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**TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL  
January 6, 2012**

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 Chairman Wechsler at 7:48 a.m. on January 6, 2012. No executive sessions were held.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Participating by Telephone**

Frederick S. Wechsler, Psy.D., ABPP – Chair  
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**Staff Present**

Dr. Cindy Olvey, Executive Director  
Meghan Hinckley, Deputy Director  
Heather Duracinski, Licensing Coor.

**Attorney General’s Office**

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

**3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Hinckley reported to the Board that there were no requests for a call to the public; however, applicants, licensees and members of the public were present for specific agenda items.

**4) CONSENT AGENDA - DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

Dr. DiBacco requested that agenda item number 4.b.ii. Nader Babai- Siahdohoni, Ph.D., be removed from the consent agenda for independent discussion. Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to accept and approve those items listed on the Consent Agenda excluding agenda item number 4.b.ii. The motion carried (8-0). The motion included an abstention from Dr. Wechsler, Ms. Hunter-Williams and Mr. Larson for item 4.a., for the October 28-29, 2011, Regular Session Minutes, an abstention from Dr. Bohankse for item 4.a. for the December 9, 2011, Regular Session Minutes, an abstention from Mr. Larson and Ms. Hunter-Williams with Dr. DiBacco recused for item 4.a. for the October 28-29, Executive Session Minutes regarding Dr. Stibick, an abstention from Ms. Hunter-Williams with Dr. DiBacco recused for item 4.a. for the October 28-29, Executive Session Minutes regarding Dr. German and an abstention from Ms. Hunter-Williams and Mr. Larson with Dr. Wechsler recused for item 4.a. for the October 28-29, Executive Session Minutes regarding Dr. Goldenstein.

**a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Regular Session Minutes – October 28-29, 2011
- Regular Session Minutes - December 9, 2011
- Executive Session - October 28-29, 2011 (Dr. Stibick, Dr. German, Dr. Goldenstein)

**b. DISCUSSION.DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGY APPLICATIONS**

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL TO TAKE EXAM**

William Beverly, Ph.D.

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR EXAM & LICENSURE (UPON PASSING SCORE)**

Nader Babai-Siahdohoni, Ph.D.

Justine Majeres, Psy.D.

Elena Malofeeva, Ph.D.

Christine Pereira, Psy.D.

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY WAIVER**

Angela Ziskis, Ph.D.

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY CREDENTIAL**

Roger Enfield, Ph.D., ABPP

Joyce Rafidi-Tatum, Psy.D., NRHSP

**c. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, DECISION REGARDING BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICATIONS**

➤ **REQUESTING LICENSURE BY EXPERIENCE**

Jamie Gibson, M.S., BCBA

Brian Pffingstl M.A., BCBA

**5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND ACTION REGARDING NADER BABAI-SIAHDOHONI'S APPLICATION FOR EXAM AND LICENSURE**

This item was removed from the consent agenda for independent discussion at the request of Dr. DiBacco. Dr. Babai-Siahdohoni was present telephonically and answered Board members' questions. Board members expressed concern regarding the lack of a discharge document or plea agreement concerning Dr. Babai-Siahdohoni's Driving Under the Influence charge. Board members expressed concern regarding Dr. Babai-Siahdohoni's internship and the possible lack of a psychologist on staff providing secondary supervision during his internship. It was the consensus of the Board to request that Dr. Babai-Siahdohoni provide additional documentation regarding his Driving Under the Influence charge such as, discharge or dismissal documents and that he provide additional documentation regarding his secondary supervisor during his internship.

**6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND ACTION REGARDING DR. JANE McCULLY'S REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HER APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE AS A PSYCHOLOGIST**

Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. After deliberation, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to approve Dr. McCully's request to withdraw her application for licensure as a psychologist. The motion carried 8-0.

**7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CLARIFICATION BY THE BOARD OF A.R.S. §32-2081(B) PERTAINING TO JURISDICTION OF COMPLAINTS IN WHICH A COMPLAINT AGAINST A PSYCHOLOGIST ARISING OUT OF A JUDICIALLY ORDERED EVALUATION, TREATMENT, OR PSYCHOEDUCATION**

Dr. Olvey and Ms. Galvin provided a brief summary to the Board regarding the current and an alternate/additional interpretation of A.R.S. §32-2081(B). Board members commented that legislative intent of A.R.S. §32-2081(B) is not clear. Board members commented that past interpretations have required that the psychologist be specifically named by the court. Board members commented that the intent of the court ordering the evaluation may be that if the evaluation is ordered, the psychologist who agrees to conduct the evaluation pursuant to the court's order is essentially court ordered, as the psychologist will have met the requirements of the court before providing the service. Board members expressed concern about past interpretations regarding A.R.S. §32-2081(B). Ms. Galvin responded to Board members concerns and explained the procedure that will be followed in sending a complaint back to be reviewed by the court first. Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, that a substantive policy statement be drafted and approved by the Board to provide clarification delineating that not only evaluations, but treatment and psychoeducational services provided under the order of a court by a psychologist require the court's review and referral to the Board to secure the Board's jurisdiction. The motion carried 8-0.

**8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING JURISDICTION OF COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST CARLOS JONES, Ph.D. PERTAINING TO A.R.S. §32-2081(B).**

Ms. Hinckley and Ms. Galvin provided a summary to the Board. The complainant, N.H., was present and made a statement. Dr. Jones was present telephonically and answered Board members questions. After deliberation, it was the consensus of the Board to take no action for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. The Board directed Dr. Olvey to return the complaint to N.H. for lack of jurisdiction.

**9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE (PSYCHOLOGIST) FOR SHAR NAJAFI, Ph.D.**

Dr. Bohanske recused from this agenda item. Ms. Hinckley provided a summary to the Board. Dr. Najafi was present and answered Board members questions. Board members expressed concern regarding Dr. Najafi's doctoral degree program at Capella University in General Psychology. Board members 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. Board members also stated concern that Dr. Najafi's did not complete any practicum courses within her doctorate program. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to deny Dr. Najafi's application for exam and licensure as a psychologist pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2071(A) with the option for Dr. Najafi to withdraw her application within five business days, if Dr. Najafi does not withdraw her application within five business days then her application will be denied. The motion carried 7-1-0 on a roll call vote with Dr. Bohanske recused.

**10. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Dr. Wechsler requested that the Board address/discuss requirements for secondary supervision with regards to internship for applicants applying for licensure as a psychologist. Additionally, Dr. Wechsler requested that Board staff survey the minutes of past Board meetings to ensure that all future agenda items are placed on Board agenda's.

**11. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Dr. Bohanske, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m. The motion carried 8-0.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Joseph C. Donaldson  
Board Secretary**