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BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Public Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2024

Board Members Present: Robert Carey, Jr., Ph.D., Chair
Vicky Anderson, Psy.D., Vice Chair
Jeffrey Brown, Psy.D. (arrived at 9:07 a.m.)
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

All Board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

At approximately 9:00 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 July 12, 2024:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. O'Halloran, seconded by Dr. Edwards George, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Dr. Brown arrived at 9:07 a.m.

- **Executive Session Minutes of July 12, 2024:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Seligowski, seconded by Mr. O'Halloran, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of July 12, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2025:** The Board considered electing officers for the new fiscal year.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. O'Halloran, seconded by Dr. Seligowski, to elect Dr. Carey as Chair, Dr. Anderson as Vice Chair, and Dr. Hudgins as Secretary for fiscal year 2025. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

- **Meeting Schedule for 2025:** The Board considered a proposed meeting schedule for 2025. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Brown, to approve the proposed schedule. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Discussion

- **Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP)**
 - **Jonathan Dillon, Director of Policy, Bureau of Health Professions Licensure:** Mr. Dillon described a new voluntary, non-disciplinary program for licensees affected by mental illness or substance use issues. URAMP consists of an advisory committee, a rehabilitation evaluation committee, and program staff. Those who wish to enter the program, either voluntarily or after a complaint has been filed against them, are evaluated by the rehabilitation evaluation committee before being admitted. Mr. Dillon and other staff described the conditions licensees in the program must meet. Board members asked Mr. Dillon questions. Mr. Dillon asked for the Board's feedback on the structure of the program that he expects will launch by the end of the year.
- **Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology Part 2 (EPPP-2)**
 - **EPPP Item Review Committee and Differential Item Functioning Analysis for the EPPP:** The Board discussed new information provided by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) regarding the EPPP.
 - **2023 and 2024 Psychology Licensing Exam Scores by Doctoral Program Reports:** The Board discussed the reports from ASPPB.

Correspondence

- **7.31.24 Letter from Radical Psychs re: EPPP-2:** The Board discussed the letter.
- **9.3.24 Email from Radical Psychs re: Texas-Proposed ASPPB Bylaw Amendment re: EPPP-2:** The Board discussed the email.
- **7.22.24 Letter from Massachusetts Psychological Association re: Racial/Ethnic Bases of Behavior with a Focus on People of Color Course Requirement in 251 CMR 3.03(2)(i)(5):** The Board discussed the letter and deferred further consideration of it until the next meeting.

Application Review – Education

- **John Carroll:** The Board directed Mr. Bialas to request course descriptions for the courses Dr. Carroll is submitting for review and to place his application on the agenda next month.

Application Reviews – Experience

- **Emile Berk:** The Board reviewed Dr. Berk's submission of additional experience documentation. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. O'Halloran, seconded by Dr. Seligowski, to allow Dr. Berk to continue with the licensing process. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Mayron Piccolo:** The Board reviewed Dr. Piccolo's question about obtaining experience hours for a health-service provider license. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to inform Dr. Piccolo that he must complete 3,200 hours of experience and not just 800 hours of direct client-contact clinical experience to supplement the non-health service hours he already completed.
- **Molly Hedrick:** The Board reviewed Dr. Hedrick's submission of additional experience documentation. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to inform Dr. Hedrick that she has a total of 3,136 acceptable experience hours because she can only count 32 hours each week when she received two hours of supervision. The Board also directed Mr. Bialas to ask Dr. Hedrick whether she has any additional supervision hours to submit.

Monitoring

- **Lisa Cohen, 2019-001356-IT-ENF, Petition for Termination of Probation:** The Board reviewed Dr. Cohen's petition. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to invite Dr. Cohen and her supervisor to a meeting for an interview.
- **Emil Chiauzzi, Conditional Licensure Agreement, 1st Quarterly Consulting Report:** The Board reviewed Dr. Chiauzzi's report. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. O'Halloran, to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board directed Mr. Bialas to provide the Board's monitoring instructions to Dr. Chiauzzi's consultant.

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 10:25 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Brown, 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 monitoring reports and an examination accommodation request 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 case; 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 11:10 a.m.

See separate executive session minutes.

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

The Board entered investigative conference at 11:41 a.m.

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

Case

2021-000548-IT-ENF (MG):

Refer to Office of
Prosecutions

Adjournment

At 11:58 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. O'Halloran, seconded by Dr. Brown, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Approval

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on October 11, 2024.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of September 13, 2024 Meeting
- Public Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2024
- Executive Session Minutes of July 12, 2024
- Draft Board Meeting Schedule for 2025
- Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program, Department of Public Health, PowerPoint presentation

- EPPP Item Review Committee and Differential Item Functioning Analysis for the EPPP
- 2023 and 2024 Psychology Licensing Exam Scores by Doctoral Program Reports
- 7.31.24 Letter from Radical Psychs re: EPPP-2
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- 7.22.24 Letter from Massachusetts Psychological Association re: Racial/Ethnic Bases of Behavior with a Focus on People of Color Course Requirement in 251 CMR 3.03(2)(i)(5)
- Documents from Application of John Carroll
- Documents from Application of Emile Berk
- 7.29.24 Email from M. Piccolo re: Health-Service Provider Experience
- Documents from Application of Molly Hedrick
- Lisa Cohen, 2019-001356-IT-ENF, Petition for Termination of Probation
- Emil Chiauzzi, Conditional Licensure Agreement, 1st Quarterly Consulting Report