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**Board of Examiners of Psychologists
Public Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 6, 2024**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joseph Schenkel, Ph.D., Board Chair
Jayne Boulos, Psy.D., Vice Chair
Laura Kavesh, Ph.D., Complaint Officer
Mary Melquist, Ph.D., Continuing Education Officer
Debra Bunce, Ph.D.

STAFF PRESENT

Elizabeth Stivers, Assistant Attorney General
Kristina Halvorsen, Board Administrator
George Morgan, Board Investigator
Jessica Cirello, Professional Licensing Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Joseph Schenkel, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the minutes of November 7, 2023.

A motion was made by Mary Melquist and seconded by Jayne Boulos to approve the minutes with the following change: under the "Psychological Examiners – DSM V Diagnoses" section, it should state "psychological examiners" instead of "psychologists."

Vote: 5 in favor.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2023-PSY-19515

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Jayne Boulos to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules.

Vote: 3 in favor, 1 abstained: Laura Kavesh, 1: recused: Mary Melquist.

OFFICES LOCATED AT: 76 NORTHERN AVENUE, GARDINER, MAINE

Mary Melquist left the meeting 9:11 a.m.-9:13 a.m.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Board Administrator, Kristina Halvorsen, discussed Board staff will be working on getting this Board's applications online and will be updating the Board's website pages. OPOR is moving towards being paperless and having all applications online. The application and website updates will hopefully be completed by June and if not, by the end of the year at the latest.

Legislation is back in session and there are discussions about Maine joining licensure compacts for all the mental health Boards.

Kristina would like this Board to work on rulemaking this year. Board staff will follow up on scheduling these rulemaking discussion meetings. These meetings would just be discussions and there won't be any voting. Kristina's goal is to complete rulemaking by the end of this year.

Board members requested to reschedule the September 2024 meeting to the following week instead of the day after Labor Day. Board staff will follow up about scheduling.

Board members checked in about the letter to the Governor about getting more Board members and reviewing current applications to join the Board. Board Chair, Joseph Schenkel will complete this letter.

Kristina discussed recent Board staff turnover and the active recruitment activities. This has impacted the amount of time it takes to review applications and respond to emails and phone calls about pending applications.

Kristina will look into whether or not psychological examiners can diagnose based on current laws and rules and bring this information to the Board.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mary Melquist and seconded by Jayne Boulos to adjourn the board meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Vote: 5 in favor.