NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

Open Session Minutes April 23, 2020 Teleconference

The North Carolina Psychology Board met in a called meeting via teleconference on April 23, 2020.

Members present for all or part of the meeting: Robert Hill, Ph.D., ABPP, Chair; Helen Brantley, Ph.D., Vice Chair, Katrina Brent, Lisa Duck, MPH, Susan Hurt, Ph.D., Stacie MacDonald Jones, M.A., and Tonya Omar, M.A.

Others present for all or parts of the meeting: Daniel P. Collins, Executive Director; Marc Davis, M.A., Staff Psychologist; and Sondra Panico, Assistant Attorney General.

Dr. Hill reminded Board members that, in accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. Board members were directed to identify any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Board at the meeting and to refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved. Board members were asked to identify any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the Board at the meeting, and instructed that, if one arose during the course of this meeting, to articulate it to the Board.

General

- 1. Staff updated the Board on office procedures and activities related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2. Staff informed the Board that the Rules Review Commission had approved the Board's proposed changes to Rules .2006 and .2008 and that no letters of objection were filed with the Commission.
- 3. The Board briefly reviewed a request from the North Carolina Association of Professional Psychologists for a letter in support of changes to the Psychology Practice Act and scheduled discussion on the request for the Board's May 2020 meeting.

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion made and adopted by the Board to hold a closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.18(6), the Board went into closed session to discuss individual applicants or individual licensees, following which, it reported:

CE Issues

- 4. Reaves, Karen, M.A. In response to the CE Audit, Ms. Reaves submitted documentation for only three of the required 18 hours of continuing education. She stated that the remaining documentation was lost when her home was destroyed by Hurricane Florence. Following discussion, the Board determined that, in order to be consistent with prior Board decisions, Ms. Reaves must re-take the missing continuing education hours and submit documentation of completion to the Board.
- 5. Forrester, Michael, Ph.D. In response to the CE Audit, Dr. Forrester requested to relinquish his license in lieu of submitting the required documentation to substantiate that he met the CE requirements. Following discussion, the Board approved the request.

Legal/Ethical

- 6. Austin, William, Ph.D. The Board reviewed the tutorial report submitted by William Burlingame, Ph.D. Following discussion, the Board accepted the report.
- 7. Dlamini Scott, Pholile, Ph.D. The Board reviewed the final supervision report submitted by Robert Abramowitz, Ph.D. Following discussion, the Board accepted the report.
- 8. Korotitsch, William, Ph.D. The Board previously reviewed Dr. Korotitsch's application for reinstatement of licensure and required a fitness to practice evaluation to be completed prior to making a decision on the application. Based upon the results of the evaluation, the Board proposed to approve his application under certain conditions. Dr. Korotitsch's subsequently submitted a response requesting to modify some of the conditions. Following discussion, the Board determined not to modify the original conditions.
- 9. Parker, Jamila, Psy.D. (applicant) The Board reviewed Dr. Parker's request for special testing accommodations. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request.
- 10. Toyer, Edward, Ph.D. At the February 2020 Board meeting, the Board proposed denying Dr. Toyer's application under the senior psychologist provisions for not meeting the requirements. In response, Dr. Toyer requested to withdraw his senior application to apply under the general application provisions. Following discussion, the Board approved the request.

Daniel P. Collins

Executive Director