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### **Application Review Committee**

#### **MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING**

**December 6, 2019**

**Scheduled at 7:30 a.m.**

1740 W Adams St Conference Room A (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)  
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 7:34 a.m. No Executive Sessions were held.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

##### **Committee Members Participating by Telephone**

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. – Chair  
Lynn L. Flowers, Ph.D.

##### **Staff Present**

Heidi Herbst Paakkonen, Executive Director  
Jennifer Michaelsen – Interim Executive Director  
Kathy Fowkes – Licensing Specialist

##### **Attorney General's Office**

Marc Harris, Esq., Assistant Attorney General

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **October 28, 2019 Regular Session Minutes**

**MOTION:** Dr. Flowers moved to approve the minutes subject to a modification: they need to reflect that the application deficiency for Dr. Ballou be remedied. Dr. Mellott seconded the motion.

**VOICE VOTE:** The motion carried 2-0.

#### **4. DISCUSSION REGARDING APPROVAL OF PSYCHOLOGY APPLICANTS**

##### **A. Requesting Approval to Sit for EPPP Only**

###### **1) Patricia Hopkins-Smith, 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.

2) **Ronald Craig Bean, 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, but identified the fact that the verification date for his internship was incorrect. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval to sit for the EPPP, contingent upon the date verification.

**MOTION:** Dr. Mellott moved to forward the applications of **Patricia Hopkins-Smith, Ph.D.** and **Ronald Craig Bean, Ph.D.** (contingent on the internship date correction) for approval to sit for the EPPP. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion.

**VOICE VOTE:** The motion carried 2-0.

**B. Requesting Approval to Sit for EPPP & Licensure**

1) **Agnes Monika McKay, Psy.D.**

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and additional materials. 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 and licensure upon a passing score.

2) **Angie Jean Graham, Psy.D. (REAPP)**

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the re-application and additional materials. 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 and licensure upon a passing score.

3) **Barbod Salimi, Ph.D. (REAPP)**

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the re-application and additional materials. They noted one of the references was dated in 2016 and therefore needs to be updated. The members agreed to allow the applicant to submit an updated reference to replace the one that is out of date. Following the review, the Committee determined 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 and licensure upon a passing score contingent on receiving an updated reference.

4) **Lauren Hagwood, Psy.D.**

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and additional materials. They noted the applicant did not supply her intended area of practice, but the application is otherwise substantively complete. Following the review, the Committee determined 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 and licensure upon a passing score contingent on her supplying the missing information.

5) **Lindsey A. Liles, Ph.D.**

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and additional

materials. 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 and licensure upon a passing score.

**6) Melissa L. Gonzalez, Psy.D. (REAPP)**

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the re-application and additional materials. 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 and licensure upon a passing score.

**7) Michael E. Maisano, Psy.D.**

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and additional materials. 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 and licensure upon a passing score.

**8) Samuel Ballou, Psy.D. (INFORMAL Second Additional Information Request)**

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and additional materials. 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 and licensure upon a passing score.

**9) Shannon Marie Clark-Sienkiewicz, Ph.D.**

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and additional materials. 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 and licensure upon a passing score.

**10) Thomas E. Bybee, Ph.D. (REAPP)**

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the re-application and additional materials. noting one of the references was dated in 2012 and therefore needs to be updated. Upon further review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were otherwise 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 and licensure upon a passing score contingent on receiving an updated reference.

**MOTION:** Dr. Mellott moved to forward the applications to the Board, but to direct **Barbod Salimi, Ph.D.** and **Thomas E. Bybee, Ph.D.** to first supply updated references, and for **Lauren Hagwood, Psy.D.** to first supply her intended area of practice. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion.

**VOICE VOTE:** The motion carried 2-0.

**C. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Waiver**

**1) Austin A. McCall, Psy.D. (PSY-T-000011)**

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and additional

materials. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules, but that the dates listed for the post-doctoral program did not correspond to those in the training plan. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval for licensure contingent on clarification of the discrepancy regarding the postdoctoral program dates.

2) **Emily Claire O’Hara, Psy.D.**

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and additional materials. 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 licensure.

3) **Kiernan Connor Gilbert, Psy.D. (PSY-T-000018)**

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and additional materials. 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 licensure.

4) **Ryan Mun Hon Akio Terao, Psy.D.**

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and additional materials. 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 licensure.

5) **Zorash Montano, Ph.D.**

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application and additional materials. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules, but noted the applicant needs to be advised the Board can only accept 2,080 hours of the reported internship. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for approval for licensure.

**MOTION:** Dr. Mellott moved all go to the Board with the contingency that **Austin A. McCall, Psy.D.** confirm his post-doctoral program dates. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion.

**VOICE VOTE:** The motion carried 2-0.

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

1) **Heidi Ramirez, 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 for temporary licensure and to sit for the EPPP upon payment of the temporary license fee.

2) **Jamie Nicole Katz, Psy.D.**

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Upon review, the Committee noted that she was enrolled at the now closed Argosy program and therefore cannot meet the residency requirement of A.R.S. §32-2071.01. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward her application to the Board with the deficiency noted.

3) **Jennifer Fowler, 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 for temporary licensure and to sit for the EPPP upon payment of the temporary license fee.

4) **Matthew Joseph Coldagelli, Psy.D.**

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. The members discussed the fact that he can be approved to sit for the EPPP, but he can't be scheduled until evidence his degree has been conferred (the expected date is December 20, 2019). He also cannot be granted a temporary license until the degree is conferred. The members agreed by consensus to table action on the application and place it on the January Application Review Committee (ARC) agenda.

5) **Megan Elizabeth Ford, Ph.D.**

Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of the application. Dr. Flowers summarized the contents of the application. The members discussed the fact that the applicant's post-doctoral training program compensation was based on productivity standards which does not meet the requirements of A.A.C. R4-26-209(C)(1) for purposes of qualifying for a temporary license; accordingly the applicant will need to supply qualifying training. The members agreed by consensus to table action on the application and place her application on a future agenda once the information is received.

**MOTION:** Dr. Mellott moved to forward the applications of **Heidi Ramirez, Psy.D., and Jennifer Fowler, Psy.D.** to the Board for approval of temporary licensure and to sit for the EPPP upon payment of the license fee; to forward the application of **Jamie Nicole Katz, Psy.D.** to the Board for substantive review; to table the application of **Matthew Joseph Coldagelli, Psy.D.** until an official transcript demonstrating his degree has been conferred is received in the Board's office; and to request additional information from **Megan Elizabeth Ford, Ph.D.** Dr. Flowers seconded the motion.

**VOICE VOTE:** The motion carried 2-0.

**E. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Credential**

1) **Christopher C. Burgess, 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) **Leanna E. Manuel, 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) **Linda Olsen Webber, 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) Robert Buri, 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.

**5) Robin R. Abraham, 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 all five candidates be forwarded to the Board for approval. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion.

**VOICE VOTE:** The motion carried 2-0.

**F. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Universal Recognition**

- 1) **David Steele Bohline, Ph.D.**
- 2) **Diana L. Cook, Ph.D.**
- 3) **Gilda Olivia Ríos, Ph.D.**
- 4) **Heather A. Okvat, Ph.D.**
- 5) **Karen Lippman, Psy.D.**
- 6) **Krameelah Marshae Banks, Ph.D.**
- 7) **Linda M. DeBiase, Psy.D.**
- 8) **Lisa Lorence, Psy.D.**

Dr. Mellott summarized the contents of the applications noting that the applicants clearly meet the requirements of A.R.S.§32-4302. None of the applications reflect application deficiencies that are cause for concern. The members complimented Ms. Fowkes for her correspondence with the applicants for purposes of bringing complete application files, and for the user-friendly preparation of the files for review.

**MOTION:** Dr. Flowers moved all applications be forwarded to the Board for approval. Dr. Mellott seconded the motion.

**VOICE VOTE:** The motion carried 2-0.

**5. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

None

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Dr. Flowers moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Mellott seconded the motion.

**VOICE VOTE:** The motion carried 2-0. The meeting concluded at 8:51 am.