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Application Review Committee

MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING

February 10, 2020
Scheduled at 7:30 a.m.

1740 W Adams Street
Room 1024
Phoenix, AZ 85007

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners Application Review Committee was called to order by Madame Chair Mellott at 7:30 a.m. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Participating by Telephone

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D., Chair - Present
Matt Meier, Ph.D. – Present

Staff Members Participating

Kathy Fowkes, Licensing Specialist
Heidi Herbst Paakkonen, Executive Director

Assistant Attorney General Participating

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

A quorum of the Committee was established.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 6, 2020 Regular Session Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved to approve the minutes as drafted. Dr. Mellott seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PSYCHOLOGY APPLICANTS

A. Requesting Approval to Sit for EPPP & Licensure

1) Ashleigh Rankin, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted the materials submitted reflect that the applicant's post-doctoral contract for employment indicates she was compensated based on productivity which is prohibited by A.A.C. R4-24-209. The Committee members concurred that the hours reported under this arrangement could not be counted toward meeting the post-doctoral experience requirement, and that a request will be made to the applicant to supply other hours to address this deficiency.

2) Barbod Salimi, Ph.D. (REAPP)

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the re-application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP.

3) Deborah A. Richardson, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP.

4) Dino Alihodzic, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP.

5) Euodia Chua, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted the materials submitted reflect that some of the hours reported as post-doctoral experience appear to have been acquired prior to the applicant's graduation date and therefore cannot be accepted toward meeting the requirement for licensure. It was the consensus of the Committee that staff request the applicant to supply documentation of additional qualifying hours, and discussed that it might be possible for staff to acquire this information in time for the application to be included on the Consent Agenda for the full board meeting on February 13, 2020.

6) Gilbert Jew, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP.

7) Jessica Lamar, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted the materials submitted reflect that the application was deficient of post-doctoral experience hours that may be met with submission of documentation concerning her second training plan. It was the consensus of the Committee that staff request the applicant to supply documentation of additional qualifying hours, and discussed that it might be possible for staff to acquire this information in time for the application to be included on the Consent Agenda for the full board meeting on February 13, 2020.

8) Karine Hageboutros, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted the materials submitted reflect that a number of the hours acquired during the applicant’s post-doctoral experience cannot be accepted as reported as they were in excess of the allowed maximum of 40 hours per week. It was the consensus of the Committee that staff request the applicant to supply documentation of additional qualifying hours, and discussed that it might be possible for staff to acquire this information in time for the application to be included on the Consent Agenda for the full board meeting on February 13, 2020.

9) Kristen Ferrara, Psy.D. (REAPP)

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the re-application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP.

10) Mariela J. Soto, Psy.D.

The Committee members noted the applicant was initially a student of the now closed Argosy program and subsequently transferred to another program. Accordingly, as has been established by the Board with a previous applicant with essentially identical educational circumstances, this applicant is unable to qualify for licensure under A.R.S. §32-2071(K)(3). Ms. Galvin advised the Committee that tabling the application is an option, as is making a request for additional information. Ms. Herbst Paakkonen commented that the proposed legislation that would temporarily waive the two requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(K)(3) may be passed by the Arizona House of Representatives this week, and while passage of the bill is not entirely guaranteed, the effective date of the temporary waiver for the former Argosy students would be March 1, 2020. The Committee members concurred that tabling the application enables the application to move forward should the proposed legislation be enacted.

11) Naudia Renae Moorley, Psy.D. (REAPP)

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved to forward the following applications to the Board: Barbod Salimi, Ph.D., Deborah A. Richardson, Ph.D., Dino Alihodzic, Psy.D., Gilbert Jew, Ph.D., and Kristen Ferrara, Psy.D. The motion included directing staff to contact the following applicants to obtain additional or clarifying information discussed to complete their applications: Ashleigh Rankin, Psy.D., Euodia Chua, Ph.D., Jessica Lamar, Psy.D., and Karine Hageboutros, Psy.D. Finally, the motion also included tabling the application of Mariela J. Soto, Psy.D. Dr. Mellott seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

B. Requesting Approval of Supervised Experience for Licensure

1) Sylvia Lizette Lares, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval of supervised experience for licensure.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to forward the applicant to the full board for approval. Dr. Meier seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

C. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Waiver

1) Devon Superville, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that some errors were made on the applicant's post-doctoral form, and discussed that it might be possible for staff to contact the applicant to make the necessary corrections in time for the application to be included on the Consent Agenda for the full board meeting on February 13, 2020. The Committee noted that if the errors were not corrected in time, the application would be considered on a future agenda.

2) Jon E. Rugg, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that some errors were made on the applicant's post-doctoral form, and discussed that it might be possible for staff to contact the applicant to make the corrections in time for the application to be included on the Consent Agenda for the full board meeting on February 13, 2020. The Committee noted that if the errors were not corrected in time, the application would be considered on a future agenda.

3) Lauren C. Taveras, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to forward the application of Lauren C. Taveras, Psy.D. to the full board for approval and to direct staff to contact Devon Superville, Ph.D. and Jon E. Rugg, Ph.D. to request corrections to the errors noted. Dr. Meier seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

D. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Credential

1) Bertrand Levesque, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

2) Eugene Herrmann, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

3) Kirsten Milliken, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

4) Wendy Michelle Spender, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

5) Yolanda Doria Segal, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved to forward all applicants to the full board for approval. Dr. Mellott seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

E. Requesting Approval for Temporary Licensure and to Sit for EPPP

1) Jody Lynn Pennington di Cosola, Psy.D.

The Committee members noted the applicant was initially a student of the now closed Argosy program and subsequently transferred to another program. Accordingly, the applicant is unable to qualify for licensure under A.R.S. §32-2071(K)(3). The Committee members concurred that tabling the application enables the application to move forward should the proposed legislation discussed in conjunction with applicant Mariela J, Soto, Psy.D. be enacted.

2) Matthew J. Coldagelli, Psy.D. (Previously Tabled)

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval for temporary licensure and to sit for the EPPP upon issuance of the temporary license.

3) Megan E. Ford, Ph.D. (First Additional Information Request)

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval for temporary licensure and to sit for the EPPP upon issuance of the temporary license.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved to table the application of Jody Lynn Pennington di Cosola, Psy.D., and to forward the applications of Matthew J. Coldagelli, Psy.D. and Megan E. Ford, Ph.D. to the Board for approval of temporary licensure and for approval to sit for the EPPP upon issuance of the temporary license. Dr. Mellott seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

F. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Universal Recognition

1) Allison Rose Coelho, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

2) James Henry Willis, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the applicant earned a degree in general psychology rather than in clinical psychology. The members discussed that a general psychology degree would not qualify an Arizona applicant for licensure, and that the course catalog for that general psychology degree advises that the degree is not intended to prepare the graduate to practice clinical psychology. The Committee member concurred that the application would be forwarded to the full Board for consideration.

3) Jude Ann Miller-Burke, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the applicant earned a degree in human and organizational development rather than in clinical psychology. The members discussed that this degree would not qualify an Arizona applicant for licensure to practice clinical psychology. The Committee member concurred that the application would be forwarded to the full Board for consideration.

4) Mark Z. Shobin, Ed.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

5) Patricia Ann Gillette, Ph.D

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Dr. Gillette was present to the review and discussion. Upon review, the Committee noted that a disclosure was made on the application concerning a 2008 event that has been resolved, however precedent is such that application disclosure matters are forwarded to the full Board for review and consideration. Ms. Galvin advised that the Committee should adhere to that precedent. Dr. Gillette indicated she understood the process.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to forward Allison Rose Coelho, Psy.D. and Mark Z. Shobin, Ed.D. to the full board for approval, and for the Board to review the applications of James Henry Willis, Ph.D., Jude Ann Miller-Burke, Ph.D. and Patricia Ann Gillette, Ph.D. given the issues discussed. Dr. Mellott seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

5. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No items were suggested.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Mellott seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 a.m.