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Board of Examiners of Psychologists
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Commissioner

Minutes
Maine Board of Examiners of Psychologists
September 6, 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.

MEMBERS ABSENT

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 9:02 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the minutes of May 3, 2022.

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

Vote: 4 in favor

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2021-PSY-17979

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: 3 in favor (1 abstained – Laura Kavesh)

2021-PSY-17675 and 2021-PSY-17737

OFFICES LOCATED AT: 76 NORTHERN AVENUE, GARDINER, MAINE

A motion was made by Mary Melquist and seconded by Joseph Schenkel to find licensee in violation of Code of Ethics 1.06, 2.03, 3.05A, 9.01A, 9.06A and Board Rules Chapter 10(5A) and (5B).

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

2021-PSY-17675 and 2021-PSY-17737

A motion was made by Mary Melquist and seconded by Joseph Schenkel to offer a Consent Agreement to include; a censure, probation for a minimum of 1 year and no more than 2 years with monthly supervision with a Board approved supervisor focusing on the violations found. Licensee shall ensure that the supervisor submits quarterly reports addressing what has been reviewed during supervision, typed on board forms. Probation shall continue until all requirements, including continuing education, are met. 12 additional continued education credits on ethics and testing, the additional continued education credits are to be completed within 1 to 2 years, and cannot be counted towards the required continued education for renewal. The licensee shall submit 4 reports containing raw data from testing, per month to the board for review. Licensee may request probation be ended after 1 year as long as all requirements have been met. The board has the sole discretion to determine if probation should continue or be ended.

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

2021-PSY-17675 and 2021-PSY-17737

A motion was made by Mary Melquist and seconded by Joseph Schenkel to approve the renewal.

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

COMPLAINT ITEMS

2021-PSY-17274 Consent Agreement Compliance

A motion was made by Mary Melquist and seconded by Jayne Boulos to table and request additional information.

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Kristina Halvorsen informed the board that there are currently over 700 psychologists that are certified through Psypact and that 53 of them are from Maine. Endorsement applications are continuing to increase.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

RULES DISCUSSION

Draft Licensure by Endorsement Rules Reviewed and Discussed.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Jayne Boulos and seconded by Mary Melquist to adjourn the board meeting at 11:34 a.m.

Vote: 4 in favor