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REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

June 8, 2018

7:45 a.m.

1740 W. Adams St.
Conference Room A (1st Floor)
Phoenix, AZ 85007

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners was called to order by Madam Chair Brundage at 7:47 a.m. on June 8, 2018. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D. – Chair
Tamara Shreeve, MPA – Vice-Chair
Lynn L. Flowers, Ph.D. – Secretary
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D., FNAP
Bryan Davey, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Diana Davis-Wilson, DBH, BCBA
Joseph Donaldson
Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. (joined at 7:53 a.m.)
Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP

Staff Present

Jenna Jones, Executive Director
Heather Broaddus, Deputy Director
Kathy Fowkes, Licensing Specialist
Krishna Poe, Administrative Assistant

Attorney General’s Office

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

3. REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Member and Staff Appreciation –Dr. Brundage announced that the American Psychological Association awarded the 2018 Karl F. Heiser Presidential Award for Advocacy to Dr. Bohanske.

Dr. Brundage announced that Dr. Wechsler served as a Board member for more than ten years and has decided to retire from the Board. Dr. Brundage thanked Dr. Wechsler for his hard work and dedication.

Dr. Brundage welcomed Kathy Fowkes as the Board’s new Licensing Specialist.

August 3 & 4, 2018, Board Meeting- Dr. Brundage reminded Board Members that the next in-person meeting will comprise two days. Board member training will be conducted at the two day meeting.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no requests to speak at this time.

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

Dr. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 9-0.

(a) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 6, 2018, Executive Session Minutes (8:08 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.)

(b) DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGY APPLICATIONS

i. REQUESTING APPROVAL TO SIT FOR THE EPPP ONLY

- Charles Marquez, Psy.D.
- Nicolas Comeau, Psy.D.

ii. REQUESTING APPROVAL TO SIT FOR EPPP AND LICENSURE

- Angela Graham, Psy.D.
- Brittany Pierce, Psy.D.
- Brooke DeBoy, Psy.D.
- Cynthia Prater, Psy.D.
- David Paul, Psy.D.
- Donette Alexis, Psy.D.
- Ernesto Reza, Psy.D.
- Glenda Velez, Ph.D.
- Kimberly Thiessen, Psy.D.
- Michelle Mugge, Psy.D.
- Sarah May, Ph.D.
- Sonya Willis, Psy.D.
- Sue Moler, Psy.D.
- Travis Munnerlyn-Kirkham, Psy.D.

iii. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY WAIVER

- Frank Dillon, Ph.D.
- Jennifer Cook, Psy.D.
- Sarah Henry, Ph.D.
- Vanessa Staples, Ph.D.

iv. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY CREDENTIAL

- Grace MacDowell, Psy.D.
- Michael Wright, Ph.D.

v. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF SUPERVISED WORK EXPERIENCE AND LICENSURE

- Nick Tanner, Ph.D.
- Nicole M. Burt, Ph.D.

- Rachael Hunter-Edwards, Psy.D.
- Tim Buschmann, Ph.D.

vi. REQUESTING APPROVAL TO SIT FOR EXAMINATION (EPPP) AND TEMPORARY LICENSURE

- David Ventola, Psy.D.

(c) DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICATIONS

- Allyson Wandell, M.S.
- Brianna Conners, M.Ed.
- Colleen Cochran, M.A.
- Marina Bulkin, M.A.
- Neda Nazarabadi-Ghouchani, M.Ed.

6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR EXAM & LICENSURE AS A PSYCHOLOGIST SUBMITTED BY STEPHANIE MIDDAUGH, PSY.D.

Dr. Wechsler recused from reviewing this application. Dr. Mellott provided a summary to the Board. Due to lack of a quorum her application was forwarded to the Board for substantive review. Board Members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Middaugh’s application. Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, to approve Dr. Middaugh’s application. Dr. Flowers expressed concern that questions 1-4 on the postdoctoral professional experience verification form were not answered. Dr. Flowers requested to amend the motion to include approval, upon completion of the form by Dr. Middaugh’s supervisor. The motion was approved with the amendment. The motion carried 9-0.

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR EXAM & LICENSURE AS A PSYCHOLOGIST SUBMITTED BY BETHANY BATES, PSY.D.

Dr. Wechsler recused from reviewing this application. Dr. Mellott provided a summary to the Board. Due to lack of a quorum her application was forwarded to the Board for substantive review. Board members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Bates’ application. After deliberation, Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, to approve Dr. Bates’ application. The motion carried 9-0.

8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE AS A PSYCHOLOGIST SUBMITTED BY KYLE SUHR, PH.D.

Dr. Wechsler provided a summary to the Board stating that Dr. Suhr’s application was reviewed by the Application Review Committee (Committee). The Committee expressed concern that two of his preinternship experiences do not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(c). Subsequent to the Committee meeting, Dr. Suhr submitted postdoctoral experience to apply toward licensure in lieu of his preinternship experience. The Board proceed with a substantive review of his application. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to approve Dr. Suhr to sit for the EPPP. Board members discussed Dr. Suhr’s postdoc hours and Dr. Mellott withdrew her motion.

After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flowers, to approve Dr. Suhr's application. The motion carried 9-0.

9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR EXAM & LICENSURE AS A PSYCHOLOGIST SUBMITTED BY MADISON KNIGHT, PH.D.

Dr. Wechsler provided a summary to the Board stating that Dr. Knight's application was reviewed by the Application Review Committee (Committee) and it expressed concern that her internship may not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(F). It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Knight's application to the Board for further review of her internship. Board members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Knight's application. Board members noted that one of her internship supervisors was a certified school psychologist. Board members clarified that it is acceptable for the secondary supervisor to be a certified school psychologist if the internship is in a school setting. Board members expressed concern that there may not have been two psychologists on staff as supervisors and expressed concern that her internship was not an organized training program. Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flowers, to request additional information regarding whether her internship meets the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(F). The motion carried 8-0.

**Dr. Mellott left the meeting at 8:26 a.m. and did not vote on agenda item 9.*

10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO INITIAL CASE REVIEWS OF THE FOLLOWING INVESTIGATIONS

a) Complaint No. 15-32 Gwendolyn Johnson, Ph.D.

Dr. Flowers summarized the case, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records. The Complaint Screening Committee reviewed the Complaint and forwarded it to the Board for possible violation of A.R.S. §32-2061(16)(o) for possibly providing services that are unnecessary or unsafe or otherwise engaging in activities as a psychologist that are unprofessional by current standards of practice and A.R.S. §32-2061(16)(dd) for possibly violating an ethical code adopted by the Board as it pertains to the American Psychological Association Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct; 1.03 Conflicts Between Ethics and Organizational Demands; and 9.01(a)(b) Bases for Assessment. The Licensee was present telephonically and answered Dr. Flowers' questions. The Complainant was not present. The Board deliberated. After deliberation, Dr. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shreeve, to dismiss Complaint No. 15-32 as there is no violation of statute or rule. The motion carried 8-0

11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RENEWAL APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY PAUL KAUFMANN, PH.D.

Ms. Broaddus provided a summary to the Board. Dr. Kaufmann submitted his 2018 Psychologist Application for License Renewal, and answered "yes", to question number 13. Dr. Kaufmann provided an explanation as well as documentation. Dr. Kaufmann was present telephonically, made a statement and answered Board members questions. Board members expressed concern that Dr. Kaufmann did not report the incident within the mandatory 10 day time-frame. Dr. Kaufmann provided an explanation stating he did not report the incident because no charges were filed. Dr. Wechsler asked Ms. Galvin for clarification on the language of the statute, regarding the term

“charged”. Ms. Galvin stated that the statute does not define “charged”. Ms. Shreeve asked Dr. Kaufmann to outline the specific charges. Ms. Galvin stated that according to A.R.S.32-3208, the healthcare provider must notify the regulatory agency within 10 days of the charge, and does not state that the charges must be filed with the court. Board members commented that the statutory requirement was not a Psychology Board specific statute but rather a healthcare provider statute. Board members deliberated.

After deliberation, Dr. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shreeve, to open a complaint and simultaneously offer a Letter of Concern for failure to report. The motion carried 8-0.

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, to approve Dr. Kaufmann’s renewal application. The motion passed 8-0

12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER PERTAINING TO COMPLAINT NO. 17-09, DON AXSOM, PSY.D.

Ms. Jones provided a summary to the Board. At a previous meeting, the Board voted to forward Complaint No. 17-09 to an Informal Interview. The Board directed Ms. Galvin to work with Dr. Axsom on a proposed Consent Agreement. The proposed Consent Agreement stipulates a probation for a minimum of 6 months, 15 hours of continuing education, and to mandate Dr. Axsom to keep the Board apprised of the pending case with the Missouri Psychology Board. Board members discussed the proposed Consent Agreement and the continuing education requirement. After deliberation, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, to accept the proposed Consent Agreement. The motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

13. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RESPONSE TO SUNSET FACTORS FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL PERTAINING TO A PERFORMANCE AUDIT AND SUNSET REVIEW

Ms. Jones provided a summary to the Board stating that a proposed response to the sunset factors portion of the audit is before the Board for review. After deliberation, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shreeve, to approve the proposed response. The motion carried 8-0

14. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE AS A BEHAVIOR ANALYST SUBMITTED BY REBECCA PAWLOWSKI, M.ED. AND POSSIBLE DENIAL OF THE SAME

Dr. Davis-Wilson provided a summary to the Board. Ms. Pawlowski’s application was forwarded to the Board from the Committee on Behavior Analysts. Upon review of her Supervised Work Experience or Independent Fieldwork Verification form, submitted by her supervisors, Dorianne Brown and Amy Cook, the Committee noted that Ms. Brown and Ms. Cook, indicated that Ms. Pawlowski’s supervision was from February 2015 – September 2016, at Autism Academy for Education and Development. The Committee noted that Ms. Brown and Ms. Cook did not obtain licensure as a behavior analyst in Arizona. It was noted that her supervision may not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2091.03(E). The Committee forwarded the application to the Board for review and possible denial. Board members proceeded with a substantive review of Ms. Pawlowski’s application. After deliberation, Dr. Bohankse made a motion, Seconded by Mr. Donaldson to allow the applicant to withdraw the application within 10 days in lieu of denial. If the

application is not withdrawn it will be denied. The motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

15. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE AS A BEHAVIOR ANALYST SUBMITTED BY ERICKA MULLINIX, M.S.

Dr. Davis-Wilson and Dr. Stenhoff recused from reviewing this application at the Committee on Behavior Analyst meeting. Due to lack of a quorum Ms. Mullinix's application was forwarded to the Board for substantive review. Dr. Davey provided a summary to the Board. Board members noted that a correction needs to be made on question number six of the application. Dr. Davey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, to approve the application, pending correction to question number six. The motion carried 7-0-1 with Dr. Davis-Wilson recused.

16. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Drs. Wechsler and Flowers requested that an item pertaining to internships that are non-APA or APPIC approved and to provide clarification on the same be placed on a future meeting of the Board. Drs. Wechsler and Flowers requested that A.R.S. §32-3208 be placed on a future agenda.

17. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED RULE PACKAGE PROPOSED BY THE COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIOR ANALYST

Ms. Jones provided a summary to the Board stating that the Committee on Behavior Analysts reviewed the draft behavior analyst rules and voted to forward the rules to the Board for review and approval. Dr. Davis-Wilson provided information regarding the changes to the rules. After deliberation, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shreeve, to file the proposed rulemaking and direct staff to open a docket. The motion carried 8-0.

18. REVIEW, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOARD'S PROPOSED RESPONSE TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 2018-02.

Ms. Jones provided a summary to the Board. The Governor's office requires the Board to submit a written response to two sections of the Executive Order prior to July 1, 2018. The proposed response is provided for review by the Board. Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, to approve the response. The motion carried 8-0

19. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shreeve, to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 A.M. The motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn L. Flowers, Ph.D.
Secretary