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BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Public Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2024

Board Members Present: Robert Carey, Jr., Ph.D., Chair
Vicky Anderson, Psy.D., Vice Chair
William Hudgins, Ph.D., Secretary (left meeting at 12:52 p.m.)
Jeffrey Brown, Psy.D.
Jessica Edwards George, Ph.D.
Antonia Seligowski, Ph.D.
Michael O'Halloran

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

All Board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

At 9:02 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Dr. Carey.

Dr. Carey welcomed Antonia Seligowski, the newest member of the Board. Board members and staff introduced themselves to Dr. Seligowski.

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, Antonia Seligowski, and Michael O'Halloran were in attendance.
- **Public Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2024:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Brown, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, with Dr. Seligowski abstaining.

- **Executive Session Minutes of January 12, 2024:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Hudgins, seconded by Dr. Edwards George, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of January 12, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, with Dr. Seligowski abstaining.

Hearing on Denial of Application

- **Anna Richmon:** Dr. Richmon appeared for a hearing on the Board's denial of her application because her internship program did not involve at least two psychology interns as required by 251 CMR 3.06(6)(b)(11), her internship supervision group consisted of more than three trainees in violation of 251 CMR 3.05(2)(c), and her supervisor – a licensed mental health counselor – was not an approved supervisor under 251 CMR 3.05(3). Dr. Richmon argued that she had a supervisor who was a licensed psychologist, other states allow larger supervision groups, and, although she was the only doctoral-level intern in her internship program, master's degree-level interns also were in the program with her.

After a brief discussion, the Board allowed Dr. Richmon's request to leave her application open so she can submit additional experience documentation and advocate for changes to the regulations at an upcoming public hearing.

Application Reviews – Education

- **John Carroll:** The Board reviewed Dr. Carroll's education documentation. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to ask Dr. Carroll to submit a new course statement that includes courses he completed for all required course areas and to provide syllabi for any course that does not clearly meet a particular course content requirement, including Racial and Ethnic Bases of Behavior.
- **Barbara Bowe:** The Board reviewed Dr. Bowe's education documentation. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Edwards George, seconded by Dr. Anderson, to allow Dr. Bowe to continue with the licensing process. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Application Review – Request to Complete Experience Not Within 60 Months

- **Hulya Tekan:** The Board reviewed Dr. Tekan's request, specifically Dr. Tekan's argument that her internship was more than 1600 hours. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to ask Dr. Tekan for a signed internship form that reflects the internship hours Dr. Tekan says she completed.

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 10:16 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Hudgins, seconded by Mr. O'Halloran, 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 a monitoring report and 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 a case interview 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 10:16 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 10:31 a.m.

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

Motion to Remove Default

2022-000149-IT-ENF (MT):

Remand to magistrate for more robust findings on default order or to reinstate adjudicatory proceedings

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

At 10:40 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. O'Halloran, seconded by Dr. Brown, to exit quasi-judicial session and enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to conduct a case interview and review new cases. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered investigative conference at 10:40 a.m.

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

Case

FPSY-2023-0002 (HR):

Refer to board counsel

Case Interview

PSY-2023-0008 (GS):

Interviewed respondent;
dismiss with advisory letter

Cases

PSY-2023-0010 (GF):

Refer to board counsel and
office of investigations

PSY-2023-0017 (AD):

Refer to office of
prosecutions

Dr. Hudgins recused himself from the following matter and left the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

INV7368 (JA):

Dismiss

Adjournment

At 1:00 p.m., a motion was made by Dr. Brown, seconded by Mr. O'Halloran, 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 March 8, 2024.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of February 9, 2024 Meeting
- Public Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2024
- Executive Session Minutes of January 12, 2024
- Documents from Application of Anna Richmon
- Documents from Application of John Carroll
- Documents from Application of Barbara Bowe
- 11.28.23 Email from H. Tekan re: Request to Complete Experience Not Within 60 Months, 1.18.24 Email from B. Bialas to H. Tekan re: same, 1.26.24 Email from H. Tekan to B. Bialas re: same, documentation of H. Tekan experience hours