week. Pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(d):

After September 1, 2013, at least two hours of regularly scheduled contemporaneous supervision per twenty hours of supervised preinternship professional experience that addresses the direct psychological services provided by the student. [emphasis added]

The Committee noted that her supervision hours she obtained from September 1, 2013 to May 2014 does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(d). At this time she may submit her hours that she obtained prior to September 1, 2013 (July 2012 – August 2013) for review. Additionally, she may wish to submit postdoctoral experience to meet the 3,000 hour supervised work experience requirement. Upon review of her Supervised Preinternship Experience Verification form from VA Maryland Health Care System, the Committee noted that her Associate Director of Training, David A. Jobes, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Brazaitis’ experience was from June 2013 – May 2014. His subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Brazaitis received one hour of individual supervision per week. Pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(d):

After September 1, 2013, at least two hours of regularly scheduled contemporaneous supervision per twenty hours of supervised preinternship professional experience that addresses the direct psychological services provided by the student. [emphasis added]

The Committee noted that her supervision hours she obtained from September 1, 2013 to May 2014 does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(d). At this time she may submit her hours that she obtained prior to September 1, 2013 (June 2013 - August 2013) for review. Additionally, she may wish to submit postdoctoral experience to meet the 3,000 hour supervised work experience requirement. Additionally, the Committee noted that she listed her title as “Staff Psychologist” on page 9, question #34 A. of the application which may be in violation of A.R.S. §32-2084(C)(1)(2). The Committee is requesting that she provide an explanation as to her use of the term “Staff Psychologist”.

Michael Pinnell, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Pinnell’s application and subsequent submission. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the

consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Pinnell's application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Sarah Opuroku, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Opuroku's application and study plan. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Opuroku's application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Sonya Willis, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Willis' application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Willis' application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Stefan Schalk, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Schalk's reapplication. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Schalk's reapplication to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Sue Moler, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Moler's application and study plan. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Moler's application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Suzanne O'Connor, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. O'Connor's application. Upon review of her Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from Rehab Without Walls, the Committee noted that her supervisor, Jon Van Doren, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. O'Connor obtained 3,030 postdoctoral hours. His subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. O'Connor received 151 hours of individual face-to-face supervision which does not meet the requirement of §32-2071(G)(5). At this time, the Committee is requesting clarification as to how many individual face-to-face supervision hours Dr. O'Connor received.

William Marsh, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Marsh's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Marsh's application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to forward the applications of Adam Kristevski, Psy.D., Alice Parker, Psy.D., C. Daniel Spezzacatena, Psy.D., Eboni Morris, Psy.D., Jami Voss, Ph.D., Jordana Katz, Psy.D., Michael Pinnell, Psy.D., Sarah Opuroku, Psy.D., Sonya Willis, Psy.D., Stefan Schalk, Psy.D., Sue Moler, Psy.D., and William Marsh, Psy.D., to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee, to issue additional information request letters to Ernesto Reza, Psy.D., Gertha Sicobo, Psy.D., Katherine Brazaitis, Ph.D., and Suzanne O'Connor, Psy.D., regarding the deficiencies discussed in their applications. The motion carried 2-0.

Requesting Approval of Licensure by Waiver

Gregory Regts, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Regt's application and subsequent submission. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Regt's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

lore dickey, Ph.D. – Dr. Mellott recused from reviewing Dr. dickey's application. Due to lack of a quorum Dr. dickey's application was forwarded to the Board for review.

Wendy Stock, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Stock's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Stock's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dr. Beljan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the applications of Gregory Regts, Ph.D., and Wendy Stock, Ph.D., to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee, and to forward the application of lore dickey, Ph.D., to the Board for review due to lack of a quorum. The motion carried 2-0.

Requesting Approval of Licensure by Credential

Lindsay Werkheiser, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Werkheiser's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Werkheiser's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Robert Gordon, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Gordon's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Gordon's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Sonya Bruner, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Bruner's application and subsequent submission. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Bruner is applying for licensure with her credential from the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology. The Committee noted that Dr. Bruner has not been licensed as a psychologist for five or more years which does not meet the requirement of §32-2071.01(D)(2). The Committee voted to table Dr. Bruner's application until October 2016 at which time she will have been licensed for five years.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to forward the applications of Lindsay Werkheiser, Psy.D., and Robert Gordon, Ph.D., to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee, and to table the application of Sonya Bruner, Psy.D., until October 2016. The motion carried 2-0.

Requesting Approval of Supervised Work Experience

Erin Nekvasil, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Nekvasil's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the

Committee to move Dr. Nekvasil's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Rebecca Gillespie, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Gillespie's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Gillespie's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of a passing score on the EPPP and upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Beljan, to forward the applications of Erin Nekvasil, Ph.D., and Rebecca Gillespie, Psy.D., to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee. The motion carried 2-0.

4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD PERTAINING TO APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY LICENSE APPLICANTS AND APPROVAL OF POSTDOCTORAL WRITTEN TRAINING PLAN

Requesting Approval for Temporary Licensure & EPPP

M. Patricia Liimatainen, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Liimatainen's application and subsequent submission. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Liimatainen's application to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee.

Dr. Beljan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the application of M. Patricia Liimatainen, Psy.D., to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee. The motion carried 2-0.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD PERTAINING TO APPROVAL OF BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICANTS

Requesting Approval of Licensure by Experience

Gina Benetich, M.S. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Benetich's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Ms. Benetich's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Melissa Anderson, M.A. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Anderson's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Ms. Anderson's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Sasha Verdugo, M.A. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Verdugo's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the

Committee to move Ms. Verdugo's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dr. Beljan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the applications of Gina Benetich, M.S., Melissa Anderson, M.A., and Sasha Verdugo, M.A. to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee. The motion carried 2-0.

6. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

There were no items for future meetings.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. Beljan made motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 a.m. The motion carried 2-0.

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.
Application Review Committee Chair