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BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Public Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2023

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.
Michael O'Halloran

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

All Board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

At 9:07 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, and Michael O'Halloran were in attendance.
- **Public Meeting Minutes of November 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 November 10, 2023. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, with Dr. Edwards George abstaining.
- **Executive Session Minutes of November 10, 2023:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Brown, seconded by Mr. O'Halloran, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of November 10, 2023. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, with Dr. Edwards George abstaining.

Application Review – Education

- **Hana Choi:** The Board reviewed Ms. Choi’s foreign education report. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to ask Ms. Choi whether she has the equivalent of a doctorate, and, if she does, request she provide the Board with a complete statement of her courses and when she completed each course matched to the course content areas listed in the regulations.

Application Review – Education and Experience

- **Irena Tsapelas:** The Board reviewed Dr. Tsapelas’s education and experience documentation. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to ask Dr. Tsapelas to provide documentation of the experience hours she is submitting in lieu of a formal pre-doctoral internship on the Board’s post-doctoral experience forms.

Monitoring

- **David Nowell, 2022-000495-IT-ENF, Submission of Continuing Education:** The Board reviewed Dr. Nowell’s submission of completed continuing education courses. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Brown, to accept the continuing education courses Dr. Nowell completed. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Dr. Edwards George recused herself from the consideration of, and vote on, Dr. Nowell’s submission.

Quasi-Judicial Session (closed under G.L. c. 30A, § 18, to make decisions required in an adjudicatory proceeding)

At 9:45 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. O’Halloran, seconded by Dr. Anderson, to exit the public meeting and enter into quasi-judicial session under G.L. c. 30A, § 18 to review draft final decisions and orders. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered quasi-judicial session at 9:45 a.m.

During the quasi-judicial session, the Board took the following actions:

Final Decisions and Orders

2022-000602-IT-ENF (TB):

Determined sanction for final decision and order

2022-000149-IT-ENF (MT):

Determined sanction for final decision and order

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

At 10:13 a.m., a motion was made by Mr. O’Halloran, seconded by Dr. Brown, to exit quasi-judicial session and enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to conduct a case interview and review new cases. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered investigative conference at 10:13 a.m.

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

Case Interview

FPSY-2023-0002 (HR): Reschedule interview of respondent to next meeting

Cases

CASE-2023-0010 (RG): Refer to the Office of Prosecutions

Dr. Anderson recused herself from the consideration of, and vote on, the case listed above.

FPSY-2023-0001 (MF): Dismiss. Open complaint for CE violation.

Dr. Hudgins recused himself from the consideration of, and vote on, the case listed above.

PSY-2023-0020 (MF): Refer to the Office of Prosecutions

Dr. Hudgins recused himself from the consideration of, and vote on, the case listed above.

INV7042 (CN): Interview respondent
INV8219 (CN): Interview respondent
INV7747 (CL): Dismiss
PSY-2023-0012 (RM): Dismiss

Adjournment

At 12:33 p.m., a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. O’Halloran, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

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



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of December 8, 2023 Meeting
- Public Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2023
- Executive Session Minutes of November 10, 2023
- Documents from Application of Hana Choi
- Documents from Application of Irena Tsapelas
- David Nowell, 2022-000495-IT-ENF, Submission of Continuing Education