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**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

*July 8, 2016, 7:45 a.m.*  
1400 W. Washington, Suite 280  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners was called to order by Vice-Chair Shreeve at 7:45 a.m. on July 8, 2016.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Present**

Tamara Shreeve, MPA – Vice-Chair  
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**Attorney General's Office**

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

**Board Members Absent**

Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP - Chair

**3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no requests to speak.

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

Dr. Flowers abstained from the June 3, 2016, Regular Session Minutes. Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 8-0.

- a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - June 3, 2016, Regular Session
- b. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGY APPLICATIONS**
  - i. REQUESTING APPROVAL TO SIT FOR EPPP ONLY**
    - Brett Andersen, Psy.D.

**ii. REQUESTING APPROVAL TO SIT FOR EPPP AND LICENSURE**

- 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.
- William Marsh, Psy.D.

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

- Gregory Regts, Ph.D.
- Wendy Stock, Ph.D.

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

- Lindsay Werkheiser, Psy.D.
- Robert Gordon, Ph.D.

**v. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF SUPERVISED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE HOURS AND LICENSURE**

- Erin Nekvasil, Ph.D.
- Rebecca Gillespie, Psy.D.

**c. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD PERTAINING TO APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY LICENSE APPLICANT'S AND APPROVAL OF POSTDOCTORAL WRITTEN TRAINING PLAN**

- M. Patricia Liimatainen, Psy.D.

**d. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICATIONS**

- Gina Benetich, M.S.
- Melissa Anderson, M.A.
- Sasha Verdugo, M.A.

**e. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING POSSIBLE INCENTIVE PAY FOR BOARD STAFF**

**f. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SIT FOR THE EPPP FROM COMEL BELIN, PH.D.**

**g. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE EPPP FROM BENNETT EDGERLY, PH.D.**

**5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING MOTION TO ASSOCIATE COUNSEL *PRO HAC VICE* FILED BY ROBERT CHELLE ON BEHALF OF J.W. CARVER**

Ms. Chapman provided a summary stating that a Request for Investigation (RFI), 15-47, regarding Michael Epstein, Ph.D., is pending before the Board. Dr. Epstein is active duty in the Navy and is located in California. Ms. Chapman explained that the allegations occurred in California and the Complainant submitted the same allegations to the Navy. Dr. Epstein is represented before the Navy by a California licensed attorney, J.W. Carver. Dr. Epstein is requesting that the Board allow Mr. Carver to represent him in RFI 15-47. An Arizona licensed attorney, Robert Chelle, is sponsoring Mr. Carver in his *pro hac vice* petition for admission to Arizona. The *pro hac vice* application is complete and the Motion and Order is before the Board for consideration. After deliberation, Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to accept the Motion and Order allowing Mr. Carver admission to practice in Arizona as it relates to Dr. Epstein's RFI. The motion carried 8-0.

**6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO PROPOSED TUITION REIMBURSEMENT POLICY FOR AGENCY EMPLOYEES**

Dr. Mellott abstained from reviewing this item. Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board stating that the State has a reimbursement program for state employees who wish to further their education. Dr. Olvey stated that a draft policy regarding the reimbursement program is before the Board for review and approval. After deliberation, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robichaud, to accept the draft policy. The motion carried 7-0-1 with Dr. Mellott abstained.

**7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NOTIFICATION TO STAKEHOLDERS ISSUED BY AHCCCS REGARDING PROVIDER REGISTRATION, CODES AND SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS**

Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board stating that the Board office received a "Notification to Stakeholders: Provider Registration Requirements for Licensed Board Certified Behavior Analysts" from the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). The Notification states that AHCCCS is accepting applications from behavior analysts and it provided a list of codes and service descriptions. Dr. Olvey explained that some of the services listed may not fall within the scope of practice for behavior analysts. Dr. Olvey requested that the Board communicate with AHCCCS to clarify whether services provided by behavior analysts and paid for by AHCCCS fall within the scope of practice for behavior analysts. Board members deliberated stating that approval to bill for services does not mean an increase in the scope of practice. Board members stated that it is the responsibility of the behavior analyst to know what services fall within their scope of practice. After deliberation, it was the consensus of the Board to communicate with AHCCCS regarding this matter.

**8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THIRD REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO SIT FOR THE EPPP FROM MARLEE HOFFMAN, PH.D.**

Ms. Duracinski provided a summary to the Board stating that the Board office received a third request from Dr. Hoffman to sit for the EPPP. Dr. Hoffman requested a one-year extension stating that she needs the additional time due to personal legal proceedings and medical issues for one of her children. Ms. Duracinski stated that because this is Dr. Hoffman's third request, it is before the Board for consideration. Additionally, Ms. Duracinski stated that Board rule (R4-26-204(A)(3)) limits an extension to sit for the EPPP to no more than six months. After deliberation, the Board determined that

it cannot grant more than a six month extension. Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flowers, to grant Dr. Hoffman one more six month extension to sit for the EPPP. If Dr. Hoffman is unable to sit for the EPPP within that time frame, she can withdraw her application until such time she is able to take the examination. The motion carried 8-0.

**9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE AS A PSYCHOLOGIST SUBMITTED BY LORE DICKEY, PH.D.**

Dr. Mellott recused from reviewing this agenda item. Dr. Beljan provided a summary for the Board stating that Dr. dickey's application was forwarded to the Board due to lack of a quorum by the Application Review Committee. Board members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. dickey's application. Hours reported on his Supervised Preinternship Experience Verification forms indicate Dr. dickey was short supervision hours as well as direct patient/client contact hours from preinternship training sites. In addition, a review of the Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification forms indicates Dr. dickey was short on direct client contact hours for both training sites. Following deliberation, Dr. Flowers made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to issue an additional information request letter to Dr. dickey regarding the deficiencies discussed in his application. The motion carried 7-0-1 with Dr. Mellott recused.

**10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST BY THE ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND PROVINCIAL PSYCHOLOGY BOARDS TO EMAIL A LETTER TO PSYCHOLOGY LICENSEES IN ARIZONA REGARDING A JOB TASK ANALYSIS SURVEY THAT WILL BE USED TO UPDATE THE EPPP**

Dr. Bohanske provided a summary to the Board stating that the job task analysis is used to determine the validity of the Examination for the Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP). He explained that every ten years the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) updates the validity of the EPPP. He stated that ASPPB is requesting that the Board send information to Arizona licensed psychologist requesting that they participate in a validity study. He stated that participation is optional, not mandatory. After deliberation, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to direct Board staff to send an email to all licensed psychologists allowing them to participate in the optional study. The motion carried 8-0.

**11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE AS A PSYCHOLOGIST SUBMITTED BY SUZANNE O'CONNOR, PSY.D.**

Dr. Mellott provided a summary to the Board stating that Dr. O'Connor's application was reviewed at the June 30, 2016, Application Review Committee (Committee) meeting. The Committee voted to issue Dr. O'Connor an additional information request letter regarding her postdoctoral experience; however, Dr. Mellott elaborated that during the drafting of her letter it was noted that there may have been a mathematical error during the Committee meeting. Dr. Mellott stated that upon further review of Dr. O'Connor's postdoctoral experience it appears that an additional information letter is not necessary. After deliberation, Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to approve Dr. O'Connor to sit for the EPPP and licensure upon receipt of a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee. The motion carried 8-0.

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

There were no items for future meetings.

### **13. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Flowers, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 a.m. The Motion carried 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tamara Shreeve, MPA  
Vice-Chair