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**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

**Friday, July 11, 2014, 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 Dr. Bohanske at 7:45 a.m. on July 11, 2014. No Executive Sessions were held.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Present**

Bob Bohanske, Ph.D., – Chair  
John P. DiBacco, Ph.D., – Vice – Chair  
Joseph C. Donaldson – Secretary  
Paul Beljan, Psy.D., ABPdN, ABN  
Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D.  
Ramona Mellott, Ph.D. (7:47 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.)  
Rob Robicheau  
Tamara Shreeve, MPA  
Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP

**Staff Present**

Dr. Cindy Olvey, Executive Director  
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**Attorney General’s Office**

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

**3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no requests to speak.

**4. COUNSEL REPORT**

Ms. Galvin reported that at the August 9, 2013, Board meeting the Board issued Anthony Luick, Ph.D. a Decree of Censure. Dr. Luick appealed the Board’s decision to the Superior Court and has requested an Evidentiary Hearing. On December 30, 2013, Ms. Galvin and the Board’s Executive Director, Cindy Olvey, attended proceedings at the Superior Court in Tucson for Oral Argument and on May 21, 2014, Dr. Wechsler, Dr. Olvey and Ms. Galvin attended an Evidentiary Hearing held in Pima County. The Judge issued a Minute entry allowing all evidence that is not duplicative of the evidence heard at the OAH hearing. A Briefing is currently in the process of being scheduled. Additionally, Pima County is waiting for the Office of Administrative Hearings to file their record. Ms. Galvin will keep the Board apprised as the case progresses.

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

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

### **(a) DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGY APPLICATIONS**

#### **i. REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR EXAM ONLY**

- Jamie Bustamante, Ph.D.

#### **ii. REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR EXAM AND LICENSURE**

- Anna Dakessian-Torrey, Ph.D.
- Bouchra Koussih, Ph.D.
- Brandy Gardner, Psy.D.
- Darnell Durrah, Ph.D.
- Dawn Byrd, Psy.D.
- Erika Driver, Psy.D.
- Michele Ishikawa, Ph.D.
- Nnamdi Ohaeri, Sr., Psy.D.
- Sarah Oपुरoku, Psy.D.
- Steven Caruso, Ph.D.

#### **iii. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY WAIVER**

- Adam Sumner, Ph.D.
- Amy Phenix, Ph.D.
- Cary Jordan, Ph.D.
- Lynn Jonen, Ph.D.

#### **iv. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY CREDENTIAL**

- Lynn Calcote, Ph.D.
- Ronald Williams, Ph.D.

### **(b) DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICATIONS**

- Birgit Lurie, MS.Ed.
- Elizabeth Meshes, MA
- Jeffrey Siegel, MA
- Natalie Chase, MA
- Tara Kiener, MA

### **(c) REQUEST FOR RE-ACTIVATION OF LICENSE FROM KATHERINE GUTSHALL, MA**

### **(d) REINSTATEMENT OF INACTIVE LICENSE FOR FREDDA GREGG, ED.D. AND RESCISSION OF THE BOARD'S PREVIOUS VOTE TO DENY HER 2013-2015 RENEWAL APPLICATION**

### **(e) REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATIONS TO SIT FOR THE EPPP FOR AMANDA DEWBRAV, PSY.D.**

## **6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE SUBMITTED BY DIANE LEMONT, PH.D., AND POSSIBLE DENIAL OF THE SAME**

Dr. Wechsler provided a summary stating that on July 7, 2014, the Application Review Committee reviewed Dr. LeMont's application and voted to forward it to the full Board for further review as her internship does not meet

the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(F). Dr. LeMont was present telephonically and made a statement to the Board.

Upon review of her application, the Board determined that her internship does not meet statutory requirement as her internship did not provide two psychologists as supervisors, her internship was not completed within 24 consecutive months and the written training plan was not in place prior to Dr. LeMont entering into the internship. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to offer Dr. LeMont the opportunity to withdraw her application within seven business days. If Dr. LeMont does not withdraw her application it will be denied. The motion carried 9-0.

#### **7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE SUBMITTED BY JOHN HOPE, PH.D., AND POSSIBLE DENIAL OF THE SAME**

Dr. Wechsler provided a summary stating that on July 7, 2014, the Application Review Committee (Committee) reviewed Dr. Hope's application and voted to forward his application the full Board for further review and possible denial as Dr. Hope's University (Sierra University) was not regionally accredited. Additionally, the Committee expressed concern that his internship and postdoctoral experience occurred during the same time period, he did not complete a residency, his transcript does not reflect that his doctorate program was clinical or counseling psychology and that the majority of his coursework was at the master's level. After deliberation, it was the consensus of the Board to table this matter to a future meeting of the Board and the Board requested that Dr. Hope attend the Board meeting in which his application will be heard.

#### **8) DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR SURRENDER OF PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSE SIGNED BY IRENE D. HASSETT, PH.D.**

Ms. Chapman provided a summary to the Board stating that the Board office received a Request for Investigation pertaining to Dr. Hassett. Subsequently, the Board office received correspondence from Dr. Hassett and her legal counsel, Faren Akins, that she is in the process of retiring from practice due to health related issues. Dr. Hassett requested that the Board allow her to surrender her license in lieu of continuing the investigative process. Dr. Hassett and Mr. Akins are fully aware that surrender of her license will be considered disciplinary action and will be reported to the National Practitioners Data Bank.

Mr. Akins was present telephonically and reiterated that Dr. Hassett is retiring due to health related issues and is unable to physically continue the investigative process. Board members asked Mr. Akins if Dr. Hassett is mentally capable to enter into a Consent Agreement for surrender of her license. Mr. Akins affirmed that Dr. Hassett is fully capable of entering into the Consent Agreement and is aware of the implications of doing so.

After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to accept the proposed Consent Agreement for the surrender of Dr. Hassett's license to practice psychology. The motion carried 9-0.

#### **9) DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE SUBMITTED BY VALERIE GOLD-NEIL, ED.D., AND POSSIBLE DENIAL OF THE SAME**

Dr. Wechsler provided a summary stating that on July 7, 2014, the Application Review Committee (Committee) reviewed Dr. Gold-Neil's application. The Committee noted that she was disciplined by the California Psychology Board. Because of the severity of the discipline the Committee voted to move Dr. Gold-Neil's application to the full Board for further review. The Board deliberated and expressed concern regarding the severity of the discipline. The Board recognized that Dr. Gold-Neil completed the terms of the Consent Agreement and has been in good standing with the California Board since 2006. It was the consensus of the Board to table this matter to a future meeting of the Board and requested that Dr. Gold-Neil attend the Board meeting in which her application will be heard.

**10) DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR SURRENDER OF PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSE SIGNED BY MICHAEL J. COHN, ED.D.**

Ms. Chapman provided a summary to the Board stating that the Board summarily suspended Dr. Cohn's license after receiving information that he was arrested and in prison for the murder of his wife. In February 2014, Dr. Cohn entered into a plea agreement and was sentenced to 15 years in prison. Subsequently, the Board initiated a Request for Investigation and offered Dr. Cohn a Consent Agreement for surrender of his license in lieu of proceeding with the investigation. Ms. Chapman stated that the Board office received the signed Consent Agreement from Dr. Cohn. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, to accept the Consent Agreement for the surrender of Dr. Cohn's psychology license. The motion carried 9-0.

**11) 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 to the Board stating that the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) is holding their annual meeting in Arizona in 2015 to help celebrate the psychology profession and that the Board office is awaiting to receive information from ASPPB pertaining to details of the meeting. Dr. Bohanske stated that the Board office is working on creating a timeline of the psychology profession. He stated that dates to hold an in-person Board meeting in Flagstaff and Tucson in 2015 are being identified. Additionally, the Board office is finalizing details and prices for creating a commemorative certificate that will be available for purchase by licensees.

**12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING TEMPORARY LICENSE FOR INDIVIDUALS COMPLETING POSTDOCTORAL EXPERIENCE CREATED IN HB 2172 AND POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE RELATING THERETO**

Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board stating that HB 2172 becomes effective July 24, 2014, and it states that beginning January 1, 2015, the Board may issue a temporary license to applicants who are completing their postdoctoral experience. Dr. Olvey stated that the Board office requires guidance from the Board in implementing this statute. It was the consensus of the Board to ask the Rules Committee to look at the issue of issuing a temporary license and to bring recommendations to the Board.

**13. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

There were no new items for future meetings.

**14. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m. The motion carried 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Donaldson  
Secretary