

BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Public Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2020

Board Members Present: Robert Carey, Jr., Ph.D., Chair
Marshaun Glover, Ph.D., Vice Chair
William Hudgins, Ph.D., Secretary
Vicky Anderson, Psy.D.
Tammy Jones, Psy.D.

Staff Present: Brian Bialas, Executive Director
Kristina Gasson, Board Counsel

Pursuant to Governor Charles D. Baker's Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, s. 20, dated March 12, 2020, all board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

At 9:09 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Dr. Carey.

Board Business

- **Public Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2020 and Executive Session Minutes of August 14, 2020:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Glover, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2020 and Executive Session Minutes of August 14, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

- **Valor Act and Reciprocity:** The Board discussed Dr. Alicia Ottati's Valor Act question, specifically whether she is eligible for licensure in Massachusetts under the Valor Act if she did not complete the required supervised post-doctoral experience before receiving her license in Virginia. The Board directed staff to invite Dr. Ottati to the next meeting to discuss her qualifications with the Board and to ask for her resume.

Correspondence

- **9.28.20 Email from D. Helfand re: Neurotherapy for Psychologists:** The Board considered Dr. Helfand's letter, which asks whether specific types of neurotherapy fall within the scope of practice of a psychologist. After a brief discussion, the Board directed staff to respond to Dr. Helfand in the same manner as in the Board's previous letter to Dr. Rosenthal on a similar topic.
- **9.29.20 Email from J. Lexington re: Supervision and Teletherapy:** The Board discussed Dr. Lexington's email, which asks whether teletherapy sessions may count toward the supervised experience requirement even if the patient, trainee, and supervisor

are not all in Massachusetts. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Glover, seconded by Dr. Jones, to revise the “Emergency Policy on Supervision and Teletherapy” to eliminate the requirement that the patient, trainee, and supervisor must all be in Massachusetts, and to add language requiring trainees and supervisors to comply with other states’ statutes and regulations, if applicable. The motion passed unanimously.

- **10.5.20 Email from ASPPB re: EPPP Examination and COVID-19:** Read and reviewed.

Monitoring Reports

- **David Reinke, 20150810PY003-IT-ENF, 8th and 9th Quarterly Monitoring Reports:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Carey, to accept both reports. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Bambi Rattner, 2018-000496-IT-ENF, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Quarterly Monitoring Reports:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Anderson, to accept all four reports and to invite Dr. Rattner and Dr. Bluestone to the next meeting to discuss Dr. Rattner’s petition to terminate probation. The motion passed unanimously.

Qualifications Review

- **Jonathan Greenberg:** The Board discussed qualification materials of Dr. Greenberg, a foreign doctoral graduate, and determined that he must take a course in Social Bases of Behavior and show that he has completed a qualifying internship before he can qualify for licensure.

Quasi-Judicial Session (closed under G.L. c. 30A, s. 18)

At 10:29 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Jones, to exit the public meeting and enter into a closed quasi-judicial session under G.L. c. 30A, s. 18 to review a final decision and order. The motion passed unanimously.

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

2019-001111-IT-ENF (SW): Determined sanction for final decision and order

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

At 10:49 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Hudgins, to exit quasi-judicial session and enter into closed investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, s. 65C to review a settlement offer and new cases. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Settlement

2019-000343-IT-ENF (EM):

Gave direction to prosecutor

Cases

2020-000674-IT-ENF (MG):

Dismiss, open CE complaint

2020-001037-IT-ENF (GL):

Refer to Office of
Prosecutions

2020-001062-IT-ENF (DD):

Refer to Office of
Prosecutions

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on November 13, 2020.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of October 9, 2020 Meeting
- Public Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2020
- Executive Session Minutes of August 14, 2020
- 8.29.20 Email from A. Ottati re: Valor Act and other documents regarding licensure under the Valor Act
- 9.28.20 Email from D. Helfand re: Neurotherapy for Psychologists, 3.20.19 Letter from S. Rosenthal re: Biofeedback, Neurofeedback, and Stimulation, and 5.24.19 Letter from S. York regarding Psychologist Scope of Practice
- 9.29.20 Email from J. Lexington re: Supervision and Teletherapy, and Emergency Policy on Supervision and Teletherapy
- 10.5.20 Email from ASPPB re: EPPP Examination and COVID-19
- David Reinke, 20150810PY003-IT-ENF, 8th and 9th Quarterly Monitoring Reports
- Bambi Rattner, 2018-000496-IT-ENF, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Quarterly Monitoring Reports
- Qualifications Materials from Jonathan Greenberg