

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGISTS



PUBLIC **MINUTES of September 22, 2017**

The September 22, 2017 meeting of the Board of Psychologists convened at 9:15 a.m. with the following members present:

James Halla Psy.D. Board Chair
Roger L. Peterson, Ph.D.
Catherine E. Shanellaris, Esq.
Susan G. Vonderheide, Ph.D.
Steven Atkins Psy.D.
Deborah Warner Ph.D.

Absent: Anna L. Elbroch, Esq.

Public Guests: Ms. Shepard and James and Sarah Jo Craig

The Board voted to approve the minutes of August 4, 2017 on a motion from Susan Vonderhiede and seconded by Steven Atkins; abstain Deborah Warner.

QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE

1. Applications for licensure

The following application for licensure were approved on a motion by Roger Peterson and seconded by Catherine Shanellaris:

- James Craig
- Sarah Jo Craig
- Mackenzie Brown

Susan Hess
Steven Atkins

The board reviewed the application for licensure of Ms. Hess and voted on a motion by Roger Peterson and seconded by Catherine Shanellaris to deny Ms. Hess a license based on not meeting the requirements of Psyc. 302.01 and Psyc. 303.05 (c).

Lisa Talerico

The board reviewed the application for licensure of Ms. Talerico and voted on a motion by Roger Peterson and seconded by Catherine Shanellaris to not approve her application at this time due to missing documentation of her post doctoral clinical experience evidence from California.

Eden Brown

The board reviewed the application for licensure of Ms. Brown and voted on a motion by Roger Peterson and seconded by Catherine Shanellaris to not approve her application at this time. The board requests that Ms. Brown resubmit ethical essay question (5) using a different ethical dilemma and in accordance with Psyc. 303.05 (3) (c).

2. Reinstatement Application

The board approved the reinstatement application of Juliette Bermingham on a motion by Sue Vonderheide and seconded by Steven Atkins. Additionally due to the changes in expiration dates during the 2017 renewal period the board voted to change her effective date to July 1, 2017.

3. Applications to take the National Examination

The following applications for national examination were approved on a motion by Roger Peterson and seconded by Catherine Shanellaris:

- Bryan Vogel
- Evan Bick

Zachary Delcambre
Recused: James Halla

The board reviewed the application for national examination of Mr. Delcambre and voted on a motion by Roger Peterson and seconded by Catherine Shanellaris to not grant a license at this time. The board requests that Mr. Delcambre re-write all essay questions to further demonstrate a greater level of critical thinking of the application of ethical codes per Psyc. 303.05.

4. Orders

No Pending orders at this time.

5. Continuing Education Audits

The board approved additional information of continuing education audit information of Karen Pearson and will send a letter of passing audit outcome on a motion by Catherine Shanellaris and seconded by Steven Atkins.

Caroline Lee

The board reviewed the continuing education audit of Caroline Lee and voted to send a letter requesting documents supporting 6.0 hours of continuing education credits in accordance with Psyc. 402.02 (a).

6. Temporary License Requests- 30 Day

No Pending applications at this time.

WAIVERS

No Pending waivers at this time.

HEARINGS

Wai Sze Chan

On September 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. the board conducted a hearing with Ms. Chan to discuss her responses to the ethical questions within her application. After Ms. Chan's presentation the board voted to grant Ms. Chan a license as a Psychologist on a motion by Deborah Warner and seconded by Steven Atkins.

Joseph Tzrasko

On September 22, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. the board voted to deny Mr. Tzrasko a licensure based on not meeting the requirements of Psyc; 303.05 (a) (3) in relation to essay responses. Additionally the board is denying a license for failure to appear before the board for requested hearing; on a motion by Steven Atkins and seconded by Catherine Shanellaris.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Criminal Background Requirement

The board discussed the new criminal background requirement specified in HB 650 that now mandates that every initial licensee and reinstatement application include a federal criminal background. The board discussed implementation including adding such information to the FAQ and application sections of the OPLC website. Additionally the board will be drafting a cover letter to be included with applications until which time such provisions can be added to the Psy rule and law.

QUESTIONS

1. Meredith Barber

The board reviewed questions from Meredith Barber concerning applying for temporary licensure ahead of her job opportunity in the state of New Hampshire in the summer of 2018. The board will send a letter to Ms. Barber stating that she can only apply for temporary licensure within ninety days of appointment in the state.

2. Abimbola Afolayan

The board reviewed questions from Abimbola Afolayan who has failed the EPPP twice, the NH requirement states that she is to take coursework before requesting to sit for the exam. Additionally Ms. Afolayan requested if the board would take into consideration special accommodations that Ms. Afolayan did not disclose prior to taking the exam. The board will send a letter stating that she will need to complete ASPPB/EPPP exam prep coursework and submit completion of such classes to the board prior to being granted the ability to sit for the exam.

3. Michael Schneider

The board reviewed questions from Michael Schneider requesting guidance as to if he should keep an active New Hampshire license if taking a position in Colorado working for disability services conducting evaluations of possible services of individuals around the country including NH. The board will send a letter stating that it is the recommendation of the board to keep an active licensure in the state to allow for any clinical service possibilities.

ADJOURN: on motion by Steven Atkins and seconded by Catherine Shanelaris, the motion to adjourn at 2:30 P.M. carried in the affirmative.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hackett, Program Assistant II.

James Halla, Ph.D., Chair

at meeting

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Motion to commence non-public session:

Upon the motion of Susan Vonderheide with a second by Steven Atkins, the Board voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A: 3, II (c), RSA 91-A: 3, II (e), RSA 91-A: 5, IV, *Lodge v. Knowlton*, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

[Minutes kept separately]

Motion to keep minutes of non-public session confidential:

Upon the motion of Roger Peterson to adjourn with a second by Susan Vonderheide, the Board voted to withhold and seal the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a board member and to render the proposed action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.