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Commissioner

Minutes
Maine Board of Examiners of Psychologists
September 5, 2023 Board Meeting

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
Cecile Sirois, Professional Licensing Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Joseph Schenkel called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the minutes of May 2, 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

2022-PSY-18438

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A motion was made by Jayne Boulos and seconded by Debra Bunce to refer the matter to the Attorney General's Office due to the individual not being licensed with this board.

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

2023-PSY-18959

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

Vote: 3 in favor (1 abstained - Laura Kavesh, 1 recused – Joseph Schenkel)

2023-PSY-19182

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

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

COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS

2021-PSY-17274 Supervisor Approval

A motion was made by Laura Kavesh and seconded by Debra Bunce to approve the supervisor and request that the supervision for the Consent Agreement Compliance be completed outside of work.

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

2021-PSY-17274 Continuing Education Approval

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Jayne Boulos to approve the one hour of continuing education but to not approve the 11 hours of continuing education submitted for review at this meeting as it does not meet the requirements listed in the consent agreement which should focus on assessment and that the proposed continuing educational program be submitted at least 30 days prior to the date of the program for approve by the continuing education officer.

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

2022-PSY-18796 Request to Reconsider Consent Agreement

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Jayne Boulos to deny the request to change the consent agreement.

Vote: 3 in favor (2 abstained - Laura Kavesh, Mary Melquist)

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

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Jayne Boulos to not approve the supervisor and to request information about the proposed supervisor's expertise. Specifically, if they are well versed in Autism Spectrum Disorder or Adults with Autism as required by the consent agreement.

Vote 4 in favor (1 abstained - Laura Kavesh)

FORMAL REQUEST FOR ADVISORY RULING

Michael Oliviero

A motion was made by Jayne Boulos and seconded by Debra Bunce to issue an advisory ruling letting Mr. Oliviero know that at this time, the Pacifica low residency program does not meet the requirements of Chapter 4(1)(4)(I) and Chapter 1 of the current Board Rules.

Vote: 5 in favor

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kristina Halvorsen mentioned that the complaint compliance items will have the consent agreement with them when the board reviews them going forward. Kristina informed the board that Rulemaking will continue and will be on a future agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Jayne Boulos and seconded by Debra Bunce to adjourn the board meeting at 12:48 p.m.

Vote: 5 in favor