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# Complaint Screening Committee REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Wednesday, September 16, 2015 Capitol Center Building 15 S. 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. Basement Conference Room – B Side Phoenix, AZ 85007

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular session of the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners Complaint Screening Committee was called to order by Chairman Brundage at 9:00 a.m. on September 16, 2015.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

#### **Committee Members Present**

Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D. – Chairman Bob Bohanske, Ph.D. Rob Robichaud, M.A. CJ, SHRM-CP, PHR

#### **Staff Present**

Cindy Olvey, Psy.D., Executive Director Lynanne Chapman, Deputy Director Heather Duracinski, Licensing Coordinator Krishna Poe, Administrative Assistant

### **Attorney General's Office**

Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General

## **3. CASE DISCUSSION/DECISION**

#### a. Laura Brookham, Psy.D., RFI 15-30

Mr. Robichaud summarized the case, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records. The Complainant was present telephonically and made a brief statement. The Licensee was present, made a brief statement, and answered Committee member questions. After deliberation, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robichaud, to dismiss the complaint against the Licensee. The motion carried unanimously (3-0), by a voice vote.

Staff

Dr. Cindy Olvey Executive Director

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## b. Joseph Roberson, Ph.D., RFI 15-28

Dr. Bohanske summarized the case, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records. The Complainant was not present. The Licensee was present, made a brief statement, and answered Committee member questions. After deliberation, Mr. Robichaud made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to dismiss the complaint against the Licensee. The motion carried unanimously (3-0), by a voice vote.

## c. Thomas Fulks, Psy.D., RFI 15-29

Dr. Bohanske summarized the case, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records, stating that the complaint was opened after the Board received information from Licensee's employer that the Licensee had been subject to disciplinary action at his workplace. The Licensee was present, made a brief statement, and answered Committee member questions. The Committee deliberated. Mr. Robichaud made a motion to dismiss the complaint, for the reason that the matter was an employee-employer issue that Licensee's employer had addressed.

At 9:52 a.m., Mr. Robichaud made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to move into executive session to receive confidential legal advice.

At 9:56 a.m., the Committee returned to open session for deliberation of the case.

Mr. Robichaud withdrew his motion and after further deliberation, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to forward the case to the full Board for further review and investigation for possible violations of A.R.S. §32-2061(15)(dd), for possibly violating an ethical standard adopted by the Board, as it pertains to the 2002 American Psychological Association Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct, Ethical Standard 3.02, Sexual Harassment. The motion carried unanimously (2-0-1), by a roll call vote, with Mr. Robichaud abstaining.

# d. Suzi Schor, RFI T-15-33

Mr. Robichaud summarized the case, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records. The Complainant was anonymous and was not present. The Respondent, who resides in Arizona, was not present. After deliberation, Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Mr. Robichaud, to refer the matter to the full Board for possible violation of A.R.S. § 32-2084(C)(1), for designating herself as a "psychologist" on various internet sites, and for possible violation of A.R.S. § 32-2084(A), for the possible unlicensed practice of psychology, based on Respondent's designation of herself as a psychologist on the doctorbase.com website, while advising individuals requesting advice from the website on issues including behavioral health, substance abuse, prescription drug dosages and other medical matters. Additionally, the Committee recommended that the Board consider referring this complaint to the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners and the Arizona Medical Board. The motion carried unanimously (3-0), by a voice vote.

# e. Richard Samuels, Ph.D., RFI 13-06 and RFI 13-07

Dr. Brundage summarized the cases, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records. Dr. Brundage noted that the cases are being presented together because they involve very similar allegations. The complainants in the cases were not present. The Licensee and his attorney, Faren Akins, were present and made statements. Licensee answered Committee member questions. After deliberation, Mr. Robichaud made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to dismiss the complaints against the Licensee. The motion carried unanimously (3-0), by a voice vote.

# 4. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Robichaud, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, and unanimously carried 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D. Chair

Date