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**TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL  
December 9, 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 7:46 a.m. on December 9, 2011. No executive sessions were held.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Participating by Telephone**

Frederick S. Wechsler, Psy.D., – Vice-Chair  
Megan Hunter-Williams – Secretary  
Bob Bohanske, Ph.D. (7:46 a.m.-9:10 a.m.)  
Janice K. Brundage, Ph.D.  
John P. DiBacco, Ph.D.  
Joseph C. Donaldson  
Daniel Larson (joined at 7:47 a.m.)  
Ramona Mellott, Ph.D. (joined at 7:49 a.m.)

**Staff Present**

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

**Attorney General’s Office**

Jeanne Galvin, Esq.

**3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Ms. Hinckley reported to the Board that there were no requests for a call to the public; however, applicants were present for specific agenda items.

Mr. Larson joined the call at 7:47 a.m., Dr. Mellott joined the call at 7:49 a.m.

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

Dr. Bohanske made a motion, seconded by Dr. DiBacco, to accept and approve those items listed on the consent agenda. The motion carried (8-0). The motion included an abstention from Dr. Brundage, and Mr. Donaldson for item 4.a., for the October 7, 2011, Regular Session minutes.

**a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Regular Session Minutes – October 7, 2011**

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

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL TO TAKE EXAM**

Tina Ayers, Psy.D.  
Christina Vasquez, Ph.D.

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

Lutissua Ballard, Psy.D.  
Sarah Leone, Ph.D.  
Shelly Reed, Psy.D.  
David Ross, Ph.D.  
Kimberly Sullivan, Psy.D.

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY WAIVER**

Sherry Addicott-Brandt, Psy.D.  
Jennifer Baumgardner, Ph.D.  
Jonathan Fluck, Ph.D.  
Violet Heise, Ph.D.  
Leslie Ralph, Ph.D.

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF SUPERVISED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & LICENSURE**

Barbara Merchant, Ph.D.

➤ **REQUESTING APPROVAL OF LICENSURE BY CREDENTIAL**

Alexander Troster, Ph.D., ABPP

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

➤ **REQUESTING LICENSURE BY CERTIFICATION**

Nicole Taylor, MS, BCBA

➤ **REQUESTING LICENSURE BY EXPERIENCE**

Lisa Stewart, MA, BCBA

**5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND ACTION REGARDING DR. NAOMI CORDOVA'S REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HER APPLICATION**

Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. Dr. Cordova was not present. Board members clarified that Dr. Cordova is certified as a school psychologist and that her internship may not meet the licensure requirements pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2071(F). Board members stated concerns that Dr. Cordova's business, Comprehensive Education Solutions, L.L.C., advertises that they provide psychological services and evaluations. After deliberation, Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to grant Dr. Cordova's request and allow the withdrawal of her application. The motion carried (8-0). Mr. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to send Dr. Cordova an advisory letter regarding the services provided at Comprehensive Education Solutions, L.L.C. The motion included that the advisory letter request that Dr. Cordova submit to the Board office the names of the licensed psychologists employed by Comprehensive Education Solutions, L.L.C. Further, Dr. Cordova revise Comprehensive Education Solutions, L.L.C. advertisement and her curriculum vitae as to not lead the public to believe she is a licensed psychologist or offering psychological services outside of the school district(s). The motion carried (8-0) on a roll call vote.

**6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE**

a. Michelle Mastrangelo, M.A., BCBA

Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. Ms. Mastrangelo was present, made a statement to the Board and answered Board members questions. After deliberation, Dr. Mellott made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to allow Ms. Mastangelo five business days to withdraw her application, if she fails to withdraw her application it will be denied pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2091.03(E). The motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

b. Catherine Rosa-Sierra, Psy.D.

Ms. Hinckley provided a brief summary to the Board. Dr. Rosa-Sierra was present and answered Board members questions. Board members deliberated whether Dr. Rosa-Sierra's Supervised Psychology Internship Experience meets the requirements of A.R.S. § 32-2071(F). After deliberation, it was the consensus of the Board to table this matter to the next meeting of the Board to obtain additional information. The Board directed Board staff to send a letter directly to Dr. Quintero requesting clarification regarding Dr. Rosa-Sierra's Internship, specifically provision of secondary supervision.

**7. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DR. BRIANA FIELDS APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO TAKE THE EPPP & LICENSURE UPON RECEIPT OF A PASSING SCORE AND PAYMENT OF PRO-RATED FEE**

Dr. DiBacco recused from this agenda item. Ms. Hinckley and Vice-Chairman Wechsler provided a brief summary to the Board. Dr. Fields was not present. Vice-Chairman Wechsler clarified that Dr. Fields application for licensure was unable to be heard by the Application Review Committee due to lack of a quorum because of a recusal by a Committee member. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to approve Dr. Field's for licensure upon a passing score of the EPPP and payment of the pro-rated license fee. The motion carried 7-1-0 with Dr. DiBacco recused.

**8. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RULE MAKING FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS**

Dr. Olvey provided a summary to the Board which included comments that were received in the Board office regarding the draft rules. Dan Davidson, Ph.D., BCBA, was present telephonically and offered suggestions to the Board regarding the draft rules for behavior analysts. After deliberation, Dr. Wechsler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Mellott, to adopt the draft rules as proposed and submit them to the Secretary of State with a notice of proposed rule making with the understanding that a docket has been opened. The motion carried 8-0.

**9. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FEES FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS**

Dr. Olvey provided a brief summary to the Board. Dr. Olvey explained that the Board considered fee increases in three areas on October 29, 2011. She indicated it was clear that the increase applied to psychologists; however, it was the intent of the recommendation to the Board that the fee increase also include behavior analysts, which may not have been clear during the October meeting. Dr. Olvey clarified that the Board office recommends an increase in fees for behavior analysts identical to the fee increase adopted by the Board for psychologists. Specifically, the Initial License fee (pro-rated) would increase from the current \$400 to \$500 biennially; Renewal of an Active License would increase from \$400 to \$500 biennially, and Renewal of an Inactive License would increase from \$50 to \$85 biennially. After deliberation, Dr. DiBacco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Brundage, to increase the renewal fees for initial license as well as renewal of active and inactive licenses as recommended. The motion carried 7-0.

**10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ADOPTING 2012 MEETING DATES CALENDAR/COMMITTEE ROTATION SCHEDULES**

Dr. Olvey provided a brief summary to the Board. No concerns or conflicts with the proposed 2012 calendar or 2012 Committee rotations were expressed by Board members. Vice-Chairman Wechsler asked that Board members keep Board staff updated with any conflicts or concerns that may arise.

**11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING INITIAL REVIEW OF COMPLAINTS, INFORMAL INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY THE BOARD, COMPLAINTS CONSIDERED BY THE COMPLAINT SCREENING COMMITTEE, AND APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED BY THE APPLICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Ms. Galvin provided a brief summary to the Board. Ms. Galvin answered Board members' questions regarding the Complaint Screening process and adjudication of complaints at the Complaint Screening Committee meetings. In addition, the Board discussed the process for considering complaints at the initial review level versus Informal Interviews.

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

No items for future meeting agendas were identified.

**13. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Dr. Brundage, seconded by Dr. Wechsler, to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 a.m. The motion carried 7-0.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Megan Hunter-Williams  
Board Secretary**