

## **BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGISTS**



### **PUBLIC** **MINUTES of October 6, 2017**

The October 6, 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.  
Deborah Warner Ph.D.  
Anna L. Elbroch, Esq.

Absent: Steven Atkins Psy.D.

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The Board voted to approve the minutes of October 6, 2017 on a motion from Catherine Shanellaris and seconded by Roger Peterson.

### **QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE**

#### 1. Applications for licensure

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

- Carol Kilgour
- Eden Brown
- Lisa Talerico

Andrea Muschett

The board reviewed the application for licensure of Dr. Muschett and voted on a motion by Deborah Warner seconded by Roger Peterson to not grant a license at this time. The board requests Dr. Muschett re-write all essay questions to further demonstrate a greater level of critical thinking of the application of ethical codes per Psyc. 303.05, including specific, real examples of ethical dilemmas.

Lou 'uan Gallop-Brown

The board reviewed the application for licensure of Dr. Gallop-Brown and voted on a motion by Deborah Warner seconded by Roger Peterson to not grant a license at this time. The board requests Dr. Gallop-Brown re-write her essays to further demonstrate a greater level of critical thinking of the application of ethical codes, including pros and cons of possible courses of action of the ethical dilemmas presented and are of adequate length per the boards 300 word minimum per response.

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).

*Board voted on a motion by Deborah Warner and seconded by Catherine Shanellaris to move into nonpublic session at 9:45 a.m.*

*Board voted on a motion by Anna Elbroch and seconded by Catherine Shanellaris to move into public session at 11:00 a.m.*

2. Reinstatement Application

*No reinstatement applications at this time.*

3. Applications to take the National Examination

*No applications to take the national exam at this time.*

4. Orders

*No orders at this time.*

5. Continuing Education Audits

*No continuing education audits at this time.*

6. Temporary License Requests- 30 Day

*No temporary license requests at this time.*

**WAIVERS**

*No waivers at this time.*

**HEARINGS**

Joseph Trzasko

On October 6, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Trzasko appeared before the board to discuss his application submission. After consideration the board granted Dr. Trzasko a NH licensure on a vote by Anna Elbroch and seconded by Susan Vonderheide, opposed by Roger Peterson.

*Board voted on a motion by Deborah Warner and seconded by Catherine Shanellaris to move into nonpublic session at 11:45 a.m.*

*Board voted on a motion by Deborah Warner and seconded by Anna Elbroch to move into public session at 12:00 p.m.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. NHPA

Board discussed recent complaints communicated to the New Hampshire Psychological Association. In order to properly address such concerns the board will request that Steven Atkins/NHPA Advisory Committee Member, to reach out to the organization for further details.

2. Criminal Records

Board reviewed supplemental letters concerning recent HB 650, as of July 1, 2017 requires all NH Psychologist applying for either initial licensure or reinstatement must submit a federal criminal background check. Until the rule can be changed on application forms the following cover letter has been added to such applications.

*First, the New Hampshire legislature recently passed a statute affecting all those who are submitting licensing applications to the New Hampshire Board of Psychologists after July 1, 2017. HB 650, signed into law on July 5, 2017, states, in relevant part:*

*I. Every applicant for initial permanent licensure or reinstatement shall submit to the board a notarized criminal history record release form, as provided by the New Hampshire division of state police, which authorizes the release of his or her criminal history record, if any, to the board.*

*II. The applicant shall submit with the release form a complete set of fingerprints taken by a qualified law enforcement agency or an authorized employee of the department of safety. In the event that the first set of fingerprints is invalid due to insufficient pattern, a second set of fingerprints shall be necessary in order to complete the criminal history records check. If, after 2 attempts, a set of fingerprints is invalid due to insufficient pattern, the board may, in lieu of the criminal history records check, accept police clearances from every city, town, or county where the person has lived during the past 5 years.*

### **QUESTIONS**

*No questions at this time*

ADJOURN: on motion by James Halla and seconded by Catherine Shanellaris, the motion to adjourn at 1:45 P.M. carried in the affirmative.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hackett, Program Specialist II.

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James Halla, Ph.D., Chair

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**at meeting**

**10/06/17**

Motion to commence non-public session:

Upon the motion of Anna Elbroch with a second by Catherine Shanalaris, 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 James Halla to adjourn with a second by Catherine Shanalaris, 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.