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Public Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2021

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

Staff Present: Clinton Dick, General Counsel
Brian Bialas, Executive Director
Doris Lugo, Investigator

All board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

At 9:10 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Dr. Carey.

Board Business

- **Public Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2021:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Dr. Jones, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Executive Session Minutes of June 11, 2021:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Dr. Jones, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of June 11, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Application Review – Hearing on Denial of Application

- **Regan Eric Patrick:**

Mr. Bialas called the hearing to order and announced that the hearing will be recorded by Microsoft Teams. See recording.

Dr. Patrick appeared at the Board's request so that the Board could reconsider the grounds for its decision to license him last month. The Board considered first whether Dr. Patrick's South Carolina psychologist license is the "substantial equivalent" to a Massachusetts license under 251 CMR 3.09(1), and then whether his education and



training meet Massachusetts requirements for certification as a health service provider under 251 CMR 3.06(2).

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Hudgins, to approve Dr. Patrick for licensure as a health service provider because: (1) a South Carolina psychologist license is the “substantial equivalent” to a Massachusetts psychologist license under 251 CMR 3.09(1), and (2) Dr. Patrick’s education and training meet Massachusetts requirements for certification as a health service provider under 251 CMR 3.06(2). The motion passed unanimously.

Application Review Interview – Application for Reinstatement

- **William Lenderking:**

Dr. Lenderking appeared to discuss his application for reinstatement. Dr. Lenderking described his credentials and past work experiences for the Board. He mostly has focused on research. In the early 2000s, he had a small private practice, but about 13 years ago, he let his license expire and closed his practice to focus on research exclusively. More recently, he has volunteered as a leader of a support group for men with cancer. Although he has no immediate plans to reopen his clinical practice, he would like to do that eventually as his research career winds down. The Board encouraged him to seek out supervision and consultation when he begins clinical work again.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Glover, seconded by Dr. Marshall, to approve Dr. Lenderking’s application for reinstatement provided he takes and passes the Jurisprudence Examination. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

- **Review of 251 CMR 3.05(2)(f):** The Board discussed a proposed change to eliminate the requirement that supervisors be in the same physical location as trainees when trainees are providing clinical services. The Board decided to address a regulatory change at a future meeting and to consider extending the Board’s Emergency Policy on Supervision and Teletherapy next month.

Correspondence

- **8.5.21 Letter from K. Bistis of the Department of Mental Health re: Use of Videoconferencing for Forensic Evaluations:** The Board reviewed Dr. Bistis’s letter regarding the use of videoconferencing for court-ordered forensic evaluations. The Board determined that, although in-person evaluations are preferred, criminal evaluations under G.L. c. 123, § 15 may be by videoconference when necessary but strongly suggests that evaluations for the commitment of alcoholics and substance abusers under G.L. c. 123, § 35 be in person. The Board directed Dr. Jones and Dr. Hudgins to work with staff to draft the Board’s response.

Monitoring Report

- **Edward Mendelowitz, 2019-000343-IT-ENF, 1st Quarterly Monitoring Report:** The Board reviewed the report. After a brief discussion, the Board directed staff to invite Dr. Mendelowitz's supervisor to the next meeting for an interview. No action was taken on the report.

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 10:39 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Marshall, seconded by Dr. Jones, 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 (3) at the conclusion of the executive session, not return to the public meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

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

The Board exited executive session and entered into investigative conference at 11:08 a.m.

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

Cases

2020-001602-IT-ENF (MT):	No further action (proceed with Dismissal decision from last month)
2021-000125-IT-ENF (RG):	Dismiss
2021-000158-IT-ENF (EM):	Refer to Office of Prosecutions
2021-000179-IT-ENF (KH):	Invite respondent to a meeting for an interview
2021-000208-IT-ENF (KL):	Dismiss
2021-000435-IT-ENF (HS):	Open formal complaint
2021-000428-IT-ENF (JA):	Dismiss
2021-000332-IT-ENF (AM):	Dismiss with advisory letter
2021-000292-IT-ENF (NM):	Dismiss
2021-000247-IT-ENF (PG):	Refer to Office of Prosecutions
2021-000136-IT-ENF (CF):	Dismiss
2021-000096-IT-ENF (ST):	Invite respondent to a meeting for an interview

Adjournment

At 12:18 p.m., a motion was made by Dr. Jones, seconded by Dr. Marshall, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on September 10, 2021.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of August 13, 2021 Meeting
- Public Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2021
- Executive Session Minutes of June 11, 2021
- Application of Regan Eric Patrick
- Application for Reinstatement of William Lenderking
- Draft Changes to 251 CMR 3.05(2)(f)
- 8.5.21 Letter from K. Bistis of the Department of Mental Health re: Use of Videoconferencing for Forensic Evaluations
- Edward Mendelowitz, 2019-000343-IT-ENF, 1st Quarterly Monitoring Report