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**TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL  
January 11, 2013**

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 Madam Chair Brundage at 7:48 a.m. on January 11, 2013. No executive sessions were held.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Participating by Telephone**

Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D. – Chair  
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D. – Vice Chair  
John P. DiBacco, Ph.D. - Secretary  
Joseph C. Donaldson (7:53 a.m. – 8:19 a.m.)  
Ramona N. Mellott, Ph.D.  
Frederick S. Wechsler, Ph.D., Psy.D., ABPP

**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**

Daniel Larson

**3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Martin announced that there were no requests to speak.

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

Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 5-0.

**a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Regular Session Minutes – December 10, 2012

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

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR EXAM ONLY**

Heather McDermott, Psy.D.  
Tricia Merkley, Ph.D.

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

Julie Albery, Ph.D.  
Rebecca Blood, Ph.D.  
Madina Boyd, Psy.D.  
Rhonda Casillas, Ph.D.  
Erin Honke, Psy.D.  
Ruxandra LeMay, Psy.D.  
Nicole Pondell, Psy.D.  
Donna Terrell, Psy.D. (*Pending receipt of official graduate transcript reflecting degree has been conferred*)

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY WAIVER**

Brandy Baker, Psy.D.

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF SUPERVISED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE HOURS AND LICENSURE**

Shira Fass, Ph.D.

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY CREDENTIAL**

Jessica Chasnoff, Psy.D., CPQ  
Christian Komor, Psy.D, NRHSPP

**c. DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE OF BEHAVIOR ANALYST**

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR LICENSURE BY EXPERIENCE**

Kellie Bynum, M.Ed., BCBA  
Alissa Willey-Sperry, M.Ed., BCBA

**d. APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE BY WAIVER FOR CHRISTINA WHALEN, PH.D. IF APPLICANT DOES NOT WITHDRAW APPLICATION WITHIN 7 DAYS**

**e. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF DR. DAVID BIEGEN'S REQUEST TO CANCEL HIS LICENSE TO PRACTIC PSYCHOLOGY**

**5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DOCUMENT ISSUED BY ASPPB PERTAINING TO BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT**

Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board stating that the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) has drafted a document pertaining to behavior analysis for comment. Dr. Olvey stated that the document was drafted as a resource in response to questions raised by ASPPB member jurisdictions. ASPPB has submitted the document to stakeholders for comment. Following deliberation, it was the consensus of the Board that no comments will be submitted by the Board to ASPPB.

Mr. Donaldson joined the meeting at 7:53 a.m.

**6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NANCY HAGENER, PSY.D. APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE AND SUBMISSION OF HER STUDY PLAN**

Dr. Wechsler recused from this agenda item. Dr. Bohanske provided a summary to the Board. Board members proceeded with a substantive review of Dr. Hagener's application and study plan. Dr. Hagener was present telephonically and answered Board members' questions. Upon review, the Board noted that the materials submitted were complete and fulfilled the requirements of statutes and rules. Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Mr. Donaldson, to approve Dr. Hagener's application for exam and licensure upon a passing score and payment of the prorated licensure fee. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Dr. Wechsler recused.

**7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RICHARD PHENIS, PSY.D. APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE**

Dr. Wechsler recused from this agenda item. Dr. Bohanske provided a summary to the Board. Upon review of Dr. Phenis' Supervised Psychology Internship or Training Experience Verification form from VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, the Board noted that his supervisor, Dr. Lauber indicated that Dr. Phenis completed a total of 2,080 hours of experience from August 2010, to August 2011. The Board noted that on page 7, question #29 of the application, Dr. Phenis indicated that he intends to apply 1,500 hours of internship experience toward the 3,000 hour requirement. At this time, the Board is requesting clarification as to the number of internship experience hours Dr. Phenis intends to apply toward licensure. Additionally, upon review of Dr. Phenis' Postdoctoral Professional Psychology Experience Verification form from Scott & White Memorial Hospital, the Board noted that his supervisor, Dr. Cruz-Loureano, indicated that Dr. Phenis completed a total of 3,200 hours of experience from August 29, 2011, to November 14, 2012. Dr. Cruz- Loureano's subsequent calculations indicate that Dr. Phenis worked 50 hours per week for 65 weeks and received 400 hours of individual, face-to-face supervision and obtained 500 hours of direct client contact. The Board noted that on page 7, question #29 of the application, Dr. Phenis indicated that he intends to apply 1,500 hours of postdoctoral experience toward the 3,000 hour requirement. At this time, the Board is requesting clarification as to the number of postdoctoral experience hours Dr. Phenis intends to apply towards licensure. Furthermore, the Board is requesting that Dr. Phenis correct page 7, question #29 of the application. Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to issue Dr. Phenis letter requesting additional information regarding the deficiencies discussed in his application. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Dr. Wechsler recused.

Mr. Donaldson left the meeting at 8:19 a.m.

**8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FROM NADER SIAHDOHONI, PH.D.**

Ms. Duracinski provided a summary to the Board, stating that on November 26, 2012, the Board office received correspondence from Dr. Siahdohoni requesting that the Board allow him to take the EPPP. After deliberation, Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to invite Dr. Siahdohoni to the next in-person Board meeting to discuss his request and study plan. The motion carried 5-0.

**9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO QUESTION POSED BY ASSOCIATION OF STATE AND PROVINCIAL PSYCHOLOGY BOARDS REGARDING WHETHER THE BOARD ACCEPTS SCORES FROM THE BILINGUAL VERSION (FRENCH/ENGLISH) OF THE EPPP**

Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board stating that the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) has submitted a questionnaire to each licensing jurisdiction regarding the French/English version of the EPPP. Board members discussed language and cultural competence. Board members also discussed that statistics were not provided demonstrating that the French version of the EPPP is equivalent to the English version.

Following deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to postpone answering the questionnaire and to ask ASPPB to provide the Board with statistics demonstrating that the French version of the EPPP is equivalent to the English version. The motion failed 2-3 with Drs. Brundage, Mellott and DiBacco voting no on a roll call vote.

Following deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, that contingent upon receiving information demonstrating the equivalence of the two exams (French and English), the Board's will respond that ASPPB should offer the exam in French only (without the side-by-side French/English version). The motion carried 4-1 with Dr. DiBacco voting no a roll call vote.

**10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONTRACTING FOR LEGISLATIVE LIAISON SERVICES FOR 2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board stating that due to budget concerns the Board did not contract for legislative services for the past two years. Dr. Olvey discussed the need for legislative tracking services and possible liaison services only if a bill is dropped and the Board wishes to respond during the 2013 legislative session. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to authorize Dr. Olvey to enter into a contract for legislative services for the 2013 legislative session. The motion carried 5-0.

**11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board stating that the Arizona Psychological Association (AzPA) has submitted a recommendation to the Governor's office for a new Board member appointment as well as a letter recommending Dr. Wechsler's re-appointment. Dr. Olvey advised that AzPA does not provide recommendations for appointment of public Board members.

**12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE EPPP FROM AMRA STAFFORD, PSY.D.**

Ms. Duracinski provided a summary to the Board stating that on September 18, 2012, the Board office received Dr. Stafford's application for exam and licensure along with a testing accommodations request. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to approve Dr. Stafford's request for accommodations for the EPPP. The Motion carried 5-0.

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

It was the consensus of the Board to recognize Mr. Donaldson for his participation as a public Board member at a future Board meeting. Dr. Brundage requested that an update on new Board member appointments be placed on a future agenda. Dr. Wechsler requested that an item regarding internships be placed on a future agenda item.

#### **14. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Dr. Bohanske, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 a.m. The motion carried 5-0.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**John P. DiBacco, Ph.D.  
Board Secretary**