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# **BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS**

# Public Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2022

Board Members Present:	Robert Carey, Jr., Ph.D., Chair Marshaun Glover, Ph.D., Vice Chair (left meeting at 10:00 a.m., returned at 10:28 a.m., left meeting at 12:00 p.m.) William Hudgins, Ph.D. Vicky Anderson, Psy.D. Tammy Jones, Psy.D. (left meeting at 9:45 a.m.) John Marshall, D.C. Jessica Edwards George, Ph.D.
Staff Present:	Brian Bialas, Executive Director Jenna Hentoff, Board Counsel (left meeting at 10:25 a.m., returned at 10:28 a.m.) Esther Laine, Associate Deputy Commissioner

Doris Lugo, Investigator

All Board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

At 9:05 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Dr. Carey.

# **Board Business**

- New Board Member Jessica Edwards George: Dr. Edwards George introduced herself to the Board.
- **Public Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2022:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Hudgins, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2022. The motion passed unanimously, with Dr. Edwards George abstaining.
- **Executive Session Minutes of July 8, 2022:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Hudgins, seconded by Dr. Anderson, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of July 8, 2022. The motion passed unanimously, with Dr. Edwards George abstaining.
- Executive Order Protecting Reproductive Health Care Services in the Commonwealth: Ms. Hentoff reported on a change to G.L. c. 112, s. 128 and a new executive order that, among other things, prohibit the Board from disciplining licensees or denying or restricting licenses for applicants because of crimes or discipline in other

states related to certain gender-affirming care or reproductive health care services if the same conduct is not illegal in Massachusetts.

## **Monitoring Interview**

- David Reinke, 20150810PY003-IT-ENF, 16th Quarterly Monitoring Report
  - Interview with David Reinke and Supervisor Ethan Pollack: Dr. Reinke, Dr. Pollack, and Dr. Reinke's attorney Jennifer Yelen appeared to discuss Dr. Pollack's latest report and the termination of Dr. Reinke's probation. Dr. Pollack explained that he has met with Dr. Reinke 95 times during Dr. Reinke's probation, and Dr. Reinke has complied with the Board's requirements and recommendations. In Dr. Pollack's opinion, Dr. Reinke has become a better psychologist.

Dr. Reinke stated that he "ate up" Dr. Pollack's supervision and now is aware of his problem areas. Now that Dr. Pollack is retiring, Dr. Reinke would like to find a new supervisor.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Glover, to terminate Dr. Reinke's probation. The motion passed unanimously, with Dr. Edwards George abstaining.

## **Correspondence**

• **8.16.22 Email from B. Darnell re: Duration of Supervised Experience:** The Board reviewed Dr. Darnell's email asking whether the requirement in 251 CMR 3.04(2) that a supervised experience be four months means four *consecutive* months. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to respond that the regulation does mean four consecutive months.

The Board directed Mr. Bialas to place the approval of a change to 251 CMR 3.04(2) to clarify that it means four consecutive months, and to allow for possible exceptions, on the next agenda.

• **9.1.22 Letter from J. Greiner-Ferris and M. Khalsa re: Y-CBT:** The Board reviewed a letter from Ms. Greiner-Ferris and Dr. Khalsa asking whether Yoga-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy ("Y-CBT"), as described in the letter, is within the scope of practice of a psychologist.

Dr. Jones left the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

The Board heard from Ms. Greiner-Ferris and Dr. Khalsa, and their attorney Hannah Konowitz, regarding the issue. After discussion, the Board stated that it does not offer an opinion on whether Y-CBT is within the scope of practice of a psychologist.

### **Application Review**

• **Daniel Gensler:** The Board reviewed Dr. Gensler's application, including his latest email explaining that he is unable to obtain documentation regarding his pre-licensure training experience from the New York State Board.

After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to request from Dr. Gensler either a formal verification of the number of supervised experience hours he had to obtain to be licensed in New York at the time he was licensed, or a copy of the licensing regulations in effect in New York at the time he was licensed.

The Board directed Mr. Bialas to place the approval of changes to 251 CMR 3.09: Reciprocity on the next agenda.

Dr. Glover left the meeting at approximately 10:00 a.m.

#### **Monitoring Reports**

• Lisa Cohen, 2019-001365-IT-ENF, Letter re: Supervision: The Board reviewed a letter from Dr. Cohen's attorney describing Dr. Cohen's difficulty finding an appropriate supervisor for her probation and asking the Board to accept the already completed supervision by her workplace supervisor instead. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Dr. Hudgins, to not accept Dr. Cohen's work supervision or supervisor for Dr. Cohen's consent agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board further directed Mr. Bialas to explain to Dr. Cohen's attorney that her license remains on probation until Dr. Cohen can fulfill the terms of her agreement, including proposing a suitable supervisor.

Ms. Hentoff left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

• **Ricky Greenwald, 2017-000912-IT-ENF, 10th Quarterly Monitoring Report:** The Board reviewed Dr. Greenwald's report. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Dr. Anderson, to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.

**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, and under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1), individual character rather than competence)

At 10:28 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Hudgins, 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, and under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1), individual character rather than competence; and (3) at the conclusion of the executive session, not return to the public meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Dr. Glover and Ms. Hentoff returned at 10:28 a.m.

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

The Board exited executive session and entered into investigative conference at 12:37 p.m.

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

#### **Case Updates**

2022-000149-IT-ENF (MT):	Board Counsel provided update
Cases	
2022-000602-IT-ENF (TB):	Refer to Office of Prosecutions
2022-000596-IT-ENF (JH):	Dismiss
2022-000595-IT-ENF (EL):	Dismiss
2022-000495-IT-ENF (DN):	Dr. Edwards George recused herself from consideration of the case. Review case next month when a quorum is available.
2022-000486-IT-ENF (CL):	Dismiss with advisory letter; open complaint for CE violation if warranted after further investigation.
2022-000208-IT-ENF (CB):	Dismiss with advisory letter; open complaint

2022-000015-IT-ENF (BE):

#### Adjournment

At 1:37 p.m., a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Marshall, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on October 14, 2022.

Brian P. Bielos

Brian Bialas, Executive Director

for CE violation.

Dismiss

### List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of September 9, 2022 Meeting
- Public Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2022
- Executive Session Minutes of July 8, 2022
- Executive Order Protecting Reproductive Health Care Services in the Commonwealth
- David Reinke, 20150810PY003-IT-ENF, 16th Quarterly Monitoring Report
- 8.16.22 Email from B. Darnell re: Duration of Supervised Experience
- 9.1.22 Letter from J. Greiner-Ferris and M. Khalsa re: Y-CBT, with attachment
- Application of Daniel Gensler
- Lisa Cohen, 2019-001365-IT-ENF, Letter re: Supervision, with exhibits
- Ricky Greenwald, 2017-000912-IT-ENF, 10th Quarterly Monitoring Report