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BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Public Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2025

Board Members Present: Robert Carey, Jr., Ph.D., Chair
Vicky Anderson, Psy.D., Vice Chair
Jeffrey Brown, Psy.D.
Jessica Edwards George, Ph.D.
Antonia Seligowski, Ph.D.
Michael O'Halloran (arrived at 9:13 a.m.)

Staff Present: Brian Bialas, Executive Director
Judith Bromley, Board Counsel
Lauren McShane, Investigator Supervisor
Doris Lugo, Investigator

All Board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

At 9:03 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Dr. Carey.

Board Business

- **Roll Call for Attendance:** Mr. Bialas called the roll of Board members. Robert Carey, Vicky Anderson, Jeffrey Brown, Jessica Edwards George, and Antonia Seligowski were in attendance.
- **Public Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2024:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Brown, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Executive Session Minutes of December 13, 2024:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Seligowski, seconded by Dr. Anderson, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of December 13, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Emergency Amendments to Regulations to Implement Shield Law

- **Proposed Emergency Amendments to 251 CMR 1.00: Ethical Standards, Professional Conduct, and Disciplinary Procedures and 251 CMR 3.00: Registration of Psychologists:** Lauren Nelson, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Health Professions Licensure, appeared to discuss proposed emergency amendments to the Board's regulations to implement the Shield Law. The amendments protect licensees from discipline and applicants from being denied a license for providing or assisting in providing reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care services, as defined at M.G.L. c. 12, § 11I½, or for any conviction, judgment, discipline, or other sanction arising from such health care services, so long as the services provided would have been lawful in Massachusetts and are consistent with standards for good professional practice in Massachusetts.

Mr. O'Halloran arrived at 9:13 a.m.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Seligowski, to promulgate the emergency amendments and to move forward with the public comment process. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, with Dr. Brown abstaining.

Application Review Interviews – Practice in Accordance with Accepted Standards

- **Sherri McKittrick**
 - **Interview of Sherri McKittrick:** Dr. McKittrick appeared with her attorney Hannah Konowitz to discuss information the Board received about her work performance from her former manager Julia Blencowe. Dr. McKittrick and Ms. Konowitz explained that Dr. McKittrick's situation at The Brookline Center was not a "good fit," and she works at a better place now. She left her post-doctoral fellowship at The Brookline Center early because she only received negative feedback that "wore her down." She learned there that she "needed to grow" and has "grown immensely" in her new post-doctoral fellowship over the past 8 months. She only does testing now and not counseling.

After a brief discussion, the Board invited Dr. McKittrick to the meeting next month to continue her interview, asked Dr. McKittrick to provide performance evaluations from her pre-doctoral internship, and directed Mr. Bialas to invite Dr. McKittrick's pre-doctoral internship supervisor who supervised the bulk of her therapy cases and Dr. McKittrick's current supervisor to the next meeting for interviews.

Application Review – Practice in Accordance with Accepted Standards

- **Nicholas Mollica:** The Board reviewed Dr. Mollica's application, including information the Board received from Sarah Magaril. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Seligowski, to allow Dr. Mollica to continue with the licensing process. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Application Reviews – Experience

- **Andrew Taytslin:** The Board reviewed Dr. Taytslin's application, including his experience. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. O'Halloran, to allow Dr. Taytslin to continue with the licensing process. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Samantha Sharac:** The Board reviewed Dr. Sharac's application, including her experience. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to ask Dr. Sharac to: (1) provide a complete list of her supervisors for all of her work experiences; (2) describe what she has done to ask those supervisors to complete the Board's application experience forms; (3) obtain a copy of her California application; and (4) complete the Board's experience forms on her own.

Application Review – Education and Experience

- **Zlatina Kostova:** The Board will review Dr. Kostova's application at the next meeting.

Application Review – Education and Experience (Non-Health Service Provider)

- **Mayron Piccolo:** The Board reviewed Dr. Piccolo's education and experience for the non-health service provider license. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. O'Halloran, seconded by Dr. Brown, to allow Dr. Piccolo to continue with the licensing process. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Monitoring

- **Emil Chiauzzi, Conditional Licensure Agreement, 2nd Quarterly Consulting Report:** The Board reviewed Dr. Chiauzzi's report. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Seligowski, to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board directed Mr. Bialas to confirm that Dr. Chiauzzi and his supervisor are discussing each of Dr. Chiauzzi's clients every month.

Executive Session (closed under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, § 1B – adhering to the public records law and to preserve the confidentiality of medical record information)

At 10:50 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. O’Halloran, seconded by Dr. Brown, to (1) exit the public meeting; (2) enter into executive session under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, § 1B – adhering to the public records law and to preserve the confidentiality of medical record information, to discuss and evaluate an examination accommodation request involving the review of medical records and information of patients; then (3) enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to conduct a case interview and review new cases; and (4) at the conclusion of the investigative conference, not return to the public meeting and adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered executive session at 10:50 a.m.

See separate executive session minutes.

Investigative Conference (closed session under G.L. c. 112, § 65C)

The Board entered investigative conference at 11:03 a.m.

During the investigative conference, the Board took the following actions:

Case Interview

PSY-2023-0027 (WG):	Interviewed respondent; dismiss with advisory letter; open complaint for continuing education violation
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Cases

PSY-2023-0010, PSY-2024-0009, and PSY-2024-0025 (GF):	Refer to the Office of Prosecutions
PSY-2023-0025 (AL):	Dismiss; open complaint for continuing education violation
PSY-2023-0026 (AG):	Dismiss
INV9455 (AH):	Dismiss

Adjournment

At 12:00 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. O’Halloran, seconded by Dr. Brown, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Approval

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on February 14, 2025.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of January 10, 2025 Meeting
- Public Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2024
- Executive Session Minutes of December 13, 2024
- Proposed Emergency Amendments to 251 CMR 1.00: Ethical Standards, Professional Conduct, and Disciplinary Procedures and 251 CMR 3.00: Registration of Psychologists
- Documents from Application of Sherri McKittrick
- Documents from Application of Nicholas Mollica
- Documents from Application of Andrew Taytslin
- Documents from Application of Samantha Sharac
- Documents from Application of Mayron Piccolo
- Emil Chiauzzi, Conditional Licensure Agreement, 2nd Quarterly Consulting Report