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BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Public Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2023

Board Members Present: Robert Carey, Jr., Ph.D., Chair (left meeting at 10:33 a.m.)
Vicky Anderson, Psy.D., Vice Chair
William Hudgins, Ph.D. (arrived at 10:21 a.m.)
Jessica Edwards George, Ph.D.
Jeffrey Brown, Psy.D.
Michael O'Halloran

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

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, Jeffrey Brown, and Michael O'Halloran were in attendance.
- **Public Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2023:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. O'Halloran, seconded by Dr. Brown, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2023. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Executive Session Minutes of March 10, 2023:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. O'Halloran, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 10, 2023. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Application Reviews – Education

- **Rika Alper:** The Board reviewed Dr. Alper’s request for the Board to accept a continuing education course in lieu of a course in Racial and Ethnic Bases of Behavior through an APA-accredited program. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to instruct Dr. Alper that the continuing education course is not accepted, but she may propose a graduate-level course that is at least three credits that need not be from an APA-accredited program.

The Board also directed Mr. Bialas to place the Board’s “Policy Regarding Doctorates Not Accredited by the American Psychological Association” on next month’s agenda for revision.

- **Mithila Mahesh:** The Board reviewed Dr. Mahesh’s transcript from the United Kingdom and statement regarding Dr. Mahesh’s education. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to request a table of the nine required course areas in the regulations matched to courses or independent studies, but not trainings or lectures, that Dr. Mahesh completed, including the earned credits or hours and a syllabus for each course or independent study.

Application Reviews – Experience

- **Judith Thorne:** The Board reviewed Dr. Thorne’s application, including experience documentation from her application to North Carolina. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to request that Dr. Thorne complete the Board’s experience forms so the Board can determine the appropriate number of experience hours for her application.
- **Anne Karcher:** The Board reviewed Dr. Karcher’s application, including experience documentation from her application to California. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to request that Dr. Karcher complete the Board’s internship experience form so the Board can determine the appropriate number of experience hours for her application.

Dr. Hudgins arrived at 10:21 a.m.

- **Jay Saul:** The Board reviewed Dr. Saul’s application, including experience documentation from his application to New York. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to request that Dr. Saul complete an additional 1,392 post-doctoral supervised hours that comply with the Board’s regulations.
- **Melissa Holub:** The Board reviewed Dr. Holub’s application, including experience documentation from her application to California. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Edwards George, to approve Dr. Holub’s experience. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, with Dr. Hudgins abstaining.

- **Carol LeBlanc:** The Board reviewed Dr. LeBlanc’s application, including experience documentation from her application to Maine. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. O’Halloran, seconded by Dr. Edwards George, to approve Dr. LeBlanc’s experience. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Jaymes Gonzales:** The Board reviewed Dr. Gonzales’s application, including experience documentation from his application to Florida. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. O’Halloran, seconded by Dr. Edwards George, to approve Dr. Gonzales’s experience. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Dr. Carey recused himself from the next matter and left the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

Monitoring

- **Jill Damon-Minow, 2021-001095-IT-ENF, Approval of Proposed CEs:** The Board reviewed Dr. Damon-Minow’s proposed continuing education courses for her consent agreement. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Edwards George, to approve the course titled “HIPAA: Setting Ethical Client Boundaries.” The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

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

Dr. Andrea Barnes from the Massachusetts Psychological Association stated that “lectures” in the United Kingdom are different than “courses” in the United States. She also highlighted that, unlike the Board’s regulations, APA-accredited doctoral programs are not required to offer a course in “Racial and Ethnic Bases of Behavior.”

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 10:43 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Brown, 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 review an examination accommodation request; then (3) enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to review cases; and (4) at the conclusion of the investigative conference, not return to the public meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered executive session at 10:43 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 10:54 a.m.

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

Cases

2022-000946-IT-ENF (CH):	Dismiss
2022-000925-IT-ENF (SE):	Invite respondent to a meeting for an interview
CASE-2023-0025 (NC):	Dismiss

Adjournment

At 11:42 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Anderson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on May 12, 2023.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of April 14, 2023 Meeting
- Public Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2023
- Executive Session Minutes of March 10, 2023
- 3.30.23 Letter from R. Alper re: Proposed Course
- 11.22.22 Email from M. Mahesh and Transcript from M. Mahesh
- Documents from Application of Judith Thorne
- Documents from Application of Anne Karcher
- Documents from Application of Jay Saul
- Documents from Application of Melissa Holub
- Documents from Application of Carol LeBlanc
- Documents from Application of Jaymes Gonzales
- Jill Damon-Minow, 2021-001095-IT-ENF, 3.6.23 Email from J. Damon-Minow re: Proposed CEs