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BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Public Meeting Minutes of June 14, 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.
Jessica Edwards George, Ph.D.
Antonia Seligowski, Ph.D.
Michael O'Halloran

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

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 May 10, 2024:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Seligowski, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, with Mr. O'Halloran abstaining.
- **Executive Session Minutes of May 10, 2024:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Brown, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 10, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, with Mr. O'Halloran abstaining.

Application Reviews – Education and Experience

- **Laurie Cestnick:** The Board reviewed Dr. Cestnick’s application. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to again ask Dr. Cestnick to create a statement of her coursework to match the coursework required in the regulations and to obtain a post-internship supervisor form from Dr. Robert Weaver.

Application Review – Education

- **John Carroll:** The Board reviewed Dr. Carroll’s application. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to inform Dr. Carroll that he must complete qualifying coursework in the areas of Cognitive and Affective Bases of Behavior, Individual Differences, and Racial and Ethnic Bases of Behavior.

Application Review – Experience

- **Emile Berk:** The Board reviewed Dr. Berk’s application. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to ask Dr. Berk to obtain completed experience forms from his past supervisors and documentation of his past situation with Dr. Gallagher, including alternative documentation of his experience hours obtained while he was supervised by Dr. Gallagher.

Discussion

- **Monitoring Instructions:** The Board reviewed draft instructions for proposed monitors. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. O’Halloran, seconded by Dr. Anderson, to approve the draft monitoring instructions with changes. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

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

At 9:38 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Brown, to exit the public session and enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to conduct a case interview and review cases. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered investigative conference at 9:38 a.m.

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

Cases

PSY-2023-0009 (RM):

Interviewed respondent; refer to office of prosecutions

FPSY-2023-0002 (HR):

Review case at next meeting

PSY-2023-0013 (TP):

Refer to office of investigations; dismiss with advisory letter upon receipt of satisfactory documentation from respondent

PSY-2023-0018 (KM):

Dismiss

PSY-2023-0019 (MC):

Invite complainant and respondent to a meeting for separate interviews

Adjournment

At 11:57 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Hudgins, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Approval

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



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of June 14, 2024 Meeting
- Public Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2024
- Executive Session Minutes of May 10, 2024
- Documents from Application of Laurie Cestnick
- Documents from Application of John Carroll
- Documents from Application of Emile Berk
- Draft Monitoring Instructions