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**TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
June 3, 2011**

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 Karp at 7:46 a.m. on June 3, 2011. No Executive Sessions were held.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Participating by Telephone

Cheryl L. Karp, Ph.D. – Chair
Frederick S. Wechsler, Psy.D., – Vice-Chair
(attended 7:46 – 9:03 a.m.)
Megan Hunter-Williams – Secretary
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.
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Dr. Cindy Olvey, Executive Director
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Heather Duracinski, Administrative Assistant

Attorney General's Office

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.
Mary Jo Foster, Esq.

Board Members Absent

Joseph C. Donaldson

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no requests to speak.

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

Dr. Mellott requested that Christine A. Seeberger Sparacino, Psy.D. be removed from the consent agenda and table the matter in order to receive additional documentation. Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to accept and approve those items listed on the consent agenda. The motion carried (8-0).

a. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, DECISION REGARDING PSYCHOLOGIST APPLICATIONS

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

Carol L. Jernigan, Psy.D.
Ricardo Mendivil, Psy.D.
Cindy Tuttle Rollins, Psy.D.
Kavitha Perumparaichallai, Ph.D.
Leonard Sarff, Ph.D.
Janice R. Sammons, Ph.D.
Christine A. Seeberger Sparacino, Psy.D.
Joseph Siebell, Psy.D.

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY WAIVER**

Francisco Gomez, Ph.D.

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF SUPERVISED PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY EXPERIENCE & LICENSURE UPON PASSING SCORE ON EPPP**

Ashley Franklin, Psy.D.
Shweta Sharma, Psy.D.

b. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, DECISION REGARDING BEHAVIOR ANALYST APPLICATIONS

REQUESTING LICENSURE BY EXPERIENCE

Amberlyn Frey, M.A., BCBA

REQUESTING LICENSURE BY CERTIFICATION

Sarah Haws, M.S., BCBA

c. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, DECISION REGARDING LICENSE REACTIVATION REQUESTS

- a. Camille Clemens-Clayton, Ph.D.
- b. Kathleen Petersen, Ph.D.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THOSE APPLICANTS WHO PROVIDED ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION WITH THE 2011-2013 RENEWAL APPLICATION – Ms. Hinckley

- Gary Goodman, Ph.D.
Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. Dr. Goodman was present telephonically. Dr. Goodman answered Board members' questions. After deliberation, the Board determined that no complaint was before the Board. Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to approve Dr. Goodman's 2011-2013 License Renewal Application. Motion carried 8-0.
- Kimberly Linder, Ph.D.
Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. Dr. Linder was present telephonically and made a statement to the Board. After deliberation, the Board determined that additional information is needed regarding charges against Dr. Linder. The Board requested Dr. Linder provide her sentencing charge, plea agreement and any other documentation related to the incident. The Board tabled this matter until such information is received.

- Ralph Mertens, Ph.D.
Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. Dr. Mertens and his counsel, Faren Akins, were present, requested to speak and made a statement to the Board. Mr. Akins and Dr. Mertens answered Board members' questions. Board member commented that it would have prudent of Dr. Mertens to update the Board during the initial Licensure Application process of his status change. Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to approve Dr. Mertens' 2011-2013 License Renewal Application with the stipulation that Dr. Mertens keep the Board apprised of the outcome of the lawsuit.

6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO JUDGE MIHALSKY'S RECOMMENDED DECISION IN CASE NO. 11F-1035SYA-PSY REGARDING JEAN HODGSON, Ed.D. AND CONSIDERATION AND ACTION CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND RECOMMENDED ORDER INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE IMPOSITION OF DISCIPLINE AGAINST DR. HODGSON'S LICENSE

Dr. Karp summarized this agenda item. Dr. Karp advised the Board that Mary Jo Foster, A.A.G. is representing the Board in this matter and Jeanne Galvin, A.A.G. is representing the State. Roll Call was taken to ensure that Board Members have read documentation pertaining to this agenda item. All eight Board members responded affirmatively.

Dr. Hodgson identified herself and confirmed that she is not represented by counsel. Ms. Galvin, A.A.G., provided a summary of Judge Mihalsky's recommended decision. Ms. Galvin spoke on behalf of the State and recommended that the Board accept the Administrative Law Judge's recommended decision. Dr. Hodgson addressed the Board, stating that she disagrees with the Administrative Law Judge's decision because, no clear guidelines were provided for an Order for a Fitness for Duty Evaluation, the Board refused to provide her with the Fitness for Duty evaluators experience and background, the Administrative Law Judge did not admit several of her exhibits at the Formal Hearing and her request that Dr. Wechsler provide her with evidence that her record keeping was inaccurate was not met. Ms. Galvin stated that the decision of the Administrative Law Judge was very sound based on the fact that there were records violations and violations of a Board order in her file. Ms. Galvin went on to state that the Administrative Law Judge's Conclusion of Law, number 12, states that with respect to the penalty, Dr. Hodgson's resistance and personalization of the Boards attempts to regulate her established that she cannot be regulated at this time. Ms. Galvin stated that the State agrees with the Administrative Law Judge and recommends the Board adopts the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and revoke her license to practice psychology.

Board members confirmed statutory authority to order a Fitness for Duty evaluation. Board members indicated that the evidence supporting the allegations against Dr. Hodgson is clear. Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage to adopt the Administrative Law Judge's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommended Order as set forth in the Administrative Law Judge's recommended decision. The motion carried (8-0).

Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske to revoke psychologist license #3123 for Practice of Psychology for Jean Hodgson, Ed.D. pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2081(L)(1). Motion carried unanimously (8-0) on a roll call vote.

7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THOSE APPLICANTS WHO PROVIDED ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION WITH THE 2011-2013 RENEWAL APPLICATION (cont.) – Ms. Hinckley

- Susan Page, Psy.D.
Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. Dr. Page was present telephonically but did not make a statement. After deliberation, the Board determined that there is no complaint before the Board. Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to approve Dr. Page's 2011-2013 License Renewal Application. Motion carried 8-0.

- Kimberly Cohen, Ph.D.
 Dr. Wechsler recused from this agenda item. Ms Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. Dr. Cohen was present telephonically and made a statement to the Board. After deliberation, the Board determined that no complaint was before the Board. Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to approve Dr. Cohen's 2011-2013 License Renewal Application. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Dr. Wechsler recused.
- Ben Shaw, Ph.D.
 Ms Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. Dr. Shaw was present and made a statement to the Board. Dr. Shaw answered Board members' questions. After deliberation, the Board determined that there is no complaint before the Board. Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to approve Dr. Shaw's 2011-2013 License Renewal Application with the stipulation that Dr. Shaw keep the Board apprised of the outcome of the lawsuit. The motion carried 8-0.
- Jacqueline Worsley, Ph.D.
 Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. Dr. Worsley was present and made a statement to the Board. Dr. Worsley answered Board member's questions. After deliberation, the Board determined that there is no complaint before the Board. Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to approve Dr. Worsley's 2011-2013 License Renewal Application with the stipulation that Dr. Worsley keep the Board apprised of the outcome of the lawsuit. The motion carried 8-0.
- Wayne Beaver, Ph.D.
 Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. Dr. Beaver was not present. Board members deliberated and determined that more information was required before action could be taken. Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to issue a subpoena to Luke Air Force Base for records and table the matter until such information is received. The motion carried 5-2 with Dr. Mellott and Dr. Bohanske voting no.
- Lynn Nunemacher, Psy.D.
 Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. Dr. Nunemacher was not present. After deliberation, the Board determined that there is no complaint before the Board. Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to approve Dr. Nunemacher's 2011-2013 License Renewal Application. The motion carried 7-0.
- Ronald Tye, Ph.D.
 Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. Dr. Tye was not present. After deliberation, the Board determined that there is no complaint before the Board. Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to approve Dr. Tye's 2011-2013 License Renewal Application. The motion carried 7-0.
- Leslie Westfield-Metellus, Ph.D.
 Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. Dr. Westfield-Metellus was not present. . After deliberation, the Board determined that there is no complaint before the Board. Dr. Brundage made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to approve Dr. Westfield-Metellus's 2011-2013 License Renewal Application with the stipulation that Dr. Westfield-Metellus keep the Board apprised of the outcome of the appeal with the California Board. The motion carried 7-0.
- Doris Woods, Ph.D.
 Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. . Dr. Woods was not present. . After deliberation, the Board determined that there is no complaint before the Board. Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to approve Dr. Woods' 2011-2013 License Renewal Application. The motion carried 7-0.

8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RENEWAL APPLICANTS WHO ARE REQUESTING A FEE WAIVER/REFUND OF RENEWAL FEES – Ms. Hinckley

- Robert B. Roden, Ph.D.
Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. After deliberation, the Board determined that they do not have statutory authority to waive the Renewal Application fee pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2067(C). Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to deny Dr. Roden's request. The motion carried 7-0.
- Julie Rosebrook, Ph.D.
Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. After deliberation, the Board determined that they do not have statutory authority to waive the Renewal Application fee pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2067(C). Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to deny Dr. Rosebrook's request. The motion carried 7-0.
- Alex Zautra, Ph.D.
Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. After deliberation, the Board determined that they do not have statutory authority to waive the Renewal Application fee pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2067(C). Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to deny Dr. Zautra's request. The motion carried 7-0.

9. NEW ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS

Dr. DiBacco requested that the Board review the License Renewal Application and consider requiring licensees to list their Continuing Education Credits on the Renewal Application. Board staff noted his request.

10. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Dr. Mellott, seconded by Ms. Hunter-Williams, to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 a.m. The motion carried (7-0).

Respectfully submitted,

**Megan Hunter-Williams
Board Secretary**