

# BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

## Public Meeting Minutes of November 13, 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. (left meeting at 12:28 p.m.)  
Tammy Jones, Psy.D.  
John Marshall, D.C.

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

### **Qualifications Interview**

- **Alicia Ottati, Active Duty Military Licensee in Virginia:** Dr. Ottati, a Virginia licensee, appeared to discuss whether her post-doctoral training in the military can be used under the Valor Act as a substitute for the pre-doctoral internship required for licensure in Massachusetts.

After a discussion with Dr. Ottati regarding her training and qualifications, a motion was made by Dr. Glover, seconded by Dr. Jones, to allow Dr. Ottati to substitute post-doctoral hours for the required pre-doctoral internship hours under the Valor Act when she applies for licensure. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Monitoring Interview**

- **Bambi Rattner, 2018-000496-IT-ENF, Petition to Terminate Probation**
  - **Interview of Bambi Rattner and Supervisor Hanya Bluestone:** Dr. Rattner and Dr. Bluestone appeared to discuss Dr. Rattner's Petition to Terminate Probation. Dr. Rattner stated that she wants to do intensive trauma treatment on her own and has plans for peer consultation. Dr. Bluestone noted that Dr. Rattner has grown as a clinician during her probation period and now is more independent and willing to seek help and consultation when needed.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Hudgins, seconded by Dr. Anderson, to accept Dr. Rattner's Petition to Terminate Probation. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Board Business**

- **Public Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2020:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Glover, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Discussion**

- **Online Application:** Mr. Bialas updated the Board on changes to the application process, including that the Board will be moving to an online-only application. Specifically, all documents except references, transcripts, and license verifications, which will be mailed or emailed from their source, will be uploaded by applicants, no notarization will be required on any documents but the CORI Acknowledgement Form, no waiver will be included on the reference form, and the Academic Program Director Form will no longer be required.

### **Application Review: Discipline in Another Jurisdiction**

- **Jason Merrin:** The Board considered Dr. Merrin's application, including his past discipline in Maine. After discussion, the Board directed staff to invite him to the next meeting for an interview and to ask for clarification of his practicum form.

### **Qualifications Review**

- **Jonathan Greenberg:** The Board again considered Dr. Greenberg's qualifications for licensure as a foreign graduate. After discussion, the Board directed staff to notify Dr. Greenberg that he still needs verification that he completed an internship.

### **Correspondence**

- **11.3.20 Letter from ASPPB re: COVID-19 Application Forms:** Read and reviewed.

### **Monitoring Report**

- **Ricky Greenwald, 2017-000912-IT-ENF, 4th Quarterly Monitoring Report:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Hudgins, seconded by Dr. Jones, to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Session** (closed under G.L. 30A, § 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, s. 7, para. 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, s. 1B – adhering to the public records law and to preserve the confidentiality of medical record information)

At 11:23 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Glover, to exit the public meeting and enter into a closed executive session under G.L. 30A, § 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, s. 7, para. 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, s. 1B – adhering to the public records law and to preserve the confidentiality of medical record information. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board exited executive session at 12:11 p.m.

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

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

**Settlements**

2019-001372-IT-ENF (LM):	Gave direction to prosecutor
2020-000329-IT-ENF (RB):	Gave direction to prosecutor

**Cases**

2020-000622-IT-ENF (MK):	Dismiss
2020-001010-IT-ENF (SM):	Dismiss, open CE complaint

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Glover, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on January 8, 2021.



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Brian Bialas, Executive Director

**List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting**

- Agenda of November 13, 2020 Meeting
- Public Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2020
- 8.29.20 Email from A. Ottati re: Valor Act and other documents regarding licensure under the Valor Act
- Bambi Rattner, 2018-000496-IT-ENF, Petition to Terminate Probation
- Psychologist Application Forms and LMHC Application Forms
- Application of Jason Merrin
- Qualifications Materials from Jonathan Greenberg
- 11.3.20 Letter from ASPPB re: COVID-19 Application Forms
- Ricky Greenwald, 2017-000912-IT-ENF, 4th Quarterly Monitoring Report