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Application Review Committee

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING

March 5, 2021 - 7:30 a.m.
Hosted by Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners Application Review Committee (ARC) was called to order by Dr. Mellott, Committee Chair, at 7:32 a.m. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Participating by Telephone

Ramona Mellott, Ph.D., Chair – Present
Linda Caterino, Ph.D., APPB – Present

Staff Members Participating

Kathy Fowkes, Licensing Specialist
Heidi Herbst Paakkonen, Executive Director

Assistant Attorney General:

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

A quorum of the Committee was confirmed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 8, 2021 Regular Session Minutes

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

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PSYCHOLOGY APPLICANTS

A. Requesting Approval to Sit for EPPP Only

- 1) **Denisha E. Liggett, Psy.D.** 10/20/2020 – Only Part 1

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 take the EPPP.

- 2) **Jessica J. Moore, Psy.D.** 10/20/2020 – only Part 1

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 take the EPPP.

- 3) **Jodi Tichi, Psy.D. (REAPP)** 04/27/2020 – only Part 1

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 take the EPPP.

- 4) **Luis R. Sanchez, Ph.D.** 12/08/2020 - Part 1 & Part 2

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 take the EPPP.

- 5) **Michele E. Stathatos, Ph.D.** 12/14/2020 - Part 1 & Part 2

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 take the EPPP.

- 6) **Minja Vallo, Psy.D. (REAPP)** 07/09/2018 – only Part 1

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 take the EPPP.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to forward the applications of Denisha E. Liggett, Psy.D.; Jessica J. Moore, Psy.D.; Jodi Tichi, Psy.D.; Luis R. Sanchez, Ph.D.; Michele E. Stathatos, Ph.D.; and Minja Vallo, Psy.D. to the Board with a recommendation to approve all to sit for the EPPP. Dr. Caterino seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

B. Requesting Approval to Sit for EPPP & Licensure

- 1) **Amy Leigh Becker, Psy.D. (REAPP)** 03/13/2019 - only Part 1

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

- 2) **Carlos O. Calderon, Ph.D.** 09/01/2020 – only Part 1

Dr. Mellott disclosed that given Dr. Calderon is employed at as an assistant professor at Northern Arizona University (NAU) there may be a perception of possible bias and therefore she is recused from the consideration of this application. The Committee noted the application will be forwarded to the Board for substantive review and action due to the lack of a quorum.

- 3) **Dawn M. Wear, Ph.D.** 09/16/2020 – only Part 1

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and meet the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and for licensure to be approved upon receipt of a passing score.

- 4) **Eva Marie Nicolas, Psy.D.** 08/13/2020 – only Part 1

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and meet the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and for licensure to be approved upon receipt of a passing score.

- 5) **Jeffrey S. Mintert, Ph.D.** 10/29/2020 – only Part 1

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and meet the requirements of the statutes and rules, with the exception of the fact that he did not supply a copy of his post-doctoral training plan. It was the consensus of the Committee to issue him a first application information request (FAIR) letter notifying him of the application deficiency.

- 6) **Marvin Jim, Ph.D.** 10/29/2020 – only Part 1

Dr. Mellott disclosed for the record that Dr. Jim is a student at NAU but he has never been a student of hers; given that they have had no interaction she is able to vote on the application objectively.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and meet the requirements of the statutes and rules, with the exception of the fact that he did not supply a copy of his post-doctoral training plan. Additionally the

discussion reflected that Dr. Jim disclosed a record of criminal activity in his past, but no charges within the past 16 years. The members concurred that he should write a letter of explanation addressing how he has modified his conduct, and come before the Board for an application interview.

7) Rachelle C. Beard, Ph.D. 07/30/2020 – only Part 1

Dr. Caterino disclosed that she is recused from the consideration of this application as she served as Dr. Beard's training director for her preinternship and completed the preinternship verification form. The Committee noted the application will be forwarded to the Board for substantive review and action due to the lack of a quorum.

8) Tessa Hamilton, Ph.D. 10/27/2020 – only Part 1

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and meet the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and for licensure to be approved upon receipt of a passing score.

9) Veronica Poore, Psy.D. (REAPP) 10/13/2016 – only Part 1

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and meet the requirements of the statutes and rules. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP and for licensure to be approved upon receipt of a passing score.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to forward to the Board the applications for Amy Leigh Becker, Psy.D.; Dawn M. Wear, Ph.D.; Eva Marie Nicolas, Psy.D.; Tessa Hamilton, Ph.D. and Veronica Poore, Psy.D. with a recommendation for approval to sit for the EPPP and for licensure to be approved upon receipt of a passing score. The motion included the provision that a FAIR letter be issued to Jeffrey S. Mintert, Ph.D. as reflected by the discussion, that Marvin Jim, Ph.D. be notified of the application interview and the related explanation of his disclosures, and that the applications of Carlos O. Calderon, Ph.D. and Rachelle C. Beard, Ph.D. be reviewed by the full Board due to the lack of quorum for Committee review. Dr. Caterino seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

C. Requesting Approval for Temporary Licensure & to Sit for EPPP

1) Oksana Sklyarov, Psy.D. 07/30/2020 – only Part 1

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 take the EPPP and for approval of the temporary license.

2) Wei Luo, Ph.D. 09/09/2020 – only Part 1

Dr. Mellott disclosed that the application is a student in the NAU program with whom she has had many interactions, and that while she does not perceive any bias, reviewing the application could be perceived as a conflict of interest. The Committee noted the application will be forwarded to the Board for substantive review and action due to the lack of a quorum.

3) Xanat I. Martinez, Psy.D. 02/09/2021– Part 1 & Part 2

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, with the exception of the fact that one of her recommendations recorded have little knowledge of the applicant, possibly due to the fact that she spent only two months in the training arrangement. Board staff was directed to issue a FAIR advising her to obtain an alternate reference.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to forward the application of Oksana Sklyarov, Psy.D. to the full board with a recommendation to approve granting of a temporary license and to sit for the EPPP. The motion included the provision that the application of Wei Luo, Ph.D. be on the next board meeting agenda due to a lack of committee quorum, and that the FAIR letter be issued to Xanat I. Martinez, Psy.D. as reflected by the discussion. Dr. Caterino seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

D. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Waiver

1) Efrat Hedges Eichenbaum, Ph.D. Has other state license

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. The Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules, with the exception of the fact that the file does not contain an acceptable post-doctoral training experience verification form. It was the consensus of the Committee to advise the applicant to submit the documentation, or alternatively consider applying for licensure through Universal Recognition.

2) Rosemary Hodges, Ph.D. Has other state license

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. 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 Rosemary Hodges, Ph.D. to the full board with a recommendation to approve them to sit for the EPPP and to grant licensure. The motion included the provision that Dr. Eichenbaum will be issued a FAIR letter to obtain the missing documentation reflected in the discussion; the letter will also advise of the option to instead apply by Universal Recognition (with the application fee previously paid to be applied to that new application). Dr. Caterino seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

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

- 1) **Carla Natalucci-Hall, Psy.D.** n/a

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. 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) **Sarah Banks, Ph.D.** n/a

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. 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. Caterino moved to forward the applications of Carla Natalucci-Hall, Psy.D. and Sarah Banks, Ph.D. to the Board with a recommendation for approval of licensure. Dr. Mellott seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

F. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Universal Recognition (A.R.S. § 32-4302)

- 1) **Jeannette Higgins, Psy.D.** n/a

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) **Nicole Ridout, Psy.D.** n/a

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 applications of Jeannette Higgins, Psy.D. and Nicole Ridout, Psy.D. to the Board with a recommendation for approval of licensure. Dr. Caterino seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

5. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ASPPB PLUS APPLICATION PROGRAM

Ms. Paakkonen reported

6. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mellott/Caterino – 8:21