



Janet T. Mills  
Governor

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

Anne L. Head  
Commissioner

**Minutes**  
**Maine Board of Examiners of Psychologists**  
**November 1, 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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Joseph Schenkel called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

A motion was made by Jayne Boulos and seconded by Mary Melquist to take an agenda item out of order and put the administrator's report after the review of the minutes.

**Vote: 5 in favor**

**MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Review and approval of the minutes of September 6, 2022.

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

**Vote: 5 in favor**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Kristina Halvorsen called on Jayne Boulos to address the board with discussion regarding concerns about psychologists in school settings who receive certification from the board of education but not a license from the psychology board. Kristina will add to the discussion a future agenda.

OFFICES LOCATED AT: 76 NORTHERN AVENUE, GARDINER, MAINE

## **COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS**

2022-PSY-18131

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

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

2022-PSY-18174

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

2022-PSY-18253

A motion was made by Jayne Boulos and seconded by Debra Bunce to find the licensee in violation of 9.01A and 9.02A and B.

A motion was made by Jayne Boulos and seconded by Debra Bunce to withdraw the prior motion and instead find the licensee in violation of 2.04 and 9.01A.

**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 warning, 12 additional continuing education credits on evaluations of adults with autism, the additional continuing education credits are to be completed within one year and cannot be counted towards the required continuing education for renewal, a requirement that the licensee meet with a Board approved supervisor once a month for one year, and should discuss 2 evals at each supervisory meeting preferably on any cases involving autism in adults, the supervisor must submit quarterly reports and a final report.

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

A motion was made by Jayne Boulos and seconded by Debra Bunce to take a break at 10:59 a.m.

**Vote: 5 in favor**

**Joseph Schenkel left the meeting at 10:59 a.m.**

The board returned from break at 11:11 a.m.

2022-PSY-18307

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 and to delegate to board staff to issue the license if all requirements have been met.

**Vote: 2 in favor (1 abstained – Laura Kavesh, 1 recused – Jayne Boulos)**

2022-PSY-18320

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Mary Melquist to dismiss with a letter of guidance referencing 3.05B of the Code of Ethics. The letter of guidance will stay in the file for 5 years.

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

### **COMPLAINT ITEMS**

2021-PSY-17274 Review and discussion of Consent Agreement

A motion was made by Mary Melquist and seconded by Debra Bunce to adjust the consent agreement to include supervision twice a month for at least 60 minutes to discuss 2 cases on testing or if no testing to discuss then discuss cases on psychological evaluations, autism, or transgender; supervision is to be for 6 months.

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

2021-PSY-17274 Continuing Education

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Mary Melquist to amend the consent agreement to include that the board chair can approve continuing education prior to taking the course to ensure that it would meet the qualifications of the consent agreement.

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

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Mary Melquist to accept the one credit of continuing education submitted.

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

2021-PSY-17668 Request to Reconsider Consent Agreement

A motion was made by Mary Melquist and seconded by Dera Bunce to deny the request for modification of the consent agreement.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mary Melquist and seconded by Debra Bunce to adjourn the board meeting at 12:31 p.m.

**Vote: 4 in favor**