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BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

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Dr. J. Drake Miller
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CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEETING

Dr. J. Drake Miller, called the Credentials Committee to order at approximately 8:02 a.m. Those present for all or part of the meeting, included the following:

MEMBERS PRESENT

J. Drake Miller, Psy.D
Mary D. O'Brien, J.D.
Randi Mackintosh, Psy.D
Catherine Drew, Ph.D

STAFF PRESENT

Allen Hall, Executive Director
Anna L. Hart King, Program Operations Administrator
Michelle Branch, Regulatory Specialist II
Sean Trexler, Regulatory Specialist II

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Rachel Clark, Esquire

(The applicants were not present or represented at the committee meeting unless otherwise noted.)

REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE

Tab 1	Rebecca Curtis	Endorsement of 20 Years of Licensed Psychology Experience
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Dr. Curtis was present and was represented by Mr. Paul Drake, Esq.

Dr. Curtis applied for licensure under the Endorsement of 20 Years of Licensed Psychology Experience method, however, her doctoral psychology program completed at the Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City in 1973, did not hold programmatic accreditation by the American Psychological Association (APA). Although Dr. Curtis went on to complete studies in Clinical Psychology at the APA-accredited Adelphi University in 1988, the transcript indicates it was a non-degree program.

In the initial review of Dr. Curtis' application by former staff, these issues were not addressed and the staff erroneously approved Dr. Curtis to sit for the laws and rules examination. Upon the recent receipt of Dr. Curtis' exam score, current staff performed a final review for license issuance and these issues were discovered. Dr. Curtis was subsequently notified that her application would require review by the Board's Credentials Committee before further action could be taken.

Provided for the committee's review was the application, transcripts and all related correspondence.

Following discussion, Dr. J. Drake Miller moved to deny the application due to Dr. Curtis's doctorate degree not being accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA). Ms. Mary O'Brien seconded the motion, which carried 4/0.

Tab 2. Robert DeFrancisco Endorsement of Other State License (AL 1976)

Dr. DeFrancisco was present and was not represented by counsel.

Dr. DeFrancisco initially applied for licensure under the Endorsement of 20 Years of Licensed Psychology Experience, however, his doctoral program was not accredited by the American Psychological Association at the time he was enrolled and graduated. Dr. DeFrancisco has since changed his application method to Endorsement of Other State License.

Provided for the committee's review was the application, license verification and the regulations that were in effect in Alabama at the time the applicant was licensed, as well as the applicable regulations in effect in Florida during that time.

Following discussion, Dr. J. Drake Miller moved to deny the application based on the committee's determination that the education and supervision requirements in the 1976 Alabama regulations were not equivalent to Florida's requirements at that same time. Ms. Mary O'Brien seconded the motion, which carried 4/0.

Tab 3. John Galik Endorsement of 20 Years of Licensed Psychology Experience

Dr. Galik has changed his application method and requested to be removed from the agenda.

Tab 4. Theophilus Green Limited Psychology License

Dr. Green was present and was not represented by counsel.

Dr. Green has applied for a Limited license. During review of his application, his name and information appeared on the U.S. Inspector General's list of excluded individuals for licensure. Pursuant to Section 456.0635, F.S., any applicant found on the Inspector General's list of excluded individuals is prohibited from licensure.

Dr. Green also answered "yes" to number 27 of the application indicating that his license has been revoked, suspended, or acted against.

Provided for the committee's review was the application and discipline documents from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

Following discussion, Dr. J. Drake Miller moved to deny the application based on Dr. Green's name being listed on the U.S. Inspector General's list of excluded individuals, as well as Dr. Green's history of discipline. Dr. Randi Mackintosh seconded the motion, which carried 4/0.

Tab 5. Susan Lindner Exam with Waiver

Dr. Lindner was present and was not represented by counsel.

Dr. Lindner has applied for licensure under the Exam with Waiver method. The supervision forms submitted by the supervisor indicated the applicant's title during post-doctoral supervision was "Program Manager – Project Liberty". We requested an explanation to clarify the in-training activities. Neither the applicant nor staff was able to reach the post-doctoral supervisor to obtain further clarification, so, the applicant provided a description. This was sent to Dr. Miller for review as to whether the description is satisfactory to proceed with licensure or will require review by the Credentials Committee. Dr. Miller requested the description to be reviewed by the Credentials Committee.

Provided for the committee's review was the application, transcripts, supervision forms and description of post-doctoral training activities.

Following discussion, Ms. Mary O'Brien moved to approve the application. Dr. J. Drake Miller seconded the motion, which carried 4/0.

Tab 6. Debra Stibick Endorsement of Other State License (AZ 2004)

Dr. Stibick was present and was not represented by counsel.

Dr. Stibick has applied for licensure under the Endorsement of Other State License method. Provided for the committee's review was the application, license verification and the regulations that were in effect in Arizona at the time the applicant was licensed, as well as the applicable regulations in effect in Florida during that time.

Dr. Stibick has also submitted supervision forms from Arizona and has requested the Board to consider her application under the Exam with Waiver method if they appear to be moving toward denial under the Endorsement of Other State License method.

Following discussion, due to it appearing the committee would deny the application based on the Endorsement of Other State License method, Dr. Stibick requested to change her method to Exam with Waiver.

Following discussion, Dr. J. Drake Miller moved to approve the application under the Exam with Waiver method. Ms. Mary O'Brien seconded the motion, which carried 4/0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.