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BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

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Dr. Dean Aufderheide, Ph.D
Chair

Dr. J. Drake Miller, Psy.D
Vice-Chair

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Call to order-Board Quorum

Dr. Dean Aufderheide, Chair, called the Board Quorum meeting to order at approximately 8:03 a.m. Those present for all or part of the meeting, included the following:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Dean Aufderheide, Ph.D., Chair
J. Drake Miller, Psy.D., Vice-Chair
Andrew S. Rubin, Ph.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

Deborah Loucks, Esquire

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Tab 1. March 4, 2016 Credentials Committee Meeting Minutes

Following discussion, Dr. Catherine Drew moved to accept the minutes. Ms. Mary O'Brien seconded the motion, which carried 6/0.

APPLICANTS FROM APA ACCREDITED PROGRAMS FOR EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE AS NOTED

Tab 2. List of Applicants

Following discussion, Dr. Andrew Rubin moved to approve the list of list of applicants for examination and licensure as noted. Dr. Randi Mackintosh seconded the motion, which carried 6/0.

Following discussion, Dr. Randi Mackintosh indicated that she is supervising three (3) of the applicants on the Bifurcation/Exam list, but it would not impact her vote. Dr. Randi Mackintosh moved to approve the list of Bifurcation applicants for examination and licensure as noted. Dr. Catherine Drew seconded the motion, which carried 6/0.

Following discussion, Ms. Mary O'Brien moved to approve the list of Endorsement of 20 Years of Licensed Psychology Experience and the list of applicants under the Endorsement of ABPP Diplomate status for examination and licensure as noted. Dr. Andrew Rubin seconded the motion, which carried 6/0.

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APPLICANT REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION PURSUANT TO §490.005(3)(b), F.S.

Tab 3 Vanessa Perez

Dr. Perez was not present, nor represented by counsel.

This applicant is requesting an extension of time allowed to complete the requirements for licensure.

Following discussion, Ms. Mary O'Brien moved to approve the request for an extension for an additional twelve (12) months. Dr. Andrew Rubin seconded the motion, which carried 6/0.

Tab 4. Thayra Zambrana Nieves

Dr. Nieves was not present, nor represented by counsel.

This applicant is requesting an extension of time allowed to complete the requirements for licensure.

Following discussion, Dr. Andrew Rubin moved to approve the request for an extension for an additional twelve (12) months. Dr. Randi Mackintosh seconded the motion, which carried 6/0.

FILE CLOSURE APPLICANTS FOR DENIAL PURSUANT TO §490.005(3)(b), F.S.

Tab 5. List of Applicants

Dr. Claudia Maria Rexach Lopez-Merino was removed from the list due to the withdrawal of her application. Dr. Thayra Marie Zambrana Nieves was removed from the list due to the granting of an extension. Following discussion, Ms. Mary O'Brien moved to approve the list of applicants for file closure as noted. Dr. Catherine Drew seconded the motion, which carried 6/0.

PETITION FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER AND REVIEW OF LICENSURE APPLICATION

Tab 6. Marie Cheour Gordon Rule 64B19-11.005, F.A.C., Supervised Experience Requirements

Dr. Gordon was present. She was not represented by counsel.

Dr. Cheour Gordon has applied for licensure under the Examination method. She has received her education from the University of Helsinki in Finland. She has submitted documents from a credentials evaluation service as well as a letter of APA comparability. She also petitions for a variance or waiver of Rule 64B19-11.005, F.A.C. respectfully requesting the Board determine that her post-doctoral supervision that she received in Finland be acceptable for Florida licensure.

Provided for the Board's review and action was the petition as well as the licensure application, credentials evaluation and letter of APA comparability.

Following discussion, Dr. J. Drake Miller moved to approve the petition for variance or waiver. Dr. Catherine Drew seconded the motion, which carried 6/0.

Following discussion, Dr. J. Drake Miller moved to approve the application. Dr. Andrew Rubin seconded the motion, which carried 6/0.

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PETITION FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENT

Tab 7. Matthew Fearrington Rule 64B19-11.005, F.A.C., Supervised Experience Requirements

Dr. Fearrington was present. He was not represented by counsel.

Dr. Fearrington has applied for licensure under the Exam with Waiver method. The application and supervision forms indicate that he only received 1900 hours of post-doctoral supervision with only one hour per week of Clinical supervision under Dr. William Berez. Dr. Fearrington has filed a petition for variance or waiver of Rule 64B19-11.005, F.A.C., Supervised Experience Requirements requesting the Board to consider his post-doctoral supervision as acceptable for licensure.

Provided for the board's review was the application, petition, transcripts and supervision forms.

Following discussion, Dr. Andrew Rubin moved to deny the petition due to making this particular applicant comply with the rule would not create a substantial hardship, nor does the application of the rule to his circumstances differ significantly from anyone else in a similar situation. Dr. Catherine Drew seconded the motion, which carried 6/0.

Following discussion, Dr. Andrew Rubin moved to approve the application with the condition that Dr. Fearrington obtain the additional 100 hours of supervision to meet the requirement of the supervision rule. Within the additional 100 hours, he must receive at least 52 hours of clinical supervision. Ms. Mary O'Brien seconded the motion, which carried 6/0.

Tab 8. Lauren Mason Rule 64B19-11.005, F.A.C., Supervised Experience Requirements

Dr. Mason was present. She was not represented by counsel.

Dr. Mason has applied for licensure under the Exam with Waiver method. Dr. Mason's initial application for licensure was reviewed by the Credentials Committee during the January 15, 2016 General Business Meeting. She submitted supervision forms indicating she only received one hour per week of clinical supervision under Dr. Keith Hannan. The Committee denied the application due to her being deficient in providing the sufficient number of post-doctoral clinical hours.

Dr. Mason has since withdrawn her initial application and has reapplied for licensure. She has also filed a petition for variance or waiver of Rule 64B19-11.005, F.A.C., Supervised Experience Requirements requesting the Board to consider her post-doctoral supervision as acceptable for licensure.

Provided for the board's review was the application, petition, transcripts and supervision forms.

Following discussion, Dr. J. Drake Miller moved to deny the petition due to making this particular applicant comply with the rule would not create a substantial hardship, nor does the application of the rule to his circumstances differ significantly from anyone else in a similar situation. Ms. Mary O'Brien seconded the motion, which carried 6/0.

Following discussion, Dr. J. Drake Miller moved to approve the application with the condition that Dr. Mason obtain an additional thirty-two (32) hours of clinical supervision to meet the supervision rule requirement. Dr. Catherine Drew seconded the motion, which carried 6/0.

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Tab 9. Rachel Powers Rule 64B19-11.005, F.A.C., Supervised Experience Requirements

Dr. Powers was present. She was not represented by counsel.

Dr. Powers submitted an application under the Bifurcation/Examination method, which means the educational requirement for licensure has been completed, but the post-doctoral supervised experience is still in progress. Verification of the post-doctoral supervised experience and passage of the national and state examinations is required prior to licensure.

Dr. Powers completed portions of the required 2000 hours of post-doctoral supervised experience in Texas and Florida under different supervisors. Verification is pending from the Texas supervisor; however, the primary supervisor in Florida has submitted documentation of the hours completed under her supervision. The applicant has filed a Petition for Variance or Waiver from Rule 64B19-11.005, F.A.C., Supervised Experience Requirements, due to her inability to obtain a cohesive and integrated experience from the primary supervisor, as required in Paragraphs (2)(b) and (3)(h) of the supervised experience rule.

Provided for the Board's review was documentation regarding the supervised experience in question, as well as the application and petition for review and final action.

Following discussion, Dr. J. Drake Miller moved to deny the petition based on making this particular applicant comply with the rule would not create a substantial hardship and the underlying statute requirement was not met. Dr. Randi Mackintosh seconded the motion, which carried 6/0.

Following discussion, after it appeared the Board would deny the application, Dr. Powers chose to withdraw her application. Dr. J. Drake Miller moved to approve the request to withdrawal. Ms. Mary O'Brien seconded the motion, which carried 6/0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.