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BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Public Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2024

Board Members Present: Robert Carey, Jr., Ph.D., Chair
Vicky Anderson, Psy.D., Vice Chair
William Hudgins, Ph.D., Secretary (left the meeting at 12:58 p.m.)
Jeffrey Brown, Psy.D.
Jessica Edwards George, Ph.D.
Michael O'Halloran

Staff Present: Brian Bialas, Executive Director
Sheila York, Board Counsel
Marine Jardonnet, Board Counsel
Lauren McShane, Investigator Supervisor
Doris Lugo, Investigator
Pamely Mota, Investigative Intern

All Board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

At 9:02 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, William Hudgins, Jeffrey Brown, Jessica Edwards George, and Michael O'Halloran were in attendance.
- **Public Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2023:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. O'Halloran, seconded by Dr. Edwards George, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2023. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Public Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2023:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Brown, seconded by Mr. O'Halloran, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2023. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, with Dr. Edwards George abstaining.

- **Executive Session Minutes of November 10, 2023:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. O'Halloran, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of November 10, 2023. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, with Dr. Edwards George abstaining.

Application Review – Experience

- **Teresa Bullis:** The Board reviewed Dr. Bullis's submission of additional experience documentation. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Anderson, to allow Dr. Bullis to continue with the licensing process. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Application Review – Education and Experience

- **Irena Tsapelas:** The Board reviewed Dr. Tsapelas's submission of additional experience documentation. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to explain to Dr. Tsapelas that she has not (1) satisfied the Racial and Ethnic Bases of Behavior and Scientific and Professional Ethics course requirements; and (2) completed a qualifying internship because her experience was not part of a doctoral program. The Board directed Mr. Bialas to ask Dr. Tsapelas if she would like the Board to deny her application or if she would like to withdraw it and reapply after the Board's anticipated regulation revisions are in effect.

Application Review – Request to Complete Experience Not Within 60 Months

- **Hulya Tekan:** The Board reviewed Dr. Tekan's request for additional time to complete her experience hours for licensure. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Edwards George, seconded by Dr. Anderson, to allow Dr. Tekan until December 31, 2024 to complete her experience hours. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board directed Mr. Bialas to inform Dr. Tekan that she completed 1516 qualifying hours during her internship and 966 qualifying hours during her practicum.

Monitoring

- **Lisa Cohen, 2019-001356-IT-ENF, 2nd Quarterly Monitoring Report:** The Board reviewed Dr. Cohen's report. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. O'Halloran, to accept the report except the part of the report where Dr. Pique recites the history of Dr. Cohen's case. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

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 9:53 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 EPPP accommodation request involving the review of medical records and information of patients; then (3) enter into quasi-judicial session under G.L. c. 30A, § 18, to make a decision required in an adjudicatory proceeding, to review a motion to remove default; then (4) enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to conduct case interviews and review new cases; and (5) 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 9:53 a.m.

See separate executive session minutes.

Quasi-Judicial Session (closed under G.L. c. 30A, § 18, to make a decision required in an adjudicatory proceeding)

The Board entered quasi-judicial session at 10:03 a.m.

During the quasi-judicial session, the Board took the following action:

Motion to Remove Default

2022-000149-IT-ENF (MT):

Refer to board counsel

Investigative Conference (closed to conduct investigatory conferences, pursuant to G.L. c. 112, § 65C)

At 10:19 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Brown, to exit quasi-judicial session and enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to conduct case interviews and review new cases. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered investigative conference at 10:19 a.m.

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

Case Interviews

FPSY-2023-0002 (HR):

Interviewed respondent;
invite complainant to a
meeting for an interview

PSY-2023-0021 (CN):

Interviewed respondent;
dismiss; invite respondent to
a meeting for an interview for
INV7042

Cases

INV7156 (AH):
2022-001117-IT-ENF (DI):

Dismiss
Dismiss; open complaint for
continuing education
violation

INV8465 (GT):

Refer to the Office of
Prosecutions

PSY-2023-0008 (GS):

Invite respondent to a
meeting for an interview

PSY-2023-0014 (KJ):

Dismiss

Dr. Hudgins left the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

INV7860 (BP):

Dismiss

Adjournment

At 1:00 p.m., a motion was made by Dr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Anderson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on February 9, 2024.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of January 12, 2024 Meeting
- Public Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2023
- Public Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2023
- Executive Session Minutes of November 10, 2023
- Documents from Application of Teresa Bullis
- Documents from Application of Irena Tsapelas
- 11.28.23 Email from H. Tekan re: Request to Complete Experience Not Within 60 Months
- Lisa Cohen, 2019-001356-IT-ENF, 2nd Quarterly Monitoring Report