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**BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS**

**Public Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2024**

Board Members Present: Robert Carey, Jr., Ph.D., Chair

Vicky Anderson, Psy.D., Vice Chair

Jeffrey Brown, Psy.D. (arrived at 9:05 a.m.)

Jessica Edwards George, Ph.D.

Antonia Seligowski, Ph.D.

Michael O’Halloran (left the meeting at 1:02 p.m.)

Staff Present: Brian Bialas, Executive Director

Judith Bromley, Board Counsel

Lauren McShane, Investigator Supervisor

All Board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

At 9:04 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, Jessica Edwards George, Antonia Seligowski, and Michael O’Halloran were in attendance.
* **Public Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2024:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. O’Halloran, seconded by Dr. Anderson, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Dr. Brown arrived at 9:05 a.m.

* **Executive Session Minutes of October 11, 2024:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Seligowski, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of October 11, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

**Discussion**

* **Proposed Revisions to 251 CMR 3.03: Academic Requirements and 251 CMR 3.06: Certification as a Health Service Provider:** The Board reviewed proposed revisions to its regulations to change the name and description of a required course content area in the educational requirements for licensure. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Edwards George, to approve the proposed revisions as drafted. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

**Correspondence**

* **10.22.24 Letter from Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) re: Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology Part 2 (EPPP-2):** The Board reviewed a letter from ASPPB explaining that ASPPB no longer plans to require all examinees to complete the EPPP Part 2 as part of the EPPP.

**Application Review – Practice in Accordance with Accepted Standards**

* **Sherri McKittrick:** The Board reviewed a report regarding Dr. McKittrick’s performance while she was completing her training for licensure. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to invite Dr. McKittrick’s former supervisors Jeff Brand and Elena Balzac for an interview together, to invite Julia Blencowe for a separate interview, and to request a copy of the verbal warning Dr. McKittrick received.

**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 9:50 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Edwards George, 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 monitoring reports involving the review of medical records and information of patients; then (3) enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to conduct case interviews 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 9:50 a.m.

See separate executive session minutes.

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

The Board entered investigative conference at 10:22 a.m.

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

**Case Interviews**

PSY-2023-0022 (MA): Interviewed complainant and respondent separately; refer to Office of Prosecutions

Mr. O’Halloran left the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

**Investigative Intake**

SM:Open formal complaint

**Cases**

INV7465 (PR): Dismiss

PSY-2023-0015 (KW): Dismiss with advisory letter

**Adjournment**

At 1:24 p.m., a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Edwards George, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

**Approval**

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on December 13, 2024.

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Brian Bialas, Executive Director

**List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting**

* Agenda of November 8, 2024 Meeting
* Public Meeting Minutes of October 11, 2024
* Executive Session Minutes of October 11, 2024
* Proposed Revisions to 251 CMR 3.03: Academic Requirements and 251 CMR 3.06: Certification as a Health Service Provider
* 10.22.24 Letter from Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) re: Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology Part 2 (EPPP-2)
* Documents from Application of Sherri McKittrick