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**TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
October 1, 2010**

1400 W. Washington, Ste. 235
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

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 7:48 a.m. on October 1, 2010. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Participating by Telephone

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Staff Present

Dr. Cindy Olvey, Executive Director
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Assistant Attorney General's Office

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

Board Members not in Attendance

Megan Hunter-Williams
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3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Mellott announced the Call to the Public wherein Ms. Hinckley reported that there were no requests to speak at this time. Dr. Mellott noted that Dr. Dan Davidson and Dr. David Giles were in attendance to speak to a separate item on the agenda.

4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion carried (7-0).

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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b. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPLICATIONS

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF EXAM & LICENSURE**

Stacy Anderson-Taouil, Psy.D.
Robert Cohen, Ph.D.
Amy J. Kraft, Ph.D.
Lora Smitham, Ph.D.

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY WAIVER**

Veronica Bordes, Ph.D.
Donna Cangelosi, Psy.D.
Adria N. Pearson, Ph.D.
Amy Williams, Ph.D.

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF POST-DOC EXPERIENCE AND LICENSURE**

Colleen Clemency, Ph.D.

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL LICENSURE BY CREDENTIAL**

Ronald O'Donnell, Ph.D., NRHSPP

c. CONSIDERATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST OF DR. WILLIAM BROOK TO REACTIVATE LICENSE TO ACTIVE STATUS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Mellott informed the Board that it has to invoke the Rule of Necessity in regards to the February 5, 2010 regular session minutes. In this instance, the Board will never have a quorum of the Board members who had attended the meeting due to change in the composition of the Board. Therefore, the Board invokes the Rule of Necessity with the four Board members who were in attendance voting to approve the minutes. Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to approve the February 5, 2010 regular session minutes as drafted. The motion carried (4-0).

6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATION PROPOSED BY BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS – Dr. Olvey, Dr. Dan Davidson, Dr. David Giles

Dr. Mellott welcomed Drs. Davidson and Giles who joined the phone call to discuss ideas proposed by behavior analysts regarding legislation for the upcoming session. Dr. Olvey advised Board members that the Board office was contacted by Stuart Goodman, who inquired whether the Board intended to use his services as a lobbyist during the upcoming legislative session. Since a definitive answer from the Board was not available at that time, Mr. Goodman entered into a contract with behavior analysts.

Dr. Olvey stated that Mr. Goodman contacted the Board office a few days later about the possibility of the agency hosting a separate board that would regulate behavior analysts independent of the psychology board. Dr. Olvey recommended that behavior analysts conduct a cost benefit analysis to determine the costs to support such a board.

Dr. Giles then provided the Board a brief history of how the Board came to regulate behavior analysts. He requested that the Board allow Dr. Olvey to explore this idea of creating a separate board for behavior analysts. Dr. Giles discussed the possible advantages to the psychology board by sharing costs of staff and other operating expenses.

Board members expressed concerns regarding possible conflicts in the future with staff working on tasks for both boards, the impact on the functioning of the psychology board as well as the workload and well being of Board staff, the current state of State government, the

impact of introducing legislation that requires additional money during an economic downturn, the fact that the current legislation has not yet been fully implemented, and the need for rules.

Dr. Olvey indicated that there are questions about how a separate board would be structured. Dr. Mellott asked that this issue be placed on the Board's agenda for the November 5/6, 2010 meeting. It was the consensus of the Board that Dr. Olvey could further explore this matter, with her time charged to behavior analysts, since this issue is important enough to explore and provide additional information to the Board in order to make informed decisions.

Dr. Giles indicated that behavior analysts want peer review of proposed legislation. Further, Dr. Giles expressed that behavior analysts are making an effort to work collaboratively with the Board; however, the decision could be to introduce legislation with or without the Board's support.

Dr. Mellott asked that Drs. Davidson and Giles share the Board's concerns with behavior analysts.

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION OF THOMAS SHERIFF, PH.D. PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §32-2071(A)(2) AND (A)(3)

Ms. Hinckley reported that this item was on the agenda for review and possible action regarding Dr. Thomas Sheriff's application, in its entirety, to determine his eligibility for licensure in Arizona as a Psychologist. The Application Review Committee (ARC) requested the full Board review and determine whether his doctoral degree in Personality Psychology with a minor in Experimental Psychology from Baylor University (1975) fulfilled the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(A)(2) and (A)(3).

Board members discussed the application. Dr. Karp then made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to accept Dr. Sheriff's Personality Psychology graduate program from Baylor as fulfilling the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(A). Dr. Mellott added to the motion that Board staff issue Dr. Sheriff the Final Request for Additional Information and Documentation regarding his Scientific and Professional Ethics deficiencies and that, once fulfilled and approved, he will need to successfully pass the EPPP. The motion carried (5-2) with Dr. Wechsler and Dr. DiBacco voting nay.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

Dr. Brundage requested an agenda item to inquire about the amount of items on the agenda, time constraints of one-day Board meetings, and the possibility of changing the schedule for next year's Board meeting calendars.

9. ADJOURN

Dr. Brundage made a motion seconded by Dr. Karp to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (8-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

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