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**Board of Examiners of Psychologists**  
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**Board of Examiners of Psychologists  
Public Board Meeting  
Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

**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.

**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 9:03 a.m.

**MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Review and approval of the minutes of September 5, 2023.

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-19083

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Jayne Boulos to dismiss this complaint case, 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 Code of Ethics 3.04 A (avoiding harm), which will stay in the licensee's file for 2 years.

OFFICES LOCATED AT: 76 NORTHERN AVENUE, GARDINER, MAINE

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

2023-PSY-19157

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

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

2023-PSY-19161

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

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

### **COMPLAINT ITEMS**

2021-PSY-17675/2021-PSY-17737 Request for Reconsideration and Continuing Education Approval

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Jayne Boulos to accept the submitted continuing education hours, therefore, determining the licensee has met the additional continuing education hours required in the original Consent Agreement, and to require the licensee to submit a supervisor for Board approval, who will submit quarterly reports detailing how the supervision addresses the concerns in the original Consent Agreement and will review at least 2 of the licensee's evaluation reports per quarterly report.

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

2021-PSY-17668/2022-PSY-18253 Supervisor Approval

A motion was made by Mary Melquist and seconded by Debra Bunce to approve the submitted supervisor.

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

### **PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS – DSM V DIAGNOSES**

Vice Chair, Jayne Boulos, discussed the lack of a clear definition in Board laws and rules as to whether psychological examiners can diagnose. Board Administrator, Kristina Halvorsen, will complete a review of the Board's law history and present the results in a future Board meeting.

### **BOARD CONSIDERATION OF DESIGNATION OF QUALIFIED PSYCHOLOGIST**

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A motion was made by Laura Kavesh and seconded by Jayne Boulos to enter executive session pursuant to M.R.S. Title 1 § 405 6E (Board consultation with their attorney).

**Vote: 5 in favor.**

Executive session: 11:16 a.m. – 11:53 a.m.

A motion was made by Joseph Schenkel and seconded by Jayne Boulos to elect Laura Kavesh as the qualified psychologist to receive and review raw testing data.

**Vote: 5 in favor.**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Board Administrator, Kristina Halvorsen, discussed recent Board staff turnover, current Board staff shortages and Kristina's active recruitment activities. Board staff have continued to review and/or issue new applications for this Board within 2 weeks from submission.

Kristina discussed future Board discussions on rulemaking and EPPP approvals.

Kristina also shared the new Maine law that allows Board meeting attendees to record Board meetings virtually through the Zoom platform.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Jayne Boulos and seconded by Mary Melquist to adjourn the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

**Vote: 5 in favor.**