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### **TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL October 7, 2011**

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 Vice-Chairman Wechsler at 7:49 a.m. on October 7, 2011. One executive session was held.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

#### **Board Members Participating by Telephone**

Frederick S. Wechsler, Psy.D., – Vice-Chair  
Megan Hunter-Williams – Secretary  
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D.  
John P. DiBacco, Ph.D.  
Daniel Larson (8:38 a.m. to 9:31 a.m.)  
Ramona Mellott, Ph.D.

#### **Staff Present**

Dr. Cindy Olvey, Executive Director  
Meghan Hinckley, Deputy Director  
Heather Duracinski, Administrative Asst

#### **Attorney General's Office**

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

#### **Board Members Absent**

Janice Brundage, Ph.D.  
Joseph C. Donaldson

### **3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Dr. Olvey reported to the Board that there were no requests for a call to the public; however, licensees were present for specific agenda items.

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

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunter - Williams, to accept and approve those items listed on the consent agenda. The motion carried (5-0-1). The motion included an abstention from Dr. Wechsler for item 4.d., Roberta George-Curran, Ph.D. Item 4.d. was tabled for lack of a quorum. The motion included an abstention from Ms. Hunter – Williams for the April 30, 2011, Regular Session Minutes and an abstention from Dr. Mellott for the August 23, 2011, Regular Session minutes.

#### **a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Regular Session Minutes – April 29 & 30, 2011
- Regular Session Minutes – April 8, 2011

- **Regular Session Minutes – August 23, 2011**

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

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL TO TAKE EXAM**

Gretchen Schoenfield, Ph.D.

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

Kristin Abbate, Psy.D.

Angela Breitmeyer, Psy.D.

John B. Gassaway, Psy.D.

Amy Rose, Psy.D.

Andrew Shelley, Psy.D.

Bethany Williams, Ph.D.

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY WAIVER**

Brianne Butcher, Ph.D.

Nina Parker – Cohen, Ph.D.

Laura Mann, Ph.D.

Emily C. Posta, Psy.D.

Shannon Sticken, Psy.D.

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY CREDENTIAL**

Thomas Alberg, Ph.D., CPQ

Thomas Boll, Ph.D., ABPP

James H. Evans, Ph.D., NRHSPP

Pamela Langelier, Ph.D., CPQ

Charles Maher, Psy.D., CPQ

Dianne Rogers, Psy.D., NRHSPP

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

➤ **REQUESTING LICENSURE BY CERTIFICATION**

Paul Davis, MSW, BCBA

Eric Frey, M.A., BCBA

Kristen Gaisfore, Ph.D., BCBA

Chirstine Kaffer, Ph.D., BCBA

Trina Spencer, Ph.D., BCBA

Cynthia D. Wing, M.A., BCBA

➤ **REQUESTING LICENSURE BY EXPERIENCE**

Carey Ann Burgess, M.S., BCBA

Jessica Mayfield, M.Ed., BCBA

Ehren Werntz, M.S., BCBA

**d. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUESTS FOR AN EXTENSION TO TAKE THE EPPP**

i. Roberta George-Curran, Psy.D. [Tabled]

ii. Robert Cohen, Ph.D.

**e. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FOR RE-ACTIVATION OF LICENSE TO ACTIVE STATUS FROM DR. BRIAN RICE**

**5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION PROVIDED BY JAMES GRAVES, PH.D. WITH THE 2011-2013 RENEWAL APPLICATION – Ms. Hinckley**

Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. Dr. Graves's attorney, Barry Mitzer, was present telephonically, briefly addressed the Board and answered Board members questions. Ms. Galvin clarified that Mr. Mitzer is not licensed to practice law in Arizona therefore is unable to represent Dr. Graves in this matter.

At 8:00 a.m., Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to move into Executive Session to obtain confidential legal advice. The motion carried unanimously (5-0). Open session reconvened at 8:11 a.m.

Board members stated concerns regarding Dr. Graves's conduct. Board members discussed Rules, Statutes and Ethical Codes that were in place at the time of Dr. Graves's conduct. Board members discussed the Consent Agreement that Dr. Graves entered into with the Massachusetts Psychology Board. Board members confirmed that Dr. Graves's license is on voluntary in-active status.

Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bohanske, to renew Dr. Graves's 2011-2013 Renewal Application provided that he submits a notarized copy of attestation that he read and understands the Rules, Statutes and the APA Ethical Codes specifically on sexual relations and social relationships and the possible hazards therein. The motion carried 4-1 with Dr. DiBacco voting no. The Board directed Board staff to send Dr. Graves correspondence relaying the Board's decision.

**6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING JURISDICTION OF COMPLAINTS PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 32-2081(B) – Ms. Hinckley**

**a. Thomas Selby, Ph.D.**

Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. Dr. Selby was present, made a statement to the Board and answered Board members questions. Board members deliberated and determined that there was no court Order appointing Dr. Selby to provide the treatment in question. Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to assert subject matter jurisdiction in this case for lack of a specific court Order appointing Dr. Selby to provide treatment. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Larson joined the teleconference call at 8:38 a.m.

**b. Michael German, Ph.D.**

Dr. DiBacco recused from this agenda item. Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. Dr. German's attorney, John Ager, was present, made a statement to the Board and answered Board members questions. Board members deliberated and determined that there was no court Order appointing Dr. German in the second court case. Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to maintain subject matter jurisdiction in this case and proceed to an Informal Interview for lack of a court Order appointing Dr. German in the second court case. The motion carried on a roll call vote 5-0-1, with Dr. DiBacco recused.

**7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CORRESPONDENCE FROM MR. MICHAEL KIMERER ON BEHALF OF DR. ANDREW MILLER AND PREVIOUSLY ADJUDICATED RFI #92-20 – Ms. Hinckley**

Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. Dr. Miller and Dr. Miller's legal counsel, Mr. Kimerer, were present. Mr. Kimerer made a brief statement to the Board and answered Board members questions. Mr. Kimerer provided language to the Board for consideration. Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, that Ms. Galvin and Mr. Kimerer agree on language to be reflected on the Board's website regarding Dr. Miller's previous Board action. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

**8. CONSENT AGENDA – DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION. AND POSSIBLE ACTION (cont.)**

4.(d.)(i.) Roberta George-Curran, Psy.D.

Dr. Wechsler recused from this agenda item. Dr. Olvey provided clarification regarding this matter. Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to approve a six month extension for Dr. George-Curran to take the EPPP. Prior to the end of the six months Dr. George-Curran may wish to contact the Board office regarding the deadline due to extenuating medical circumstances. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Dr. Wechsler recused.

**9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION PROVIDED BY TASHA PLATT, PSY.D. ON HER APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE #APP-11-50 – Ms. Hinckley**

Dr. Wechsler recused from this agenda item. Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. Dr. Platt was present, made a brief statement to the Board and answered Board members questions. Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott to approve her to take the EPPP and to issue her psychology license upon a passing score and paying the pro-rated licensure fee. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0-1 with Dr. Wechsler recused.

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

a. Dave Ettelson, Ph.D.

Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. After deliberation, the Board determined that it does not have statutory authority to waive the Renewal Application fee pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2067(C). Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to deny Dr. Ettelson's request. The motion carried 6-0.

b. Marci Gluck, Ph.D.

Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. After deliberation, the Board determined that it does not have statutory authority to waive the Renewal Application fee pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2067(C). Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to deny Dr. Gluck's request. The motion carried 6-0.

**11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CORRESPONDENCE FROM FAREN AKINS, ESQ. SEPTEMBER 9, 2011, REQUESTING CLARIFICATION REGARDING RECORDS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A COMPLAINT – Dr. Olvey**

Dr. Olvey provided a brief summary to the Board. After deliberation, the Board determined that the language is clear. The Board's consensus was to direct Board staff to send correspondence to Mr. Akins clarifying that the language provided in the initial letter sent to licensee's after a complaint is filed is not contradictory as it indicates that a licensee's response is not limited to client records pertaining to the matter. Thus, additional documentation may be included.

**12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RULE MAKING FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS AND WHETHER TO ADOPT THE GUIDELINES FOR RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS – Dr. Olvey**

Dr. Olvey provided the Board an update of the rule making process for behavior analysts. Dr. Olvey indicated that draft rules for behavior analysts would be provided to the Board at the October 28 & 29, 2011, Board meeting for review. The Board will be asked to approve a preliminary draft of rules to be posted on the Board's website for public comment. Dr. Olvey stated that the Board will review public comment on the draft rules at a subsequent Board meeting.

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

Dr. Bohanske requested that the Board address lack of participation by mental health professionals on a Board that reviews Domestic Violence issues.

Dr. Wechsler requested that the Board address the confidentiality of materials sent to Board members.

Dr. Mellott requested that the Board address the election of officers at the next Board meeting.

**14. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Dr. Mellott, seconded by Dr. Boahnske, to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 a.m. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Megan Hunter-Williams  
Board Secretary**