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Application Review Committee

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**MINUTES OF TELEPHONIC MEETING**

**January 3, 2012**

**7:30 a.m.**

1400 West Washington  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners Application Review Committee was called to order by Dr. Mellott at 7:34 a.m. on January 3, 2012. No Executive Sessions were held.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Committee Members Participating by Telephone**

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. – Chair

Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.

**Staff Present**

Meghan B. Hinckley – Deputy Director

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Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

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

**Requesting Approval to Sit for Examination (EPPP) Only**

William Beverly, Ph.D. – Committee members noted that they were familiar with Dr. Beverly and could remain unbiased in reviewing his application. Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Beverly's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. It was noted that Dr. Beverly was terminated from employment and that he was charged with a DUI in 2003. Committee members reviewed the documentation related to the incidents and determined that his responses were complete but the full Board would need to review the documents. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Beverly's application to the full Board for review of the additional documentation and approval to take the EPPP.

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to forward the application of William Beverly, Ph.D. to the full Board for review and approval to sit for the EPPP. The motion carried (2-0).

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

Nader Babai-Siahdohoni, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Babai - Siahdohoni's application and subsequent submissions. Upon review, the Committee noted that on Dr. Babai - Siahdohoni's Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form questions #9 and #10 were not completed. The Committee directed Board staff to contact Dr. Babai - Siahdohoni's supervisor, Dr. Carson, to supply responses to both questions. After deliberation, the Committee noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. Board staff brought to the Committee's attention that Dr. Babai – Siahdohoni had also previously submitted documentation of a DUI and failed to disclose a previous realtor license on his application; Board staff noted that both issues, the previous Committee recommended forwarding to the full Board for review prior to approval prior to approving Dr. Babai – Siahdohoni to take the EPPP. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Babai-Siahdohoni's application to the full Board for review of his legal documents and approval to take the EPPP. The Committee also recommended approval for licensure upon Dr. Babai – Siahdohoni's passing score on the EPPP and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Julie Landry Poole, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Landry Poole's application. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Landry Poole's Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form completed by her supervisor, Dr. Showalter, indicated that Dr. Landry Poole accrued 2,500 hours of internship experience at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center from September 2010 - September 2011. Pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(H), only 2,080 hours of Dr. Landry Poole's internship can be accepted towards the supervision required for her licensure. In addition to her internship hours, Dr. Landry Poole submitted proof of 608.34 practicum hours. The Committee noted that at this time, Dr. Landry Poole submitted documentation of a total of 2,688.34 supervised experience hours, and remained 311.66 hours deficient in supervised experience necessary to gain full licensure. The Committee requested that Dr. Landry Poole submit proof of additional supervised hours that fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(D) in order to rectify this deficiency.

Justine Majeres, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Majeres' 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. Majeres' application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Elena Malofeeva, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Malofeeva'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. Malofeeva's application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Shar Najafi, Ph.D. – Dr. Bohanske noted that he was involved in Dr. Najafi's postdoctoral supervision and therefore needed to recuse from review of this application. There being no quorum, this application was automatically moved to the full Board for review. In addition, Dr. Mellott noted that Dr. Najafi's doctoral degree program at Capella University in General Psychology may not fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(A) as "an applied psychology" degree and that review of the General Psychology program description from Capella's official University catalog states that the coursework in the General Psychology program does not meet

the requirements for licensure. Dr. Mellott noted that Dr. Najafi may not fulfill the requirements of licensure.

Christine Pereira, Psy.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Pereira’s application and subsequent submissions. 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. Pereira’s application to the full Board for approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Tanis Thouin, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Thouin’s application and subsequent submissions. Upon review, the Committee noted that Dr. Thouin’s internship at La Paloma from December 10, 2008 – November 20, 2009, may not fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(F)(2), due to the fact that her second supervisor, Dr. Hill, is not a licensed psychologist. It was the consensus of the Committee to move Dr. Thouin’s application to the full Board for possible denial as her internship may not meet the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(F)(2).

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to forward the applications of Nader Babai-Siahdohoni, Ph.D., Justine Majeres, Psy.D., Elena Malofeeva, Ph.D. and Christine Pereira, Psy.D. to the full Board for review and approval to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee. The motion carried (2-0). Dr. Mellott noted that Dr. Babai-Siahdohoni’s application would be reviewed by the full Board regarding his legal documentation prior to the Board approving his application to take the EPPP and licensure.

Dr. Mellott then made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to issue a RAID letter to Julie Landry Poole, Psy.D. regarding the deficiencies as discussed in her application. The motion carried (2-0).

Dr. Mellott then made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to move the application of Tanis Thouin, Ph.D. to full Board for possible denial regarding the deficiencies as discussed in their applications. The motion carried (2-0).

Dr. Shar Najafi’s application was automatically moved to the full Board for review due to lack of a quorum.

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

Sherry Spurling, Ph.D. – Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Spurling’s application. Upon review, the Committee noted that on Dr. Spurling’s Postdoctoral Supervised Professional Experience Verification form, her supervisor, Dr. Drotts, calculated that Dr. Spurling worked a total of 40 hours per week for 81 weeks, totaling 3,240 supervised postdoctoral experience hours. Based upon a 40 hour work week, Dr. Spurling should have received at least 2 hours of individual face-to-face supervision, totaling at least 162 hours for the entire supervised experience. Dr. Drotts calculated that Dr. Spurling only received a total of 81 hours of individual supervision, which does not fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(G)(5). The Committee requested that Dr. Spurling submit proof of additional supervised hours that fulfill the requirements of A.R.S. §32-2071(G)(5) in order to rectify this deficiency.

Angela Ziskis, Ph.D. - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Ziskis’ 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. Ziskis’ 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 application of Angela Ziskis, Ph.D. to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon the receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee and to issue a RAID letter to Sherry Spurling, Ph.D. regarding the deficiencies as discussed in her application. The motion carried (2-0).

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

Roger Enfield, Ph.D., ABPP - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Enfield'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. Enfield's application to the full Board for review and approval of licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated licensure fee.

Joyce Rafidi-Tatum, Psy.D., NRHSPP - Committee members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Rafidi-Tatum'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. Rafidi-Tatum'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 Roger Enfield, Ph.D., ABPP, and Joyce Rafidi-Tatum, Psy.D., NRHSPP, to the full Board for review and approval and licensure upon receipt of the pro-rated fee. The motion carried (2-0).

#### **4. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPROVAL OF BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICANTS**

##### **Requesting Approval of Behavior Analyst Licensure by Experience:**

After having reviewed all of the applicants in the category of behavior analyst licensure by experience and finding no deficiencies, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Mellott, to forward the applications of Jamie Gibson, M.S., BCBA and Brian Pflingstl, M.A., BCBA to the full Board for review and approval for behavior analyst licensure upon payment of the pro-rated fee. The motion carried (2-0).

#### **5. SCHEDULE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Committee members noted that the next Application Review Committee will be held on January 31, 2012, at 7:30 a.m.

#### **6. 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 8:38 a.m.

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