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Board of Examiners of Psychologists
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Commissioner

Minutes
Maine Board of Examiners of Psychologists
May 2, 2023 Board Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joseph Schenkel, Ph.D., Board Chair
Laura Kavesh, Ph.D., Complaint Officer
Jayne Boulos, Psy.D.
Debra Bunce, Ph.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Melquist, Ph.D., Continuing Education Officer

STAFF PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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

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

Vote: 4 in favor

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2022-PSY-18796

A motion was made by Jayne Boulos and seconded by Debra Bunce to set the matter for hearing and offer a consent agreement in lieu of a hearing, to include; a warning, to find the licensee in violation of 9.03A, 9.10, and 3.04A of the American Psychological Association Code of Ethics, and impose a \$500.00 civil penalty to be paid within 30

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days of signature of the Consent Agreement, 6 additional continuing education credits on ethics and testing. The additional continuing education cannot be counted towards the required continuing education for renewal.

Vote: 3 in favor (1 abstained – Laura Kavesh)

2023-PSY-18836

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

Vote: 3 in favor (1 abstained – Laura Kavesh)

2023-PSY-18889

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

Vote: 3 in favor (1 abstained – Laura Kavesh)

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kristina Halvorsen stated that legislation is in session, and that she will inform the board of anything pertaining to the Psychology Board. Kristina provided the number of licensees. Future rulemaking was discussed. CLEAR training was discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Lemman stated his concerns about licensed psychologists counseling individuals on the topic of abortions due to the recent changes which may differ per region.

REMOTE PARTICIPATION POLICY

Public Comment

Ken Lemman stated that he hopes that future board meetings be available through an online platform so that people have better access to them.

A motion was made by Jayne Boulos and seconded by Debra Bunce to adopt the new remote participation policy.

Vote: 4 in favor

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Jayne Boulos to adjourn the board meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Vote: 4 in favor