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Application Review Committee

**MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING**

*January 26, 2018*

*7:30 a.m.*

1740 W Adams St  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room (B)  
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 Madam Chair Mellott at 7:31 a.m. on January 26, 2018. No Executive Sessions were held.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Committee Members Participating by Telephone**

Ramona Mellott, Ph.D. – Chair  
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.

**Staff Present**

Jenna Jones- Executive Director  
Cindy Olvey, Psy.D.  
Heather Broaddus – Deputy Director  
Krishna Poe – Interim Licensing Coordinator

**Assistant Attorney General**

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

**3. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PSYCHOLOGY APPLICANTS**

**Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) ONLY**

Stefani Morris, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Morris' 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 move Dr. Morris' application to the Board for approval to take the EPPP.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to forward the application of Stefani Morris, Psy.D., to the Board for review and approval to take the EPPP. The motion carried 2-0.

**Requesting Approval to sit for Examination (EPPP) & Licensure**

Andrew Fitzgerald, Ph.D. – Dr. Mellott recused from reviewing this application. Due to lack of a quorum, his application was forwarded to the Board for substantive review.

Ashley Loy, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Loy’s 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 move Dr. Loy’s application to the Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Britany Pierce, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Pierce’s 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 move Dr. Pierce’s application to the Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Comel Belin, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Belin’s reapplication. 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 move Dr. Belin’s reapplication to the Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Dhannia Torres-Rincon, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Torres-Rincon’s 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 move Dr. Torres-Rincon’s application to the Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Glenda Velez, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Velez’s 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 move Dr. Velez’s application to the Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Maria Mendoza-Rodriguez, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Mendoza-Rodriguez’s reapplication. 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 move Dr. Mendoza-Rodriguez’s reapplication to the Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Melissa Wagner, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Wagner’s 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 move Dr. Wagner’s application to the Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Michael Croke, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Croke’s 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 move Dr. Croke’s application to the Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Michelle Mugge, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Mugge’s reapplication. 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 move Dr. Mugge’s reapplication to the Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Rhonda Smith, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Smith’s application and subsequent submission. 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 move Dr. Smith’s application to the Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee.

Thomas Bybee, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Bybee’s application and subsequent submission. Upon review of his Supervised Preinternship Experience Verification form from Dr. David Hubbard, Tree of Life, LLC, the Committee noted that his Supervisor, Benjamin Bushman, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Bybee worked 38 hours per week for a total of 496.5 preinternship hours. His subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Bybee obtained a total of 104 direct patient/client contact hours and received 16 hours of individual supervision which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(4)(b)(c). At this time Dr. Bybee is 20.13 hours deficient in meeting the direct client contact requirement and 7.5 hours deficient in meeting the individual supervision requirement. Upon review of his Supervised Preinternship Experience Verification form from the offices of Dr. Benjamin Bushman, the Committee noted that his Supervisor, Benjamin Bushman, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Bybee worked 38 hours per week for a total of 430 preinternship hours. His subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Bybee received a total of 12 hours of individual supervision which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(E)(4)(c). At this time Dr. Bybee is 8.4 hours deficient in meeting individual supervision requirement. Upon review of his Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form from the Offices of Dr. Benjamin Bushman, the Committee noted that his supervisor, Benjamin Bushman, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Bybee worked 35 hours per week for a total of 1,750 hours from December 5, 2011 – November 25, 2012. His subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Bybee obtained 417 hours of direct client contact which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(F). At this time, Dr. Bybee is 20.5 hours in meeting the direct client contact requirement.

Toni Brucato-Kobet Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Brucato-Kobet’s application. Upon review of her Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form from the Illinois Youth Center, the Committee noted that her experience was from September 1996 – July 1997, and that her supervisor, Kevin Whitson, Ph.D., answered “No” to question #13. Pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(F)(2) the Committee is requesting clarification as to whether her internship provided two psychologists on staff as supervisors. Additionally, the Committee noted that her supervisor, Dr. Whitson, answered “No” to question #16, the Committee is requesting that her supervisor submit an explanation to his “no” answer.

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the applications of Ashley Loy, Ph.D., Brittany Pierce, Psy.D., Comel Belin, Ph.D., Dhannia Torres-Rincon, Ph.D., Maria Mendoza-Rodriguez, Psy.D., Melissa Wagner, Ph.D., Michael Croke, Psy.D., Michelle Mugge, Psy.D. and Rhonda Smith,

Ph.D., to the Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated license fee, to move the application of Andrew Fitzgerald, Ph.D. to the Board for further review due to lack of a quorum and to request additional information from Thomas Bybee, Ph.D and Toni Brucato-Kobet, Psy.D., regarding the deficiencies discussed in their applications. The motion carried 2-0.

### **Requesting Approval of Licensure by Waiver**

Brittany Winters, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Winters' 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 move Dr. Winters' application to the Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee

Chad McWhinne, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. McWhinne's application. Upon review of his Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form, from McLean Hospital/Harvard Medical School Adolescent Acute Residential Program, the Committee noted that he did not include a copy of his Postdoctoral Written Training Plan, pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(7). The Committee is requesting that he provide a copy of his Postdoctoral Written Training Plan.

Francia Day, Psy.D. – Dr. Bohanske recused from reviewing this application. Due to lack of a quorum, her application was forwarded to the Board for substantive review.

Julie Myers, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Myers' application. Upon review of her Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form from the University of California, Riverside Counseling Center, the Committee noted that her supervisor, Jennifer Hung, Psy.D., indicated that Dr. Myers obtained a total of 766 internship hours from September 15, 1998 – June 24, 1999. Her subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Myers received 4 hours of individual face-to-face supervision which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(F)(6). At this time Dr. Myers is deficient in meeting the individual face-to-face supervision requirement. Upon review of her Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from Cortez School, Pacific Clinics, the Committee noted that her supervisor, Alana Wyatt, Ph.D., indicated that Dr. Myers worked 37.5 hours per week for a total of 1,765 hours. His subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Myers obtained 54 hours of individual face-to-face supervision which does not meet the requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(5). At this time Dr. Myers is 28.4 hours deficient in meeting the individual face-to-face supervision requirement.

Lauren Liefland, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Liefland's application and subsequent submission. 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 move Dr. Liefland's application to the Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee

Lisa Lavella, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Lavella's 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 move Dr. Lavella' application to the Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee

Meredith Smith, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Smith’s application and subsequent submission. 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 move Dr. Smith’s application to the Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee

Patricia Smith, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Smith’s 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 move Dr. Smith’s application to the Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee

Vanja Djurdjevic, Psy.D. – Bohanske recused from reviewing this application. Due to lack of a quorum, her application was forwarded to the Board for substantive review

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to forward the applications of Brittany Winters, Psy.D., Lauren Liefland, Ph.D., Meredith Smith, Ph.D. and Patricia Smith, Ph.D., to the Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee, to move the applications of Francina Day, Psy.D. and Vanja Djurdjevic, Psy.D., to the Board for further review due to lack of a quorum and to request additional information from Chad McWhinnie, Ph.D., Julie Myers, Ph.D. and Lisa Lavella, Psy.D. regarding the deficiencies discussed in their applications. The motion carried 2-0.

#### **Requesting Approval for Licensure by Credential**

Paul E. Rosete, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Rosete’s 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 move Dr. Rosete’s application to the Board for approval of licensure upon payment of the prorated license fee.

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the application of Paul E. Rosete, Ph.D. to the Board for review and approval of licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee. The motion carried 2-0.

#### **Requesting Approval of Postdoctoral Hours and Licensure**

Christopher Adamczyk, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Adamczyk’s 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 move Dr. Adamczyk’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Rachel Youngblom, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Youngblom’s 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 move Dr. Youngblom’s application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the applications of Christopher Adamczyk, Psy.D. and Rachel Youngblom, Psy.D. to the Board for approval of licensure upon receipt of the license fee. The motion carried 2-0.

#### **4. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Committee members requested that an item regarding A.R.S. § 32-2071(J) pertaining to what licensing requirements can be waived.

#### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 a.m. The motion carried 2-0.

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**Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.**  
**Application Review Committee Chair**