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BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Public Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2024

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

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

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, William Hudgins, Jeffrey Brown, Jessica Edwards George, Antonia Seligowski, and Michael O'Halloran were in attendance.
- **Public Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2024:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Brown, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Executive Session Minutes of February 9, 2024:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Edwards George, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of February 9, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Application Review – Education and Experience

- **Roderick Hafer:** The Board reviewed Dr. Hafer's application. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to accept his examination score from New York. The Board also directed Mr. Bialas and to ask Dr. Hafer (1) to obtain copies of his licensure applications to other states for the Board's review, (2) to contact the Florida State University registrar to complete the Academic Program Director Form for him, and (3) whether it is impossible for him to be registered on the National Register of Health Service Psychologists.
- **Jennifer DiMaio McCracken:** The Board reviewed Dr. DiMaio McCracken's application. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to inform Dr. DiMaio McCracken that her internship as documented is not accredited by the American Psychological Association and does not qualify because her program director was a licensed independent clinical social worker, not a psychologist, her supervision groups were too large, and she was not supervised by a psychologist.

Application Review – Education

- **Bonnie Barlow:** The Board reviewed Dr. Barlow's education documentation. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Edwards George, seconded by Dr. Seligowski, to allow Dr. Barlow to continue with the licensing process. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board directed Mr. Bialas to ask Dr. Barlow to submit an Academic Program Director Form from the University of New Hampshire with all questions answered before she may proceed with her application.

Application Review – Experience

- **Anne Karcher:** The Board reviewed Dr. Karcher's application. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to ask Dr. Karcher to complete the internship and post-internship experience forms for her application based on available records, including Dr. Karcher's application from California.
- **Molly Hedrick:** The Board reviewed Dr. Hedrick's application. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to ask Dr. Hedrick to complete the internship and post-internship experience forms for her application based on available records, including Dr. Hedrick's application from Rhode Island. The Board also directed Mr. Bialas to ask Dr. Hedrick to contact her former supervisors to complete the forms.

Application Review – Discipline in Another Jurisdiction

- **Brian Sandoval:** The Board reviewed Dr. Sandoval's application, including his disclosure of a reprimand and fine in Oregon for supervising a resident without a board-approved resident supervision contract. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by

Dr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Edwards George, to allow Dr. Sandoval to continue with the licensing process. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Discussion

- **Policy on Summary Suspensions Conducted by Boards of Registration Formerly Under the Supervision of the Division of Occupational Licensure:** Ms. York presented a draft policy outlining the procedures to be followed for the summary suspension of a license before a hearing to prevent an immediate and serious threat to the public health, safety, and welfare. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Anderson, to approve the policy. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Monitoring

- **Mitchell Gurk, 2021-000548-IT-ENF, Submission of Proposed Replacement Supervisor:** The Board reviewed Dr. Gurk's submission. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to invite Dr. Gurk and his proposed supervisor, Dr. Maureen Lavallee, to a meeting for an interview.

Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting

Mr. Bialas informed the Board that members are invited to an open session at the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards Mid-Year Meeting on April 25, 2024.

Dr. Brown requested an update at the next meeting on the progress of pending legislation to implement the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PsyPact).

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 10:29 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, 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 involving the review of medical records and information of patients; then (3) enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to review a settlement offer, 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 10:29 a.m.

See separate executive session minutes.

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

The Board entered investigative conference at 10:45 a.m.

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

Settlement

PSY-2023-0005 (WV): Dismiss

Case Interview

INV7042 (CN): Interviewed respondent; open formal complaint; refer to office of investigations

Cases

FPSY-2023-0002 (HR): Review case at next meeting
PSY-2023-0010 (GF): Refer to board counsel and office of investigations; review case at next meeting
PSY-2023-0011 (JL): Dismiss with advisory letter

Dr. Seligowski and Dr. Brown recused themselves from the following matter and left the meeting at 12:58 p.m.

2022-000916-IT-ENF (AC): Refer to office of prosecutions

Adjournment

At 1:16 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. O'Halloran, seconded by Dr. Edwards George, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on April 12, 2024.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of March 8, 2024 Meeting
- Public Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2024
- Executive Session Minutes of February 9, 2024
- Documents from Application of Roderick Hafer
- Documents from Application of Jennifer DiMaio McCracken
- Documents from Application of Bonnie Barlow
- Documents from Application of Anne Karcher
- Documents from Application of Molly Hedrick
- Documents from Application of Brian Sandoval
- Draft Policy on Summary Suspensions Conducted by Boards of Registration Formerly Under the Supervision of the Division of Occupational Licensure
- Mitchell Gurk, 2021-000548-IT-ENF, Submission of Proposed Replacement Supervisor