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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

TIME: 10:39 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

December 18, 2023

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2 State Board of Psychology

3 December 18, 2023

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
6 at 10:00 a.m. the Board entered into Executive
7 Session with Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel,
8 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
9 deliberations on a number of matters that are
10 currently pending before the Board and to receive the
11 advice of counsel. The Board returned to open
12 session at 10:30 a.m.]

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14 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
15 Board of Psychology was held on Monday, December 18,
16 2023. Steven K. Erickson, Ph.D., Chair, called the
17 meeting to order at 10:39 a.m.

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19 [Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, advised
20 everyone that the meeting was being held pursuant to
21 Act 100 of 2021, where virtual meetings are permitted
22 and taking place in a public forum to effectuate the
23 business of the Board.

24 She noted the meeting was being recorded, and
25 those who continued to participate were giving their

1 consent to be recorded.

2 Ms. Miley also noted the Board met in Executive
3 Session to have attorney-client consultation and for
4 the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
5 deliberations.]

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7 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

8 [Thomas Leech II, Board Administrator, provided an
9 introduction of Board members and attendees.]

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11 Approval of minutes of the October 2, 2023 meeting

12 CHAIR ERICKSON:

13 Approval of the minutes. Any
14 discussion regarding the minutes? Not
15 hearing any.

16 Do I have a motion to approve the
17 minutes from October 2?

18 DR. MCALEER:

19 So moved.

20 CHAIR ERICKSON:

21 Is there a second?

22 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

23 Second.

24 MR. LEECH:

25 Dr. Erickson, aye; Commissioner

1 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.
2 Bradley, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.
3 Maynard, aye.

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 Report of Board Prosecution

7 [Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecution
8 Liaison, presented the Consent Agreement for Case No.
9 20-63-011103.]

10 CHAIR ERICKSON:

11 Are there any questions for Mr.
12 Williams? Hearing none.

13 I believe the Board will entertain
14 a motion to accept. Do I hear a motion
15 to accept the item?

16 DR. MCALEER:

17 I move to accept.

18 CHAIR ERICKSON:

19 Do I hear a second?

20 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

21 Second.

22 MR. LEECH:

23 Dr. Erickson, aye; Commissioner
24 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.
25 Bradley, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.

1 allowed to decide.

2 Chair Erickson referred to prior Board
3 discussion, where the Board is interested in public
4 comment about whether or not to retain the live or
5 in-person environment for 15 hours of continuing
6 education. He welcomed and encouraged the community
7 to express their concerns or desires in writing
8 regarding whether or not that should remain in effect
9 or whether all continuing education should be
10 available online without the live component since
11 their continuing education regulations are currently
12 under revision.]

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14 Report of Acting Commissioner

15 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
16 Professional and Occupational Affairs, informed Board
17 members that the request for proposal (RFP) for the
18 Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS) replacement
19 closed on November 30, 2023. He noted bids are
20 currently being reviewed and offered to provide an
21 update as they move forward.]

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23 Report of Board Administrator - Application to
24 Request Approval to Sit for the Psychology
25 Licensing Examinations

1 In regard to item 4 on today's agenda,
2 the Application to Practice Psychology
3 for Persons Licensed in Other States.
4 This Applicant comes from Wisconsin.
5 The Board determined that Wisconsin is
6 substantially equivalent today.

7 I believe the Chair would entertain
8 a motion to grant the Application.

9 Is there a motion?

10 DR. MCALEER:

11 So moved.

12 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

13 Second.

14 MS. MILEY:

15 Any discussion? Hearing none. Mr.
16 Leech.

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18 Dr. Erickson, aye; Commissioner
19 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.
20 Bradley, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.
21 Maynard, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously. Item 4 is Amanda
23 Viola Harris, Psy.D.]

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25 MS. MILEY:

1 In regard to item 5, this applicant is
2 from Colorado. The Board has
3 determined that Colorado is
4 substantially equivalent at this time.

5 I believe the Chair would entertain
6 a motion to grant the Application.

7 Is there a motion?

8 DR. MCALEER:

9 So moved.

10 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

11 Second.

12 MS. MILEY:

13 Any discussion at this time? Hearing
14 none. Mr. Leech, could we have the
15 roll?

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17 Dr. Erickson, aye; Commissioner
18 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.
19 Bradley, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.
20 Maynard, aye.

21 [The motion carried unanimously. Item 5 is Patricia
22 Jean Tippins, Psy.D.]

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24 MS. MILEY:

25 Item 6 on today's agenda and item 7 on

1 today's agenda, the Board has made a
2 determination that Puerto Rico is not
3 substantially equivalent at this time
4 and the Chair would entertain a motion
5 to provisionally deny the Applications
6 of Gerard Fequiere Perez, Psy.D., at
7 item 6, and Jayson G. Ayala Marquez,
8 MA, at item 7.

9 May I have a motion?

10 DR. MCALEER:

11 So moved.

12 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

13 Second.

14 MS. MILEY:

15 Any discussion? Hearing none. Mr.
16 Leech, may we have the roll?

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18 Dr. Erickson, aye; Commissioner
19 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.
20 Bradley, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.
21 Maynard, aye.

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 Report of Board Administrator - Review of Supervised
25 Experience

1 CHAIR ERICKSON:

2 In terms of item 8, it is my
3 understanding that the Board will
4 entertain a motion to deny the request
5 for Review of Supervised Experience.

6 Is there any discussion? Hearing
7 none.

8 Is there a motion?

9 DR. MCALEER:

10 So moved.

11 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

12 Second.

13 MR. LEECH:

14 Dr. Erickson, aye; Commissioner
15 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.
16 Bradley, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.
17 Maynard, aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 CHAIR ERICKSON:

21 In regard to items 9 through 12, it is
22 my understanding the Board will
23 entertain a motion to accept the Review
24 of Supervised Experience for those
25 applicants.

1 DR. MCALEER:

2 So moved.

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

4 Second.

5 MR. LEECH:

6 Dr. Erickson, aye; Commissioner
7 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.
8 Bradley, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.
9 Maynard, aye.

10 [The motion carried unanimously. Item 13 is Embodied
11 Hope Psychological, PLLC, and item 14, Psychological
12 Associates of Western Pennsylvania, LLC.]

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14 CHAIR ERICKSON:

15 The Board will table item 15 at this
16 time.

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18 Report of Board Administrator - Sponsor/Provider
19 Renewal Applications

20 CHAIR ERICKSON:

21 Items 16 through 21 are the
22 Sponsor/Provider Renewal Applications.

23 It is my understanding that the
24 Board will entertain a motion to accept
25 items 16 through 21. Is there any

1 discussion? Hearing none.

2 Do I have a motion?

3 DR. MCALEER:

4 So moved.

5 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

6 Second.

7 MR. LEECH:

8 Dr. Erickson, aye; Commissioner
9 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.
10 Bradley, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.
11 Maynard, aye.

12 [The motion carried unanimously. Item 16 is the
13 Institute for Natural Resources (INR); item 17,
14 Center for Anxiety & Behavior Therapy; item 18, PESI,
15 Inc.; item 19, Pennsylvania Training and Technical
16 Assistance Network; item 20, Gestalt Training
17 Institute of Philadelphia; and item 21, Phoenix
18 Center of Experimental Trauma Therapy, LLC.]

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20 Report of Board Members

21 [Donald McAleer, Psy.D., Vice Chair, commented that
22 the Association of State and Provincial Psychology
23 Boards (ASPPB) has a midwinter meeting coming up and
24 requested that be placed on the agenda to choose a
25 representative from Pennsylvania. He also requested

1 Board discussion at the next meeting regarding the
2 upcoming Pennsylvania Psychological Association (PPA)
3 Convention in Lancaster, noting the Board typically
4 offers a presentation.

5 Chair Erickson believed the submission deadline
6 passed but noted PPA has been willing in the past to
7 accommodate their request to present and did not
8 think it would be an issue.]

9

10 Discussion Items - Update to 2024 Board Meeting Dates
11 [Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
12 proposal to change the April 1 meeting date to April
13 8 due to Easter.]

14 CHAIR ERICKSON:

15 Is there any other discussion about
16 changing the meeting date? Hearing
17 none.

18 Do I have a motion to change the
19 meeting date to April 8?

20 DR. MCALEER:

21 So moved.

22 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

23 Second.

24 MR. LEECH:

25 Dr. Erickson, aye; Commissioner

1 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.
2 Bradley, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.
3 Maynard, aye.

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 Discussion Items - CE Provider Renewal Applications
7 [Steven K. Erickson, Ph.D., Chair, noted item 23 has
8 been tabled.]

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10 Discussion Items - Continuing Education Discussion
11 [Thomas Leech II, Board Administrator, provided a
12 table of online CE requirements for other state
13 boards, noting half of the states allow their CEs
14 online.]

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16 FYI Items

17 Steven K. Erickson, Ph.D., Chair, addressed the
18 PSYPACT 3rd Quarter Compliance Report, noting they
19 continue to do well with no disciplinary problems
20 with PSYPACT and the Commonwealth, which is
21 consistent with what is happening across the
22 country.]

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24 Report of Regulatory Counsel

25 [Tyesha C. Miley, Esquire, Board Counsel, provided

1 the Regulatory Status Report, noting the Board is
2 still in the information gathering process regarding
3 continuing education as noted in Chair Erickson's
4 report.

5 Ms. Miley informed Board members that she is
6 monitoring the American Psychological Association's
7 (APA) release of their new ethics, so she could
8 provide the corresponding update to the Board
9 regulations.]

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11 Upcoming Meeting Dates

12 [Steven K. Erickson, Ph.D., Chair, noted the next
13 Board meeting date is February 5. He again mentioned
14 the vote to change the 2024 April 1 meeting date to
15 April 8. He also provided the remaining 2024 meeting
16 dates of June 3, August 5, October 7, and December
17 2.]

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19 Adjournment

20 CHAIR ERICKSON:

21 I will entertain a motion for
22 adjournment.

23 DR. MCALEER:

24 So moved.

25 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

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Second.

[There being no further business, the State Board of Psychology Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.]

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Psychology meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Psychology meeting.



Derek Richmond,
Minute Clerk
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