

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION **Board of Examiners of Psychologists** 35 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0035

Janet T. Mills Governor Anne L. Head Commissioner

Minutes Maine Board of Examiners of Psychologists May 3, 2022 Board Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Elizabeth Stivers, Assistant Attorney General Kristina Halvorsen, Board Administrator George Morgan, Board Investigator Cecile Sirois, Professional Licensing Supervisor Michael Tarr, Office Specialist II Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Joseph Schenkel called the meeting to order at 8:59.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the minutes of February 1, 2022.

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

Vote: 5 in favor

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2021-PSY-17668

A motion was made by Jayne Boulos to find the licensee in violation of 9.01 (A)(B) and 9.09 (C), and 9.10 of the Code of Ethics, and to offer a Consent Agreement. The motion was withdrawn by Jayne Boulos.

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Jayne Boulos to find the licensee in violation of 9.01 (A)(B) and 9.09 (C) of the Code of Ethics, and to dismiss 9.10 of the Code of Ethics.

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Vote: 4 in favor (1 abstained – Laura Kavesh)

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Jayne Boulos to offer a Consent Agreement to include; a \$750.00 civil penalty to be paid within 6 months, a probation period of 2 years, 12 additional continued education credits on ethics, report writing, patient communication, and assessment of autism in adults; the additional continued education credits are to be completed within 2 years and cannot be counted towards the required continued education for renewal.

Vote: 4 in favor (1 abstained – Laura Kavesh)

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Jayne Boulos to provide a letter of guidance referencing 9.10 of the Code of Ethics, Explaining Assessment Results. The letter of guidance will stay in the file for 3 years.

Vote: 4 in favor (1 abstained – Laura Kavesh)

COMPLAINT ITEMS

2021-PSY-17824

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

Vote: 3 in favor (1 abstained – Laura Kavesh, 1 recused – Jayne Boulos)

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kristina Halvorsen stated that at the next meeting in September there will be a need for board review and discussion of the rules to address telehealth and endorsement so that it includes the current changes to statutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Jayne Boulos and seconded by Debra Bunce to adjourn the board meeting at 11:02 a.m.

Vote: 5 in favor