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Application Review Committee

MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING

March 6, 2020 - 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 7:31 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

February 10, 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 Only

1) Danielle Marie McGraw, Ph.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the members discussed the fact that the applicant reported a legal issue from 2015 on her application and her probation concluded in 2018. The members concurred there are no concerns about this applicant, but she will need to come back with more information to demonstrate she meets the required post-doctoral training hours. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP.

2) Josh J. Smith, 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.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to forward the applications for Danielle Marie McGraw, Ph.D. and Josh J. Smith, Psy.D. to the Board. Dr. Meier seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

B. Requesting Approval to Sit for EPPP & Licensure

1) Agnes Monika McKay, 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.

2) Allyson Wirth, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the re-application. Upon review, the Committee noted the applicant's preinternship hours were verified by someone outside of the university, the now closed Argosy University. The members questioned what to do in an instance when the program training director – who no longer exists since it closed – is unavailable to sign off on the hours. Ms. Galvin advised that since the program no longer exists, the records may not be available and that in this unique instance the Board may just have to evaluate the application based on the information available. Ms. Fowkes advised the Committee that she can recall instances when the Committee accepted the signature of anyone who had direct knowledge of the training. Ms. Galvin also cited the rule R4-26-203(C)(3).

3) Brynna Simin Farbod, 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.

4) Jayme S. Blais, 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) Jeremy J. Saenz, 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.

6) Mariela J. Soto, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. The Committee members noted the applicant was initially a student of the now closed Argosy program and subsequently transferred to another program. Accordingly, she 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 within the next 3 weeks the fate of HB2224 that would temporarily waive the two requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(K)(3) may be more clear in the next 3 weeks. She also affirmed that, if passed, 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.

7) Marshell Walters, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that one reference supplied with the application indicated low knowledge of the applicant. Ms. Galvin read A.A.C. R4-26-203(A)(8) which outlines the requirements of the references. The members concurred that the submitted reference meet the standards in rule in that the reference affirms she is “familiar” with the applicant and recommends the application for licensure.

8) Nicoleta Baila, 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.

9) Pamela Davis, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. The members noted the applicant did not submit the Supervised Preinternship Experience Verification form for some hours reported on the Summary of Pre-Internship Supervised Professional Experiences form; additionally form contains some recording errors requiring correction and resubmission. The members directed staff to issue a request for correction and clarification of these errors and omissions.

10) Samuel David Ballou, 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.

MOTION: Dr. Mellott moved to forward the following applications to the Board: Agnes Monika McKay, Psy.D.; Allyson Wirth, Psy.D.; Brynna Simin Farbod, Psy.D.; Jayme S. Blais, Psy.D.; Jeremy J. Saenz, Ph.D.; Marshell Walters, Psy.D.; Nicoleta Baila, Psy.D.; and Samuel David Ballou, Psy.D. for approval of licensure upon receipt of a passing score on the EPPP. The motion included a FAIR request issued to Pamela Davis, Psy.D. concerning her reporting of her pre-internship hours. Finally, the motion included tabling the application of Mariela J. Soto, Psy.D. Dr. Mellott seconded the motion.

VOICE VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

C. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Waiver

1) Mary Eugenia Burns, 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) Vicki Arnold Santos, 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 Mary Eugenia Burns, Psy.D. and Vicki Arnold Santos, Psy.D. to the board for approval of licensure. Dr. Meier seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

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

1) Jody Pennington di Cosola, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. The Committee members noted the applicant was initially a student of the now closed Argosy program and subsequently transferred to another program. Accordingly, she 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. The Committee members concurred that tabling the application enables the application to move forward should the proposed legislation be enacted.

E. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Credential

1) Michael C. Roberts, 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) Tony L. Strickland, 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) Vicki L. Lane, 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.

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

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

F. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Universal Recognition

1) Christina Lynch, Psy.D.

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. The Committee members noted the applicant is licensed in 3 other states with the earliest issued in 2009. They noted disclosure of a legal matter from several decades ago, but indicated it is no longer a concern or an issue. The Committee

otherwise 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) Gina Reyes, 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.

3) Von Karin King, 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 the applications for Christina Lynch, Psy.D., Gina Reyes, Psy.D. and Von Karin King, Psy.D. to the Board for approval. 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.