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Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Held virtually via Zoom on July 9, 2021

Board Members

Diana Davis-Wilson, DBH, BCBA – Chair
Bryan Davey, Ph.D., BCBA-D – Vice-Chair
Matthew A. Meier, Psy.D. – Secretary
Linda Caterino, Ph.D., ABPP
Aditya Dynar, Esq.
Stephen Gill, Ph.D.
Melanie Laboy, Esq.
Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.
Tamara Shreeve, MPA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Davis-Wilson called the Board's meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following Board members participated in the virtual meeting: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Vice-Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Gill, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott and Ms. Shreeve. The following Board member was absent: Ms. Laboy.

ALSO PRESENT

The following Board staff participated in the virtual meeting: Heidi Herbst Paakkonen, Executive Director; Jennifer Michaelson, Deputy Director; Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General (AAG); Kathy Fowkes, Licensing Specialist; Krishna Poe, Program and Projects Specialist; and, Andrea Cisneros, Minutes Administrator.

3. REMARKS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

These items were considered around 8:33 a.m.

- Board Surveys

Chairwoman Davis-Wilson encouraged meeting attendees to provide feedback by contacting Board staff and completing a Board Meeting Assessment Survey.

- Board Member and Staff Appreciation

Chairwoman Davis-Wilson acknowledged and thanked Board members and staff for their hard work and efforts in facilitating the Board's meetings.

- Continuing education credit for Board meeting attendance

Chairwoman Davis-Wilson announced that meeting attendees were eligible for continuing education credit. She stated that codewords would be provided throughout today's meeting that attendees are to email Board staff within one week of the meeting to receive the credit.

- Introduction of Zakiya Malles, Licensing Specialist

The Board welcomed Ms. Malles to the team.

Dr. Mellott joined the virtual meeting around 8:37 a.m.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

This item was considered around 8:38 a.m.

No individuals addressed the Board during the Call to the Public portion of the virtual meeting.

5. COUNSEL UPDATE

This item was considered around 8:39 a.m.

AAG Galvin reported that the matter involving Dr. Sadeh was currently pending the scheduling of oral arguments for the second week of September 2021, and that she would keep the Board updated as they proceed.

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

The Consent Agenda was considered around 8:39 a.m.

MOTION: Mr. Dynar moved for the Board to approve the items as listed under the Consent Agenda with the exception of the June 4, 2021 Executive Session Minutes and Item Number 6.E.

SECOND: Dr. Meier

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Vice-Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Gill, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott and Ms. Shreeve. The following Board member was absent: Ms. Laboy.

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 4, 2021 Regular Session Minutes
- June 4, 2021 Executive Session Minutes

This item was pending additional information and tabled to the Board's next meeting.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

C. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGIST APPLICATIONS

Requesting Approval to Sit for EPPP Only (§ 32-2071) EPPP Required – Part 1 or Parts 1 & 2

- 1) Erin Sierra Hanks-Moehr, Ph.D. Part 1 & Part 2
Dr. Mellott was recused from this item.

Requesting Approval to Sit for EPPP & Licensure (upon a passing score)

- 1) Abigail Ann Ngayan, Psy.D. Only Part 1
- 2) Cori Ione Preble, Ph.D. Only Part 1
- 3) John Charleson, Ph.D. Part 1 & Part 2
- 4) Ruby Howard, Psy.D. Only Part 1

Requesting Approval for Licensure by Waiver (§32-2071)

- 1) Celine McNelis-Kline, Ed.D.
- 2) William Travis McCuddy, Ph.D.

Requesting Approval for Temporary Licensure and EPPP (§ 32-2073)

- 1) Leah Jean Phillips, Psy.D. Part 1 & Part 2

Requesting Approval for Licensure by Credential (ABPP, CPQ or National Register)

None

Requesting Approval for Licensure by Universal Recognition (§ 32-4302)

- 1) Diane Anderson, Ph.D.
- 2) Jan M. Bestwick, Ph.D.
- 3) John E. Bradford, Psy.D.
- 4) Lauren Therese Melendres Movafaghi, Ph.D.
- 5) Victoria Nguyen, Psy.D.

D. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICATIONS

- 1) Abigail Barnes, M.S.
- 2) Amber Crosby, M.S.
- 3) Barbara Wimberly, M.A.
- 4) Candace Curran Robertson, M.A.
- 5) Chanel Deann Kingan, M.A.*
- 6) Chelsa Christy, M.S.*
- 7) Elisabeth Diane Quiebras, M.S.*
- 8) Elizabeth Rios, M.A.
- 9) Evelyn Holy, M.S.
- 10) Gema Castillo, M.Ed.*
- 12) Holly Ann Bjerkestrand, M.A.*
- 13) Katherine Quick, M.A.
- 14) Kourtney Gay, M.S.
- 15) Nichole Maria Hart, M.A.
- 16) Paul Ettinger, M.A.*
- 17) Ruth Gluck, M.S.
- 18) Sara M. West, M.A.
- 19) Tranessa Waters, M.Ed.
- 20) Carley Nelson-Smith, M.S.
- 21) Rahimil Vazquez, M.S.
- 22) Korey Taylor, M.S.

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will be removed when typo corrected*

**E. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING
RETAKE REQUEST FROM GENARO HUERTA, TEMPORARY LICENSE
HOLDER PSY-T000007**

This item was considered around 8:43 a.m.

Dr. Meier noted that this was the fourth request to take the exam for the fifth time. Dr. Meier questioned whether Dr. Huerta modified his training plan to be more successful going forward and proposed requesting additional information before proceeding with this request. Dr. Mellott suggested returning this matter to the Committee for review and request Dr. Huerta's participation to discuss his study plan.

Board staff clarified that Dr. Huerta currently holds temporary licensure. Dr. Mellott recommended the Board return the case for further review.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved for the Board to return this matter to request an updated study plan, refer the application to the Application Review Committee and request Dr. Huerta to appear before the Committee.

SECOND: Dr. Gill

Ms. Shreeve recognized the Board's efforts to help this individual be successful in passing the exam.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Vice-Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Gill, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott and Ms. Shreeve. The following Board member was absent: Ms. Laboy.

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

TIMED ITEMS – 8:45 a.m.

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO THE BOARD'S DECISION TO APPROVE RACHEL SCHWARTZ, PSY.D., FOR EXAM AND LICENSURE IN LIGHT OF RECENT CRIMINAL CHARGES AND POSSIBLE RECONSIDERATION OF THE SAME AND POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE MOTION INCLUDING POSSIBLE OPENING OF A COMPLAINT AND OTHER INVESTIGATIVE MEASURES

This item was considered around 8:46 a.m.

Dr. Schwartz and Attorney Flynn Carey participated in the virtual meeting during the Board's consideration of this matter.

The Board observed that Dr. Schwartz was denied a license in 2013 due in part to his criminal history that included DUI and multiple shoplifting arrests. In 2017, Dr. Schwartz reapplied for examination and licensure, which was approved pending a passing EPPP score. In March of 2019, the Board was notified that Dr. Schwartz did not pass the exam and in February of 2020, the Board received Dr. Schwartz's reapplication. While Dr. Schwartz's application was pending, she reported through counsel that she was charged with misdemeanor shoplifting and criminal damage in May 2021. Board staff reported that the criminal matter was pending and that the application was not administratively complete in that it was missing two professional references and an updated databank self-query. Dr. Caterino questioned whether the two references submitted by the applicant were the same as previously submitted to the Board. The Deputy Director reported that Board staff contacted the two references submitted by the applicant in May and have not received responses.

Mr. Carey stated that the criminal matter was pending and that they anticipated it to be resolved quickly. He reported that they were scheduled for Court on July 23rd and will have a better understanding of the criminal matter, and he asked the Board to table this item. Mr. Carey asked the Board to also consider the alternative option of allowing the application to be withdrawn at this time in lieu of a formal denial. Dr. Caterino. Proposed requesting completion of a psychological evaluation while the matter is pending. Dr. Gill pointed out that the application was not administratively complete and missing the professional references. He questioned whether to allow the application to be withdrawn. Mr. Carey explained that the applicant was able to perform the additional administrative acts, but had been waiting to obtain guidance from the Board on how to proceed.

MOTION: Ms. Shreeve moved for the Board to enter into Executive Session to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

SECOND: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Vice-Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Gill, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott and Ms. Shreeve. The following Board member was absent: Ms. Laboy.

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:03 a.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:33 a.m.

No legal action was taken by the Board during Executive Session.

The Board recessed from 9:36 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.

Dr. Schwartz thanked the Board for the opportunity appear, apologized for her behavior and stated that she was committed to ensuring that this does not happen again. Dr. Meier questioned the applicant regarding her work at the Maricopa County Jail. Dr. Schwartz explained that she was administering testing and performing assessments for her internship and postdoc under a licensed psychologist for a total of four years. Ms. Shreeve recognized that Dr. Schwartz reported her group participation and obtaining professional help, and she stated her concerns regarding the applicant's behavior and possibility of a pattern. Dr. Gill spoke in favor of denying the application to allow the individual to rehabilitate herself and then reapply at the appropriate time.

MOTION: Dr. Gill moved for the Board to deny the application based on A.R.S. § 32-2071.01(A)(3) and (3), and (B).

SECOND: Dr. Meier

Ms. Shreeve spoke in favor of the motion given the applicant's history and the similar issues in behavior. Chairwoman Davis-Wilson recognized that the applicant had the ability to reapply in future at which time she can demonstrate any rehabilitation that has occurred. Mr. Dynar spoke in support of allowing the application to be withdrawn.

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Vice-Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Gill, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott and Ms. Shreeve. The following Board member voted against the motion: Mr. Dynar. The following Board member was absent: Ms. Laboy.

VOTE: 7-yay, 1-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO INITIAL CASE REVIEWS OF THE FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF OPENING ADDITIONAL COMPLAINTS

a) Complaint No. T-21-01 Karol Basel

This item was considered around 9:56 a.m.

Ms. Basel and Attorney Charles Hover participated in the virtual meeting during the Board's consideration of this matter. Dr. Holly Joubert and Attorney Arty Eaves also participated in the virtual meeting during the Board's consideration of this matter.

The Board observed that an anonymous complaint alleged Ms. Basel, a certified school psychologist, was misrepresenting herself as a licensed psychologist in Arizona and acting as a forensic supervisor. A Facebook advertisement dated June 11, 2021 listed Ms. Basel with the incorrect credentials, making it appear as though she was a licensed psychologist. The Board noted that Ms. Basel corrected the advertisement after becoming aware of the mistake. During the course of the investigation, the Board received correspondence from the licensed psychologist who had been supervising Ms. Basel to work with parents and their parenting skills, and five clients' charts were subpoenaed for review.

Mr. Hover stated that Ms. Basel was under the auspices of her certification as a school psychologist and worked as part of team model. He stated that Ms. Basel performed certain functions that are standard in the psychological practice for adjunct or collateral help or resources and is overseen by a licensed psychologist. Mr. Hover stated that Ms. Basel was not practicing psychology and was not complicit in any attempt to misrepresent her credentials.

In response to Dr. Meier's questioning, Ms. Basel confirmed that she is contracted with a school district, and that her work for Sunlight Center for Change ("Sunlight") was under the supervision

of a licensed psychologist and separate from the work she performed for the school district. Ms. Basel confirmed that she referenced her credentials for certified school psychology while working for Sunlight despite not working in that capacity, and she stated that doing so was truthful as she was a certified school psychologist. In response to Dr. Caterino's questioning, Ms. Basel confirmed that she served in the capacity of a psychometrist at the direction and under the supervision of a licensed psychologist, and that all parties are aware of her role. Ms. Basel also confirmed that she signed off on documents with her certification in school psychology while working at Sunlight despite not functioning in that role.

Dr. Gill questioned Dr. Joubert regarding the contract for Ms. Basel's services at Sunlight relating to the provision indicating that Ms. Basel was required to conform to the APA code of ethics and ethical guidelines for a forensic psychologist. Dr. Joubert stated that her work as well as the individuals working under her must conform to those standards. Dr. Gill stated that the progress notes were not clear in one case that indicated the Court's order for family therapy and no mention that therapy was not provided due to the actions of one of the parties. Dr. Meier questioned the psychologist as to the frequency of supervision with Ms. Basel and whether her standard practice involved having only her signature on the final reports despite the testing having been done by Ms. Basel. Dr. Joubert stated that she met with Ms. Basel for a team meeting weekly, that they talk frequently throughout the week on an as needed basis, and that she typically indicated in the evaluations when someone else is involved in the testing.

Dr. Gill stated that he was impressed with Ms. Basel's extensive background and skillset, that Sunlight needed to be clearer about Ms. Basel's role, and he cautioned the parties regarding using the terms "therapy" and "family therapy" in their documentation. Dr. Meier stated that Dr. Joubert's clarifications have addressed concerns regarding whether Ms. Basel was operating as a psychologist. Dr. Meier stated his concerns regarding the misrepresentation of Ms. Basel as a school psychologist and noted that today's discussion differed from that which took place at the Committee meeting in that Ms. Basel was previously adamant that she had the ability to work as a school psychologist, and was now indicating that she was a psychometrician. He stated that Ms. Basel's role was not clear in the records and he proposed referring these concerns to the appropriate certifying agency.

Dr. Mellott considered requesting Ms. Basel abbreviate her credentials when signing off on documentation so as to not further confuse her role, recognized that Ms. Basel's functions were well within her scope of practice and training, and stated that it appeared she was supervised at all times. Dr. Mellott stated that this case involved a title violation and that the Board needed to caution Ms. Basel in that regard. Chairwoman Davis-Wilson stated her concerns regarding the independent contractor status and encouraged the parties to revisit their documentation to ensure clarification of the roles. Dr. Meier recognized that there is some exception for licensure as a school psychologist when contracted with a school, and that this did not apply in this instance as Ms. Basel was operating outside of her school contract.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved for the Board to issue a Cease and Desist Order to Ms. Basel based on the finding of a violation of A.R.S. § 32-2084(C)(1) for using the term "certified school psychologist" when not working in a school setting.

SECOND: Dr. Caterino

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Vice-Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Dr. Gill, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott and Ms. Shreeve. The following Board member voted against the motion: Mr. Dynar. The following Board member was absent: Ms. Laboy.

VOTE: 7-yay, 1-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

TIMED ITEMS – 12:00 p.m.

9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR EPPP ONLY INCLUDING REVIEW OF THE POSTDOCTORAL WRITTEN TRAINING PLAN FROM JOHN M. CZAPLEWSKI, PSY.D.

This item was considered around 12:11 p.m.

Dr. Czaplewski participated in the virtual meeting during the Board’s consideration of this matter. Dr. John Mather also participated in the virtual meeting.

The Board observed that Dr. Czaplewski applied for licensure and at the Application Review Committee (“ARC”) meeting, question was raised regarding his postdoctoral supervision plan. The applicant was asked to clarify the two different locations and supervision contracts as he had submitted one for Dr. John Smith and one for Dr. Mather. The Board noted that Dr. Smith was a certified school psychologist not licensed by this Board, and that he worked at Horizon. The Board also noted that Dr. Mather is a licensed psychologist and is the owner of Arizona Neuropsychology Center where it appeared that Dr. Smith also worked. Upon request for further information, Dr. Czaplewski clarified that the supervision contract with Dr. Smith was meant to be used for his school psychology certification and that he meant to submit his hours worked under Dr. Mather at Arizona Neuropsychology Center for a psychology license. Dr. Mather subsequently submitted a new postdoctoral supervision agreement and employment for Dr. Czaplewski’s work at Arizona Neuropsychology Center.

Dr. Czaplewski reported that Dr. Mather was his primary supervisor since August 2020 and that he has accrued around 1200 hours working with him towards obtaining licensure. Dr. Czaplewski explained that his postdoctoral residency was being done under Dr. Mather at Arizona Neuropsychology Center and that Dr. Smith was his on-site supervisor for any concerns while working within the school system. Dr. Mather clarified that he was Dr. Czaplewski’s primary supervisor, that Horizon and Arizona Neuropsychology Center were located within the same office and that Dr. Smith was Dr. Czaplewski’s field supervisor for his school psychology work. Dr. Mather stated that he believed it was an ideal postdoctoral experience for Dr. Czaplewski to work in the school and in the private realm. He stated that parents were informed of the process and the parties involved, and that therapy was conducted in a multidisciplinary context.

MOTION: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson moved for the Board to enter into Executive Session to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

SECOND: Dr. Meier

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Vice-Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Gill, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott and Ms. Shreeve. The following Board member was absent: Ms. Laboy.

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 12:32 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 12:44 p.m.

No legal action was taken by the Board during Executive Session.

Dr. Meier questioned the applicant regarding the contract with Dr. Smith that was initially submitted with his application. Dr. Czaplewski stated that he never worked for Horizon and that they had planned for Dr. Smith to supervise his postdoctoral experience if Dr. Smith were to pass the exam and gain an Arizona license. He stated that the contract was voided after it was understood that Dr. Smith did not pass his exam and meet the criteria to serve as Dr. Czaplewski’s supervisor. Dr. Czaplewski stated that sending the contract with Dr. Smith to the Board was done in error and stated that he should have sent his contract with Dr. Mather. AAG Galvin noted that the agreement between Dr. Mather and Dr. Czaplewski was not dated, and she questioned Dr. Mather as to whether he had access to the records for the individuals seen by Dr. Czaplewski within the school system. Dr.

Mather stated that he has access to everything relating to his supervision of Dr. Czaplewski and reported that he has an agreement with Horizon to that affect. He stated that the initial submission was a clerical error and that he takes his job seriously.

Dr. Meier stated his concerns that the supervisory oversight was not clearly outlined. Dr. Mather reiterated that he had an agreement in place with the school for access to records relating to Dr. Czaplewski's work within the school system. In response to Dr. Caterino's questioning, Dr. Czaplewski stated that he has not yet began the process of pursuing certification in school psychology, that any work done in the private sector was done under Dr. Mather at Arizona Neuropsychology Center. Dr. Meier suggested requesting copies of the supervision log and documentation demonstrating that Dr. Mather had access to the records in order to provide oversight for all of Dr. Czaplewski's work. Dr. Mellott recognized that Dr. Czaplewski had initially planned to pursue both psychology licensure and school psychology certification, that he submitted the wrong supervision agreement to the Board initially, and that he resubmitted an agreement for legitimate psychological work supervised by a licensed psychologist. Ms. Shreeve stated that she agreed with Dr. Mellott's comments, and that it appeared Dr. Czaplewski met the requirements for licensure.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved for the Board to return this matter to request copies of supervision logs and documentation demonstrating that Dr. Mather had access to the records necessary in order to provide the necessary supervisory oversight.

SECOND: Dr. Caterino

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Vice-Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Gill, Dr. Meier and Dr. Mellott. The following Board member voted against the motion: Ms. Shreeve. The following Board member was absent: Ms. Laboy.

VOTE: 7-yay, 1-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS ARE UNTIMED AND MAY BE DISCUSSED AND DECIDED UPON AT VARIOUS TIMES THROUGHOUT THE MEETING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR

10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO RENEWAL APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY BRECKEN BLADES, PSY.D.

This item was considered around 10:53 a.m.

Dr. Blades participated in the virtual meeting during the Board's consideration of this matter.

The Board observed that on May 26, 2021, Dr. Blades applied for license renewal and disclosed a civil lawsuit. Board staff reported that the matter was currently pending and that the most recent motion was for dismissal filed on May 20th. Dr. Meier recognized that no services were provided in the underlying matter. Dr. Blades confirmed that an intake assessment was conducted, and that she terminated the client after becoming aware of the lawsuit.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved for the Board to approve the license renewal application.

SECOND: Ms. Shreeve

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Vice-Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Gill, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott and Ms. Shreeve. The following Board member was absent: Ms. Laboy.

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO REAPPLICATION FOR EXAM AND LICENSURE FROM CHRISTINE DE SANTIS-COLLIS, PSY.D.

This item was considered around 11:07 a.m.

The Board observed that this reapplication for exam included request for accommodation with a letter of support from the individuals' provider. The Board noted that the request for accommodation involved extending the time needed for testing. Board members discussed that there was no specific time requested, and Dr. Mellott pointed out that it has been a standard for the Board to grant time and a half.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved for the Board to approve the application and request for accommodation to allow time and a half for taking the EPPP.

SECOND: Dr. Mellott

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Vice-Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Gill, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott and Ms. Shreeve. The following Board member was absent: Ms. Laboy.

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYST LICENSURE FOR MATTHEW RYAN TAPIA, M.A.

This item was considered around 11:10 a.m.

The Board noted that this matter was referred to the full Board due to a lack of quorum of the Committee members. Dr. Davey recognized that Mr. Tapia has met all requirements for behavior analyst licensure and spoke in favor of approving the application.

MOTION: Dr. Davey moved for the Board to approve the application.

SECOND: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Vice-Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Gill, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott and Ms. Shreeve. The following Board member was absent: Ms. Laboy.

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

13. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO REAPPLICATION FOR EXAM AND LICENSURE AND REQUEST FOR TESTING ACCOMMODATIONS FROM THOMAS BARBER, PSY.D.

This item was considered around 11:11 a.m.

The Board observed that Dr. Barber reapplied for exam and licensure, and requested testing accommodations to double the exam time, a private testing room, and a smaller testing screen. The Board noted that Dr. Barber's request was accompanied by a letter of support from his treating provider. Board staff clarified that there did not appear to be an option to decrease the testing screen size based on review of the ASPPB's list of accommodations and comfort aide. AAG Galvin stated that if the Board were to grant the request for accommodations, the applicant could work with the testing center on the specific request that was consistent with one of the diagnoses that would justify a modification.

MOTION: Ms. Shreeve moved for the Board to approve the reapplication and grant the request for accommodations.

SECOND: Dr. Meier

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Vice-Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Gill, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott and Ms. Shreeve. The following Board member was absent: Ms. Laboy.

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

14. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE OUT-OF-STATE TELEHEALTH PRACTICE REGISTRY ESTABLISHED AT A.R.S. §36-3606

This item was considered around 11:15 a.m.

Executive Director Herbst Paakkonen reported that she anticipated filling the proposed rules soon and reminded the Board that registry was exempt from the standard rule making process. She explained that given the significant policy development, several regulatory agencies have collaborated efforts to establish consistency and best practices. She stated that ADOA and their technology experts have been contacted by a number of Executive Directors to create a professional or formal intake portal. She explained that due to the costs associated with implementing the registry into the Board's new software system, the staff was researching how to implement this new registry without a significant fiscal impact on the Agency. Executive Director Herbst Paakkonen emphasized that the Board did not receive an increase in its appropriation or permission to utilize its reserved funds to implement this new registry. She further reported that the registry should be implemented by the end of July.

15. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LICENSURE AND REGULATORY ISSUES RELATIVE TO COVID-19

This item was considered around 11:19 a.m.

Executive Director Herbst Paakkonen reported that the Governor rescinded a number of Executive Orders in the previous week that had been issued during the early months of the pandemic. She stated that Executive Order 2020-17 marginally affected the Board in that it allowed licensees to complete CE online if the Board did not already do so. The Board noted that licensees in both professions have the latitude to complete CE requirements remotely or online. Executive Director Herbst Paakkonen reported that an additional piece of this Executive Order was the ability to issue a provisional license to individuals that meet all licensure requirements with the exception of passing the required examination due to the closure of testing centers and no exams were offered. She stated that a handful of individuals were offered these temporary licenses and only two accepted.

Additionally, the Executive Director reported that the Nursing Board requested the Governor's Office provide at least three weeks advance notice prior to lifting the emergency declaration given the anticipated impact on the series of licenses and waivers they implemented to ensure nursing services were available for testing and vaccinations. She stated that such advanced notice would allow this Board time to notify temporary license holders of the lifting of the emergency in advance, inform them of the statutory language that provided the timeframe for licensure exemption and offer them the opportunity to apply for telehealth registration.

16. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BEHAVIOR ANALYTIC SERVICES CONSUMER INFORMATION VIDEO

This item was considered around 10:57 a.m.

Executive Director Herbst Paakkonen reported that Elizabeth Bronold's internship with the Board required her to complete an instructional video for consumers of psychology services, and that per the Board's direction, she developed a similar video for consumers of behavior analytic services. Ms. Bronold presented to the Board the instructional video regarding behavior analytic services.

The Board thanked Ms. Bronold for her hard work. Executive Director Herbst Paakkonen reported that both videos will be posted to the Board's website soon and that there were upcoming opportunities to share these resources with a broader audience. Dr. Davey questioned whether the specific reference to Deputy Director

Michaelsen should be modified to a more general term so as to not require revision each time the individual serving in that role has changed. The Executive Director reported that staff elected to personalize the contents by including the Deputy Director's name and that the software editing was simple and easy. Dr. Mellott suggested sending correspondence to academic program directors informing them of these resources once the videos have been published. Chairwoman Davis-Wilson suggested notifying the professional associations as well.

17. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDITS

This item was considered around 11:23 a.m.

Executive Director Herbst Paakkonen reported that the CE audit process was being conducted via US mail and e-mail, and that it required an enormous effort to facilitate due to the shortcomings of the current management software system. She reported that staff has discussed implementing a better strategy that involved conducting these audits entirely within the new management system. She stated that the staff may be able to increase the threshold of audits by conducting them through the new system. Executive Director Herbst Paakkonen pointed out that the pandemic may have impacted some licensees in their ability to complete the CEs required to maintain licensure, and the Board recognized that waivers were granted to extend the timeframe for completing the required CEs. The Board watched an instructional video that demonstrated the manner in which individuals would have the ability to upload their CE credits in the new data management system. Board staff also provided the Board with a brief summary of what is involved with the current audit process.

Dr. Mellott proposed performing audits on a quarterly basis rather than monthly without increasing the percentage. The Executive Director additionally reported that the new system allowed for customizable features based on the Board's specific requirements and that staff will have the ability to make changes to the system without delay.

18. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EPPP PART 2 AS A LICENSURE REQUIREMENT FOR TEMPORARY LICENSE HOLDERS WHO APPLY FOR AN UNRESTRICTED LICENSE ON OR AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 2020

This item was considered around 11:44 a.m.

The Board recalled that this topic was considered at its last meeting in the form of a petition issued under A.R.S. § 41-1001.02 wherein the Board elected to revisit in a broader sense beyond the parameters of that petition. Dr. Meier recognized that the Board set the November 1, 2020 date without being aware of how it would affect temporary license holders. Dr. Meier suggested extending the deadline for requiring EPPP Part 2 for individuals who received a temporary license prior to November 1, 2020. Ms. Shreeve stated that she agreed this was an oversight by the Board and she questioned whether the Board had the ability to make such a change.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved for the Board to enter into Executive Session to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

SECOND: Ms. Shreeve

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Vice-Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Gill, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott and Ms. Shreeve. The following Board member was absent: Ms. Laboy.

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 11:50 a.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 11:56 a.m.

No legal action was taken by the Board during Executive Session.

Dr. Meier stated that there did not appear to be a manner for which the Board could make an exception for temporary license holders and noted that these individuals would be subject to the licensure requirements that

are in effect at the time of their application for a regular license. Chairwoman Davis-Wilson noted that the temporary license holders were informed they would be subject to the licensing requirements at the time that they apply, and she directed staff to draft a letter to Dr. Blake regarding the Board's decision on her position and also draft a letter to the temporary license holders.

The Board recessed from 12:01 p.m. to 12:11 p.m.

19. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESUMING IN-PERSON MEETINGS

a. Board Meetings

Executive Director Herbst Paakkonen reported on the potential fiscal impact of returning to in-person sessions, the possibility of meeting in a hybrid format that would allow for in-person attendance as well as virtual participation, and that the Board could continue to conduct its business via Zoom.

Dr. Mellott spoke in favor of returning to in-person sessions as well as the hybrid option for individuals to participate remotely. Ms. Shreeve and Dr. Caterino spoke in favor of Zoom. Dr. Meier spoke in favor of meeting in-person on a quarterly basis. Chairwoman Davis-Wilson recognized the efficiency in conducting meetings via Zoom and stated that there were effective ways to engage the public more. Dr. Gill spoke in favor of convening in-person quarterly. The Board discussed whether to hold its November meeting in-person. Mr. Dynar spoke in favor of resuming in-person in October. Dr. Mellott stated that she was unavailable for the Board's October 2021 meeting. Chairwoman Davis-Wilson pointed out that the meeting will be held via a hybrid format with the ability to participate remotely.

b. Complaint Screening Committee

Board members agreed to continue conducting Committee business via Zoom.

20. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

This item was considered around 1:27 p.m.

- Update regarding individuals taking the EPPP Part 2.

21. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved for adjournment.

SECOND: Dr. Meier

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Davis-Wilson, Vice-Chairman Davey, Dr. Caterino, Mr. Dynar, Dr. Gill, Dr. Meier, Dr. Mellott and Ms. Shreeve. The following Board member was absent: Ms. Laboy.

VOTE: 8-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board's meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary