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**TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL  
June 4, 2010**

1400 W. Washington, Ste. 235  
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**REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular session of the Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners was called to order by Chairperson Mellott at 7:47 a.m. on Friday, June 4, 2010. No Executive Sessions were held.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Participating by Telephone**

Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D. – Chairperson  
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**Staff Present**

Dr. Cindy Olvey, Executive Director

**Attorney General’s Office**

Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General

**Board Members not in Attendance**

Joseph Donaldson

**3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Dr. Mellott announced the Call to the Public wherein there were no requests to speak.

**4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE FOR ARTHUR WEINFELD, Ed.D., NRHSPP**

Chairman Mellott summarized the application for Board members review. Dr. Weinfeld was present via telephone at 7:47 a.m. For the record, Dr. Olvey noted that Dr. Weinfeld has waived his noticing rights in this matter due to the short notice of the matter being placed on the Board’s agenda.

Dr. Olvey summarized that Dr. Weinfeld has applied to the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners as a holder of the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology (NRHSPP) credential candidate. Dr. Olvey noted that NRHSPP candidates are not exempt from taking the EPPP, which Dr. Weinfeld completed in 1971. Of particular mention was the fact that in 1971, Arizona statutes did not specify a pass rate for candidates who took the EPPP. Based upon this information and Dr. Weinfeld’s

application, the Application Review Committee (ARC) directed Board staff to contact ASPPB (Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards) the proprietor of the EPPP, and inquire whether ASPPB specified a pass rate in 1971.

ASPPB stated that they did not identify a pass rate on the EPPP until the early 1990's. Rather, most states individually specified their pass rates based upon standard deviations rather than percent correct. For example, states may have a pass rate of ½ or 1 standard deviation below the mean. ASPPB recommended contacting the other states in which Dr. Weinfeld was licensed (Illinois, California, and Utah) and inquire about their pass rates in 1971.

Board staff attempted to contact Illinois, the state in which Dr. Weinfeld was first licensed, but was unable to reach anyone.

Dr. Olvey directed Board members to meeting materials containing Dr. Weinfeld's EPPP scores and information for his testing group. Based upon the information given and Dr. Weinfeld's score on the EPPP in 1971, it was the consensus of the Board that Dr. Weinfeld successfully passed the EPPP.

Dr. DiBacco expressed concern that the Board may be setting a precedent by accepting an EPPP score that is not congruent with the current statutes. Dr. Brundage responded that, under the circumstances, the test was still in its infancy in 1971, and to penalize the applicant and jeopardize his livelihood in gaining state licensure would be dangerous. Dr. Brundage expressed that she did not feel the Board was setting a precedent regarding this matter, but taking the scores in context with what was offered as the EPPP in 1971 and how it was scored at that time along with the evidence that this applicant has had 30 plus years of experience with an unblemished professional record. Dr. Olvey clarified that discussion with ASPPB staff confirmed that Dr. Weinfeld's score fell one point below the mean which was well within on-half standard deviation below the mean.

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Karp, to accept Dr. Weinfeld's 1971 EPPP score as passing and approve him for licensure based upon NRHSPP credential. The motion carried (8-0).

## **5. DISCUSSION, DECISION, AND ACTION REGARDING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

Any item under consent may be removed for independent discussion and action by a Board member.

### **a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Regular Session Minutes – April 5, 2010
- Regular Session Minutes – April 9, 2010
- Regular Session Minutes – April 20, 2010
- Executive Session Minutes – April 20, 2010
- Regular Session Minutes – April 30, 2010

### **b. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPLICATIONS**

#### **➤ REQUESTING APPROVAL OF EXAM**

Rebecca Chaliman, Ph.D.  
Carmen Lucia, Psy.D.

#### **➤ REQUESTING APPROVAL OF EXAM & LICENSURE**

Candice Hebert, Psy.D.  
Stacy Hill, Ph.D.  
Monica Horstmann, Ph.D.  
Genomary Krigbaum, Psy.D.  
Brett Prince, Ph.D.

Holly Salisbury, Psy.D.  
Leonard Sarff, Ph.D.

- **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY WAIVER**  
Dennis Beaufait, Ed.D.  
Ed Nadolney, Ph.D.
- **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF POSTDOCTORAL SUPERVISION HOURS & LICENSURE**  
Sarah K. Haug, Psy.D.
- **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF POSTDOCTORAL HOURS & LICENSURE UPON PASSING SCORE OF EPPP**  
Ramona Gayle Jefferson, Ph.D.  
Stefanie Kool, Psy.D.
- **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY CREDENTIAL**  
Louise Holt, Ph.D., NRHSPP  
James Lay, Ph.D., CPQ

**c. REQUEST FOR 2009-2011 RENEWAL OF LICENSE (INACTIVE STATUS) – AMY SHEPARD, PSY.D.**

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion carried (8-0) with Mr. Donaldson absent.

Dr. Brundage is recused from minutes dated April 5, 2010, April 9, 2010 and April 20, 2010. Dr. Wechsler is recused from the minutes dated April 5, 2010. Mr. Donaldson is recused from the minutes dated April 9, 2010, April 20, 2010 and April 30, 2010. Dr. Bohanske, Dr. DiBacco, and Ms. Hunter-Williams are recused from minutes dated April 5, 2010 executive session.

There being no quorum present to vote on Executive Session minutes from February 5, 2010, Dr. Bohanske amended his previous motion to remove the February 5, 2010 Executive Session from the Consent Agenda. Dr. DiBacco seconded the amended motion. The motion carried unanimously (8-0).

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 5, 2010 Regular Session Minutes**

Dr. Mellott inquired of Board staff whether there was a quorum of members to vote on this item. Dr. Olvey noted there was no quorum to vote on this item. Dr. Mellott directed staff to move this item to a future agenda for the Board's vote.

**7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST BY HANY GIRGIS, PH.D. TO CANCEL HIS LICENSE**

Dr. Olvey summarized the item stating that Dr. Hany Girgis, Ph.D. was randomly selected for the Board's Biennial audit of Continuing Education (CE). The Committee determined that he submitted proof of 11 CE credits, 49 credits deficient of the required 60 CE. Dr. Girgis was notified of his deficiencies by the CE Committee and was provided 90 days to satisfy the deficiencies.

Subsequently, the Board office received a letter from Dr., Girgis requesting to cancel his license since he is practicing in Illinois and does not plan to practice in Arizona.

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Karp, to approve Dr. Girgis' request and cancel his license.

Dr. DiBacco expressed concern that Dr. Girgis may have deliberately misrepresented himself on his 2009-2011 License Renewal Application when he affirmed he had completed his 60 hours of CE by April 30, 2009.

Dr. Mellott noted that, according to the Continuing Education Committee's letter dated March 11, 2010, Dr. Girgis has until June 16, 2010 to rectify his CE deficiencies.

Dr. Brundage commented that the deficiency in CE is 49 hours, which is clearly not a small amount.

Dr. Wechsler withdrew his motion, Dr. Karp withdrew her second, to cancel Dr. Girgis' license.

After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to deny Dr. Girgis' request, at this time, to cancel his license until additional information regarding his CE deficiencies is received and reviewed by the Board to determine whether or not if fulfill the CE requirements of Arizona. The motion carried (7-1) with Dr. Mellott voting no.

The Board directed staff to send Dr. Girgis a letter explaining the Board's motion and requesting that Dr. Girgis submit any additional documentation of fulfilling the CE requirements of the this state in order to keep his Arizona license current with a deadline of June 16, 2010.

#### **8. CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WAIVER OF TIME FOR REACTIVATION OF LICENSE FOR GLORIA BERNAT, PH.D.**

Dr. Brundage recused herself from this item. Dr. Olvey summarized stating that the Board had received correspondence from Dr. Gloria Bernat requesting that her license be reinstated as she had failed to timely renew her license during the last renewal cycle. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2074(B), a licensee may reinstate a license up to May 1 of the next year, which, in this case, was May 1, 2010. The Board office received Dr. Bernat's request for reinstatement on May 5, 2010 with her letter date May 3, 2010.

In her request, Dr. Bernat noted that she needs to complete the required number of continuing education credits. On May 6, 2010, the Board sent Dr. Bernat a letter stating that her request must go before the Board. On May 24, 2010, the Board office received an addendum submitted to the Board by Dr. Bernat, which had been provided to Board members with their information packets.

Ms. Galvin noted that the Board has expressed concern with setting precedent and keeping consistent when regulating and interpreting statutes. Ms. Galvin cautioned the Board that a deviation from those statutes could lead to problems in the future. The statute clearly states that May 1 is the deadline

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott to deny Dr. Bernat's request to waive the time requirement for reactivating her license and thereby deny her request to reactivate her license because she failed to do it in a timely manner. The motion carried (5-1-1-1) with Dr. Karp abstaining, Dr. Bohanske voting no, and Dr. Brundage recused.

**9. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

Board members had no further items for future meeting agendas at this time.

**10. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Dr. Wechsler, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 a.m. The motion carried (8-0).

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Frederick S. Wechsler, Psy.D., ABPP**  
**Secretary**