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BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS  
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**Board of Examiners of Psychologists  
Public Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Joseph Schenkel, Ph.D., Board Chair  
Jayne Boulos, Psy.D., Vice Chair  
Laura Kavesh, Ph.D., Complaint Officer  
Debra Bunce, Ph.D.  
Mary Melquist, Ph.D., Continuing Education Officer (arrived at 9:04 a.m.)

**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.

**Mary Melquist arrived at 9:04 a.m.**

**MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Review and approval of the February 6, 2024 minutes.

A motion was made by Laura Kavesh and seconded by Jayne Boulos to approve the minutes as written.

**Vote: 5 in favor.**

**COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS**

2023-PSY-19617

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

**Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained: Laura Kavesh.**

2023-PSY-19674

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

**Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained: Laura Kavesh.**

2024-PSY-19820

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Jayne Boulos to table this complaint and direct Board staff to obtain more information on the reported concerns and whether or not the licensee is still practicing at this time.

**Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained: Laura Kavesh.**

### **COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS**

2021-PSY-17668 and 2022-PSY-18253 Quarterly Report Review

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Jayne Boulos to accept the reports as submitted.

**Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained: Laura Kavesh.**

2021-PSY-17675; 17737 Quarterly Report Review

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Mary Melquist to accept the reports as submitted.

**Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained: Laura Kavesh.**

### **DELEGATION ORDER REVIEW**

Continuing Education Noncompliance

This was tabled for the Board's next regular meeting. Board Administrator, Kristina Halvorsen, discussed continuing education noncompliance delegation orders and the continuing education audit process with Board members. Kristina will forward a draft of this delegation order to Board members for review prior to the next meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Kristina discussed the rulemaking process. Rulemaking will be added to the next agenda and Kristina will forward a draft of the Board's current rules, with comments, to Board members prior to the next meeting. Kristina will also forward a copy of PSYPACT's requirements to review and compare during the rulemaking process.

Board members asked about the current Board vacancy. Commissioner Head met with the Governor's office recently to discuss Board vacancies. The Governor's office will be working on vacancies for Boards who don't currently have any Board members first.

Board members asked about whether or not Psychological Examiners can diagnose. Kristina and Assistant Attorney General, Elizabeth Stivers, discussed the Board's current scope of practice law. Kristina and Elizabeth will complete a legislation history on the scope of practice law, research this question further and forward the results to Board members.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Jayne Boulos and seconded by Debra Bunce to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

**Vote: 5 in favor.**