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Application Review Committee

MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING

July 1, 2021 - 7:30 a.m.

Hosted by Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Meier, Committee Chair, at 7:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

- Dr. Matthew Meier
- Dr. Stephen Gill

A quorum of the Committee was established.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 30, 2021 Draft Minutes

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

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

- May 28, 2021 Draft Minutes

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

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PSYCHOLOGY APPLICANTS

A. Requesting Approval to Sit for EPPP Only

- 1) Erin Sierra Hanks-Moehr, Ph.D.

03/04/2021 – 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 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 (Parts 1 and 2).

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved to forward the application of Erin Sierra Hanks-Moehr, Ph.D. to the full Board with a recommendation to sit for the EPPP, and for licensure to be approved upon receipt of a passing score. Dr. Gill seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

B. Requesting Approval to Sit for EPPP & Licensure

- 1) **Abigail Ann Ngayan, Psy.D.** 09/21/2020 – 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 (Part 1 only).

- 2) **Cori Ione Preble, Ph.D.** 09/09/2020 – 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 (Part 1 only).

- 3) **John Charleson, Ph.D.** 02/28/2021 – 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 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 (Parts 1 and 2).

- 4) **Ruby Howard, Psy.D. (FAIR*)** 10/16/2020– 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 (Part 1 only).

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved to forward the applications of Abigail Ann Ngayan, Psy.D.; Cori Ione Preble, Ph.D.; John Charleson, Ph.D.; and Ruby Howard, Psy.D. to the full Board with a recommendation to sit for the EPPP, and for licensure to be approved upon receipt of a passing score. Dr. Gill seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

**First Additional Information Request*

- 5) **Thomas Barber, Psy.D. (REAPP)** 08/21/2015 – 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, but to have the full Board review and vote on the approval of the accommodations requested.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved to forward the application of Thomas Barber, Psy.D. to the full Board with a recommendation to sit for the EPPP, but that the full Board make a determination as to the accommodation request. Dr. Gill seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

C. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Waiver

1) Celine McNelis-Kline, Ed.D.

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) William Travis McCuddy, Ph.D.

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.

3) Nancy A. Grau, Ph.D.

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. The members discussed the fact that she has a disciplinary history with the New Mexico Board of Psychology. It was the consensus of the Committee that the action taken by New Mexico was less than clear, and the documentation raises a number of questions including the basis upon which that state entered into the consent agreement with Dr. Grau. The Committee directed staff to issue a FAIR letter to Dr. Grau requesting a copy of the complaint(s), some indication from the New Mexico Board as to whether she is eligible to renew her license in that state, and to invite the applicant to come before the Committee to answer questions.

MOTION: Dr. Meier moved to forward the applications of Celine McNelis-Kline, Ed.D. and William Travis McCuddy, Ph.D. to the full Board with a recommendation for approval of licensure. Dr. Gill seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

D. Requesting Approval for Temporary Licensure and EPPP

1) Leah Jean Phillips, Psy.D.

02/02/2021 – Part 1 & Part 2

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. Meier moved to forward the application of Leah Jean Phillips, Psy.D. to the full Board with a recommendation for approval of temporary licensure and approval to take the EPPP (Parts 1 and 2). Dr. Gill seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

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

1) Diane Anderson, Ph.D.

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, however it was noted that her California license expired yesterday. Board staff confirmed that California's online registry reflects that Dr. Anderson's license has been renewed and it remains in good standing. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval of licensure.

2) Jan M. Bestwick, Ph.D.

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.

3) John E. Bradford, Psy.D.

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.

4) Lauren Therese Melendres Movafaghi, Ph.D.

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. Meier moved to forward the applications of John E. Bradford, Psy.D. and Lauren Therese Melendres Movafaghi, Ph.D. to the Board with a recommendation to approve licensure. Dr. Gill seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

5) Victoria Nguyen, Psy.D.

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. Meier moved to forward the applications of Diane Anderson, Ph.D., Jan M. Bestwick, Ph.D., and Victoria Nguyen, Psy.D. to the Board with a recommendation to approve licensure. Dr. Gill seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0.

5. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

No items were requested.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

DISCUSSION: Dr. Meier thanked Board staff and Dr. Gill for their efforts to prepare for this meeting.

VOTE: The motion was approved 2-0. The meeting concluded at 8:13 a.m.