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## *Regular Session Minutes*

**April 15, 2020 – 8:00 a.m.**  
**1740 W. Adams St.**  
**Boardroom C (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)**  
**Phoenix, AZ 85007**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners meeting was called to order by Madame Chair Shreeve at 8:00 a.m. on April 15, 2020. No Executive Sessions were held.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

#### **Board Members Present by Telephone:**

Tamara Shreeve, MPA – Chair  
Diana Davis-Wilson, DBH, BCBA, Ph.D. – Vice-Chair  
Lynn L. Flowers, Ph.D. – Secretary  
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D., FNAP  
Bryan Davey, Ph.D., BCBA-D  
Aditya Dynar, Esq.  
Stephen Gill, Ph.D.  
Matthew A. Meier, Psy.D.

#### **Board Members Absent:**

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.

#### **Staff Present**

Heidi Herbst Paakkonen, Executive Director (telephonic)  
Jennifer Michaelsen, Deputy Director  
Kathy Fowkes, Licensing Specialist (telephonic)  
Krishna Poe, Programs and Projects Specialist

#### **Assistant Attorney General**

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

A quorum of members was established.

**3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGIST APPLICATION FOR EPPP ONLY**

**A. Dhvani J. Kothari, Ph.D.**

Dr. Meier stated for the record that he is recused from the consideration of this agenda item.

**MOTION:** Dr. Bohanske moved to approve the applicant to sit for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP). Dr. Flowers seconded the motion.

**VOICE VOTE:** The motion was approved 7-0 with one recusal.

**4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS FOR PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSURE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AT A.R.S. §36-787 (PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY) TO INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO:**

- A. A.R.S. §32-2071. Qualifications of applicant; education; training (A)(5) A psychology program that leads to a doctoral degree requiring at least the equivalent of three full-time academic years of graduate study, two years of which are at the institution from which the doctoral degree is granted.
- B. A.R.S. §32-2071. Qualifications of applicant; education; training (K) The applicant shall complete a residency at the institution that awarded the applicant's doctoral degree.
- C. Other

The Board members discussed the statute A.R.S. §36-787 as a possible strategy to temporarily waive professional licensure requirements to permit candidates impacted by the closure of Argosy University, and who were required to transfer to other programs to finish their degrees, to apply for licensure. The Board discussed the fact that this waiver is consistent with the Arizona Department of Health Services Administrative Order 2020-01 in that it would increase access to critically needed psychology care at a time when need for care is increasing but many psychologists are aging out of the profession.

**MOTION:** Dr. Bohanske moved to waive the licensure requirements established at A.R.S. §32-2071 (A)(5) and at (K) for psychology program graduates with degree completion dates between August 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Dr. Flowers seconded the motion.

**VOICE VOTE:** The motion was approved 8-0.

**5. ADJOURN**

Dr. Davis-Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 a.m. Dr. Davey seconded the motion. The motion was approved 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn L. Flowers, Ph.D.  
Secretary