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**TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
March 2, 2012**

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 Chairman Wechsler at 7:48 a.m. on March 2, 2012. No executive sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Participating by Telephone

Frederick S. Wechsler, Psy.D., ABPP – Chair
Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D. – Vice Chair
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.
John P. DiBacco, Ph.D.
Daniel Larson (joined at 8:55 a.m.)
Ramona Mellott, Ph.D. (left the call at 8:59 a.m.)

Staff Present

Dr. Cindy Olvey, Executive Director
Megan Martin, Deputy Director
Heather Duracinski, Licensing Coor.

Attorney General's Office

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

Board Members Absent

Joseph C. Donaldson – Secretary

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Duracinski 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. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to accept and approve those items listed on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried (5-0).

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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b. DISCUSSION.DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGY APPLICATIONS

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL TO TAKE EXAM**

Kimberly Bernazzani, Psy.D.

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

Jessica Powell, Psy.D.
Kristin Somar, Ph.D.

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY WAIVER**

Hadassa Filler, Ph.D.
Wendy Nickerson, Psy.D.

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY CREDENTIAL**

Timothy Kockler, Ph.D., NRHSPP

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

➤ **REQUESTING LICENSURE BY EXPERIENCE**

Erin Rourke, MBA, BCBA

➤ **REQUESTING LICENSURE BY CERTIFICATION**

Mary Davis, M.A., BCBA
Janelle Westfall, M.S., BCBA

d. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR RE-ACTIVATION OF LICENSE FOR RICHARD IVINS, Ph.D.**

5. **DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE DENIAL OF TANIS THOUIN, Ph.D., APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE**

Ms. Duracinski provided a summary to the Board. Tanis Thouin, Ph.D. was present telephonically. Dr. Thouin did not make a statement but answered Board members questions. Board members confirmed with Dr. Thouin that her secondary supervisor during her internship, Dr. Hill, is not licensed in any jurisdiction as a psychologist. Board members questioned Dr. Thouin about her internship being documented as internship and “post” internship. Dr. Thouin clarified stating that she went on maternity leave and when she returned, her internship resumed but that her supervisor, Edward Lovejoy, Ph.D., documented it as her “post” internship because she had completed her internship for the school. Board members commented that Dr. Thouin’s responsibilities during her internship went beyond the scope of an internship; rather Dr. Thouin completed administrative duties related to her employment. Dr. Thouin clarified her role as a supervisee during her internship. Board members deliberated Dr. Thouin’s face-to-face, individual supervision during her internship and whether it meets statutory requirements. Board members voiced concern regarding Dr. Thouin’s contract with Walden University and her supervisor, Dr. Lovejoy. Board members stated that there may a possible breach of contract regarding Dr. Thouin’s internship with Walden University and Dr. Lovejoy. It was the consensus of the Board to invite Dr. Thouin’s supervisor, Dr. Lovejoy, to a future Board meeting to inquire about the internship contract. After deliberation, Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to offer Dr. Thouin seven business days to withdraw her application for licensure; if Dr. Thouin does not withdraw her application then it will be denied as it does not meet the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(F)(2)(6). Motion carried (5-0) on a roll call vote.

6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND ACTION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE FOR NADER BABAI-SIAHDOHONI, Ph.D. INCLUDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE BOARD

Ms. Duracinski provided a summary to the Board. Dr. Babai-Siahdohoni was present telephonically. Dr. Babai-Siahdohoni did not make a statement but did answer Board members questions. Board members determined that the documentation provided regarding Dr. Babai-Siahdohoni's Driving Under the Influence arrest was complete. Board members questioned whether Dr. Babai-Siahdohoni's internship meets the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(F)(2). Dr. Babai-Siahdohoni provided clarification to Board members. After deliberation, the Board determined that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to approve Dr. Babai-Siahdohoni to take the EPPP and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the pro-rated licensure fee. Motion carried on a roll call vote, 4-1, with Dr. Wechsler voting no.

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DRAFT RULES FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS

Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board. Dr. Olvey reviewed the changes made that were requested by the Board and the Governor's Regulatory Review Council. Board members asked Board staff for clarification regarding the difference in a customized licensee list versus a standard licensee list wherein Board staff clarified. After deliberation, Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to approve the changes and forward the draft rules to the Secretary of State. The motion carried 5-0.

8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPLICANT RUSSELL BULL, Ed.D.

Dr. Bohanske summarized Dr. Bull's application. After deliberation, the Board determined that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to approve Dr. Bull's application for licensure upon payment of the pro-rated licensure fee. Motion carried 5-0.

9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board regarding SB 1189. Dr. Olvey stated this bill would allow a professional, licensed in any jurisdiction, to practice in Arizona at a free clinic without holding a license in Arizona. Dr. Olvey summarized that the Board previously reviewed this bill and voiced concerns. Dr. Olvey stated that she contacted Senator Bartow and relayed the Board's concerns. Dr. Olvey stated that the amendment to this bill addresses the Board's concerns regarding the regulation of a profession. It was the consensus of the Board to direct Board staff to write a letter to Senator Bartow thanking her for addressing the Board's concerns.

Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board regarding HB 2197. Dr. Olvey stated that HB 2197 will require agencies to accept debit and credit cards as a form of payment. Dr. Olvey reported that HB 2197 has moved from the House to the Senate.

Dr. Olvey provided a summary the Board regarding HB 2244. Dr. Olvey stated that HB 2244 would allow no more than 25 percent of professional members to sit on a Board. Dr. Olvey reported that HB 2244 is "dead".

Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board regarding HB 2671. Dr. Olvey reported that this bill is introduced every year and that it would give psychologists prescribing authority. Dr. Olvey stated that this bill is not associated with a sunrise application therefore the Committee does not hear the bill.

Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board regarding SB 1365. Dr. Olvey stated that this bill targets religious freedom in that a person who is licensed by a regulatory Board cannot be disciplined for unprofessional conduct if it interferes with the individual's sincerely held religious beliefs.

Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board regarding SB 2744. Dr. Olvey stated that SB 2744 would require a Board or Board staff to provide a written interpretation of the rules and statutes to an applicant or a member of the public within 30 days of the request. Board members expressed concern that this would cause an unnecessary burden on Board staff. Board members voiced concern that neither the Board nor Board staff has provided legal advice in the past. It was the consensus of the Board to direct Board staff to contact the sponsor of the bill to express the Board's concerns.

10. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Dr. Wechsler requested that Board staff contact Dr. Lovejoy to invite him to a future Board meeting to discuss Dr. Thouin' internship supervision and the contract with Walden University. Dr. Wechsler requested that Board staff contact the governor's office to follow up on possible Board member appointments and to address the Board's concern that lack of a quorum may be an issue in the future if appointments continue to be delayed.

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Dr. Bohanske, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 a.m. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joseph C. Donaldson
Board Secretary**