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**TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
October 15, 2012**

1400 W. Washington, Ste. 360
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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 7:45 a.m. on October 15, 2012. One executive session was held.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Participating by Telephone

Frederick S. Wechsler, Psy.D., ABPP – Chair
Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D. – Vice Chair (7:45 a.m.-8:55 a.m.)
Joseph C. Donaldson - Secretary
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.
John P. DiBacco, Ph.D.
Daniel Larson (7:45a.m.-8:31 a.m.)
Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.

Staff Present

Dr. Cindy Olvey, Executive Director
Megan Martin, Deputy Director

Attorney General’s Office

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dr. Olvey announced that there were no requests to speak but that there were members of the public present for specific agenda items.

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

Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske to approve the items on the consent agenda. The August 17, 2012, Executive Session minutes were removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of Dr. DiBacco who requested a review of one section. The motion carried 7-0, with Mr. Larson abstained from the August 18, 2012, Executive Session Minutes, and with Mr. Donaldson abstained from the September 14, 2012, Regular and Executive Session Minutes.

a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ~~Executive Session Minutes – August 17, 2012 (10:42 a.m. – 11:02 a.m.)~~
- Executive Session Minutes – August 18, 2012 (8:48 a.m. – 8:58 a.m.)
- Executive Session Minutes – August 18, 2012 (11:15 a.m. – 11:22 a.m.)
- Regular Session Minutes – September 14, 2012
- Executive Session Minutes – September 14, 2012 (8:16 a.m. – 8:24 a.m.)

b. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGY APPLICATIONS

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR EXAM ONLY**

Lauren Koep, Psy.D.

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

Meena Choi, Ph.D.

Nicole Pondell, Psy.D.

Alexander Renelt, Psy.D.

Rhuan Rudy, Psy.D.

Nader Siahdohoni, Ph.D.

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY WAIVER**

Jay Sietz, Ph.D.

Vanessa Zizak, Ph.D.

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY CREDENTIAL**

Harvey Shubert, Ph.D., CPQ

c. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE OF BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS BY EXPERIENCE

Laura Sabin, MA

d. REQUEST FOR SECOND EXTENSION OF TIME TO TAKE EPPP EXAM FROM ROBERTA GEORGE-CURRAN, PSY.D.

e. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF SONSENT AGREEMENT FOR MARGARET ST. JOHN, PH.D.

f. DISCUSSION, CONSIDRATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING VACATING INFORMAL INTERVIEW FOR MARGARET ST. JOHN, PH.D., IF CONSENT AGREEMENT IS APPROVED

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CATHERINE ROSA-SIERRA, PSY.D., APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE INCLUDING POSSIBLE DENIAL OF THE SAME

Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board. Dr. DiBacco noted that Dr. Rosa-Sierra's experience at the Arizona Department of Corrections did not clearly delineate her status as a "trainee." Dr. Rosa-Sierra was present and responded.

At 7:56 a.m. Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler to go into executive session to obtain confidential legal advice from the Board's attorney. The motion carried 7-0. Open session reconvened at 8:10 a.m.

Board members discussed documentation of Dr. Rosa-Sierra's experience at the Arizona Department of Corrections. Concern was expressed that Dr. Rosa-Sierra was not designated as a "trainee" pursuant to the statute. Board members discussed whether the experience met the requirements of an internship as described in statute and indicated the experience may not meet statutory requirements for internship.

After deliberation, Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to approve Dr. Rosa-Sierra's application. The motion failed 3-4 on a roll call vote with Dr. Wechsler, Dr. DiBacco, Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Larson voting no.

Dr. Rosa-Sierra requested clarification regarding reasons her postdoctoral experience is not acceptable as internship. Board members discussed that her postdoctoral experience at the Arizona Department of Corrections did not meet the requirements of internship as defined in the statute. Board members asked that Board staff have a follow up discussion with Dr. Rosa-Sierra pertaining to her moving forward with an internship. Following deliberation, Mr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to allow Dr. Rosa-Sierra to withdraw her application. The motion carried unanimously 6-0.

6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SARAH GENTRY, M.Ed., BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICATION AND REQUEST FOR SUPERVISOR EXEMPTION

Dr. Mellott provided a summary to the Board stating that Ms. Gentry is applying for licensure as a behavior analyst and is requesting a supervisor exemption as her supervisor was not licensed for two months during the supervision period. Ms. Gentry was present and answered Board members questions. Ms. Gentry clarified that she served as a consultant to the school district in which she gained her supervised experience. She further clarified that her supervisor was employed by the school district and provided supervision within the school district; Ms. Gentry contracted independently with the supervisor for the supervision. Board members expressed that the supervisor was not licensed for two months during the supervisory period and that the statute allows for an exemption if the supervisor is conducting the supervision in a state that does not license behavior analysts.

Following deliberation, Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to grant the supervisor exemption request. The motion failed 2-3 on a roll call vote with Dr. Wechsler, Dr. DiBacco and Mr. Donaldson voting no.

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to decline the supervisor exemption request. The motion carried unanimously 5-0 on a roll call vote.

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS

Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board, stating that rules for behavior analysts became effective on September 11, 2012. The rules outline guidelines for continuing education. Dr. Olvey stated that because there are only seven months until the next renewal cycle, it is recommended that the Board pro-rate the continuing education for the remaining six months of the renewal cycle, once behavior analysts have been notified. Dr. Olvey stated that the pro-rated amount could be implemented on November 1, 2012, which would require behavior analysts to obtain 7.5 hours of continuing education with 1 hour of the 7.5 hours in Ethics.

After deliberation, Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to allow pro-rated continuing education to be implemented. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDRATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

It was the consensus of the Board to table this item to a future meeting of the Board.

9. NEW AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

This agenda item was not heard by the Board.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Dr. Mr. Donaldson, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 a.m. The motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

**Joseph C. Donaldson
Board Secretary**