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Committee on Behavior Analysts

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 7, 2019

9:30 a.m.

1740 W Adams Street, Conference Room C (1st Floor)
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners Committee on Behavior Analysts was called to order by Chairman Davidson at 9:35 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Participating by Telephone

Daniel Davidson, Ph.D., BCBA-D, Chair
Bryan Davey, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Diana Davis-Wilson, DBH, BCBA (12:32 p.m.-1:07 p.m.)
Donald Stenhoff, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Paige Raetz, Ph.D., BCBA-D (joined at 9:36 a.m.)

Staff Present

Jenna Jones – Executive Director
Heather Broaddus – Deputy Director
Kathy Fowkes – Licensing Specialist

Assistant Attorney General

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no requests to address the Committee.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) October 26, 2018
- 2) November 30, 2018

MOTION: Dr. Stenhoff moved to approve the minutes, Dr. Davey seconded.

VOICE VOTE: Motion approved 3-0.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING COMPLAINTS AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD

1. Lynette Hill, Ed.D., Complaint No.'s 18-01 & 18-02

Dr. Davis-Wilson was absent during this item and previously recused from reviewing this item. Dr. Raetz summarized the cases, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records. The Complainants were present and were available for questions. The Licensee and the Licensee's attorney, Natalya Ter-Grigoryan, Esq. and Kraig Marton, Esq., were present, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Committee members' questions. Megan Merritt and Cynthia Ramirez were present, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Committee members' questions.

At 10:34 a.m. Dr. Davey made a motion, seconded by Dr. Stenhoff, to go into Executive Session to obtain confidential legal advice from the Board's attorney. The motion carried 4-0. Open session reconvened at 10:46 a.m.

After deliberation, Dr. Davey made a motion, seconded by Dr. Raetz, to forward Complaint No.'s 18-01 & 18-02, to the Board with a recommendation of dismissal as there are no violations of rule or statute. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Dr. Davis-Wilson recused.

2. Valerie Smith, M.Ed., Complaint No.'s 18-03 & 18-04

Dr. Davis-Wilson was absent during this item and previously recused from reviewing the item. Dr. Davey summarized the cases, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records. The Complainants were present and answered Committee members' questions. The Licensee and the Licensee's attorney, Flynn Carey, Esq., were present, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Committee members' questions. After deliberation, Dr. Davey made a motion, seconded by Dr. Stenhoff, to forward Complaint No.'s 18-03 & 18-04, to the Board with a recommendation of dismissal as there are no violations of rule or statute. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Dr. Davis-Wilson recused.

3. Firishta Cubillo, M.Ed., Complaint No.'s 18-05 & 18-06

Dr. Davis-Wilson was absent during this item and previously recused from reviewing the item. Dr. Stenhoff summarized the cases, including salient points of the investigation and pertinent records. The Complainants were not present. The Licensee and the Licensee's attorney, John Ager, Esq., were present, requested to speak, made a statement and answered Committee members' questions. After deliberation, Dr. Stenhoff made a motion, seconded by Dr. Raetz, to forward Complaint No.'s 18-05 & 18-06, to the Board with a recommendation of dismissal as there are no violations of rule or statute. The motion carried 4-0-1 with Dr. Davis-Wilson recused.

At 12:14 p.m. Dr. Davey made a motion, seconded by Dr. Davidson, to go into Executive Session to obtain confidential legal advice from the Board's attorney. The motion carries 4-0. Open session reconvened at 12:22 p.m.

Committee members discussed concerns regarding the Complaints that were reviewed. Committee members noted that the CEO of A Brighter Avenue (ABA), Joni Stricker,

represents herself on ABA's website as a Registered Behavior Technician. The Committee noted that Ms. Stricker does not have a current registration with the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB). The Committee noted that Certified Behavior Analysts at ABA supervise 1099 contractors which is not permissible under the BACB code. After deliberation, Dr. Davey made a motion, seconded by Dr. Stenhoff, to forward the Committee's concerns to the Board with a recommendation that the Board forward the concerns to the BACB. It was the consensus of the Committee to accept Dr. Davey's motion and Dr. Stenhoff's second to move this issue to the Board.

6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD PERTAINING TO APPROVAL OF BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICANTS

A. Requesting Approval for Licensure by Experience

1. Allison Paige Thompson, M.Ed.
The Committee 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 review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.
2. Alma Chase Staheli, M.S.
Dr. Stenhoff recused from reviewing this application. The Committee 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 review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.
3. Angela Rae Hepworth, M.S.
The Committee 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 review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.
4. Brittany L. Hill, M.Ed.
The Committee 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 review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.
5. Dylan Jane Aller, M.S.
Dr. Davey and Dr. Stenhoff recused from reviewing this application. The Committee 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. Also, the Committee noted that the Applicant left the business address blank. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee, contingent upon receiving the Applicant's business address before the Board meeting.

6. Eunice Apacible-Mencias, M.A.

The Committee 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. The Committee also noted that the supervisor appeared to have completed question number 9 on the Supervised Experience or Independent Fieldwork Verification form incorrectly. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee, contingent on receiving a corrected copy of the supervision verification form.

7. James Robert Jarynowski, M.S.

Dr. Davey and Dr. Stenhoff recused from reviewing this application. The Committee 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 review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

At 12:45 p.m. Dr. Stenhoff made a motion, seconded by Dr. Davey, to go into Executive Session to obtain confidential legal advice from the Board's attorney. The motion carries 5-0. Open session reconvened at 12:49 p.m.

8. Lauren Crum Kline, M.S.

Dr. Davis-Wilson and Dr. Davey recused from reviewing this application. The Committee 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 review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

9. Madison Page Lindemann, M.S.

Dr. Stenhoff recused from reviewing this application. The Committee 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. The Committee also noted that question number 20 on the application was answered incorrectly. It was the consensus of the Committee to forward the application to the Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee, contingent upon question number 20 being corrected.

10. Molly Elizabeth Maxwell, M.A.

The Committee 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 review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

11. Rebecca I. Hartzell, Ph.D.

The Committee 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 review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

12. Ruth Massey, M.Ed.

The Committee 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 review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

13. Stephanie L. Volk, M.Ed.

Dr. Davidson recused from reviewing this application. The Committee 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 review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

MOTION: Dr. Davis-Wilson moved to forward the applications of Allison Paige Thompson, M.Ed., Alma Chase Staheli, M.S., Angela Rae Hepworth, M.S., Brittany L. Hill, M.Ed., James Robert Jarynowski, M.S., Lauren Crum Kline, M.S., Molly Elizabeth Maxwell, M.A., Rebecca I Hartzell, Ph.D., Ruth Massey, M.Ed., and Stephanie L. Volk, M.Ed. to the Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee. Also, to informally request additional information from Dylan Jane Aller, M.S., Eunice Apacible-Mencias, M.A., and Madison Page Lindemann, M.S.; and if received timely, to forward the applications of Ms. Aller, Ms. Apacible-Mencias, and Ms. Lindemann to the Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee. Dr. Raetz seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 with 1 recusal for Mr. Staheli, Ms. Lindemann and Ms. Volk; carried 3-0 with 2 recusals for Ms. Aller, Mr. Jarynowski and Ms. Kline; and carried 5-0 for the remaining applicants.

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ELECTION OF 2019 COMMITTEE CHAIR

MOTION: Dr. Davis-Wilson nominated Dr. Davidson for Committee Chair. Dr. Stenhoff seconded.

VOICE VOTE: The motion carried 4-0, with Dr. Davidson abstaining.

8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING UPDATE ON E-LICENSING SYSTEM

Ms. Jones provided the Committee with an update concerning the e-licensing system. It has been six months since changes were requested to the online application. The request for changes was put on hold about two months ago, until new Rules went into effect December 12, 2018. Ms. Jones reported she has been assured the online application will be disconnected this week. She reported it may be several months before the online application will be available on the Board's online portal. She stated that the "paper" Behavior Analyst application is up to date and available for download from the Board's website. There is a notice on the website that the online application is not being accepted at this time.

9. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee requested that an item be placed on a future agenda to discuss ideas for licensed Behavior Analysts regarding guidelines, best practices, and continuing education opportunities.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.