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**Board of Examiners of Psychologists  
Public Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 6, 2025**

**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.  
Rachel Orr, PsyD.

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**STAFF PRESENT**

Elizabeth Stivers, Assistant Attorney General  
Michael Tarr, Comprehensive Health Planner II  
George Morgan, Board Investigator  
Cecile Sirois, Professional Licensing Supervisor  
Katy Getchell, Office Specialist I

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair, Joseph Schenkel, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Review and approval of the February 4, 2025 minutes.

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Mary Melquist to approve the minutes as written.

**Vote: 4 in favor, 2 abstained Jayne Boulos, Rachel Orr.**

**COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS**

2024-PSY-20094

A motion was made by Jayne Boulos and seconded by Debra Bunce to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Board Laws and Rules.

**Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstained: Laura Kavesh.**

2024-PSY-20180

A motion was made by Rachel Orr and seconded by Jayne Boulos to find a violation of 9.01 A and B, and 9.06 of the American Psychological Association's Code of Conduct Code of Ethics.

**Vote: 4 in favor, 2 abstained: Laura Kavesh, Joseph Schenkel.**

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Mary Melquist to set these matters for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement, in lieu of a hearing, citing American Psychological Association's Code of Conduct 9.01A, (bases of assessment), 9.01B (supporting conclusions) and 9.06 (interpreting results): a warning; probation that will include completion of at least 6 Board-approved continuing education hours, in addition to the regular continuing education requirement, that are focused on bases of assessment, and interpreting results. The continuing education courses submitted are approved by the board.

**Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstained: Laura Kavesh.**

2024-PSY-20296

A motion was made by Mary Melquist and seconded by Jayne Boulos to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules and to issue a letter of guidance, recommending licensee learn more about MPE results and personality tests, which will stay in the licensee's file for 1 year.

**Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstained: Laura Kavesh.**

2024-PSY-20434

A motion was made by Mary Melquist and seconded by Debra Bunce to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Board Laws and Rules.

**Vote: 5 in favor, 1 recused: Laura Kavesh.**

2024-PSY-20473 and 2024-PSY-20474

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

letter of guidance, recommending licensee review the Laws, Rules and Ethics Code on boundaries, self-disclosure, and review of research related to ethics and client census on evaluations and forensic. The Letter will stay in the licensee's file for 2 years.

**Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstained: Laura Kavesh.**

2024-PSY-20475

A motion was made by Rachel Orr and seconded by Jayne Boulos to set these matters for an adjudicatory hearing and offer a consent agreement, in lieu of a hearing, citing American Psychological Association's Code of Conduct 3.04A, with: a warning; completion of at least 6 Board-approved continuing education hours in boundaries, trauma, and self-disclosure, in addition to the regular continuing education requirement.

**Vote: 2 in favor, 1 abstained: Laura Kavesh, 3 opposed: Mary Melquist, Debra Bunce, and Joseph Schenkel.**

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 and to issue a letter of guidance, citing American Psychological Association's Code of Conduct 3.04A of recommending licensee review the Laws, Rules and Ethics Code on, self-disclosure and the potential for harm. The Letter will stay in the licensee's file for 5 years.

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

2024-PSY-20496

A motion was made by Jayne Boulos and seconded by Joseph Schenkel to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Board Laws and Rules.

**Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstained: Laura Kavesh.**

### **COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS**

2000-PSY-167 Request for Reconsideration

Tabled. Was discussed at prior meeting.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Board Chair, Vice Chair, Compliant Officer, Continuing Education Officer.

A motion was made by Mary Melquist and seconded by Debra Bunce to keep all positions as they currently are with Joseph Schenkel as Board Chair, Jayne Boulos as

Vice Chair, Laura Kavesh as Complaint Officer, and Mary Melquist as Continuing Education Officer.

**Vote: 6 in favor.**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Michael Tarr, Comprehensive Health Planner II discussed licensee numbers and dashboard information with the Board.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Richard Staples said that he found the meeting interesting and informative.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Jayne Boulos and seconded by Mary Melquist to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

**Vote: 6 in favor.**