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BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
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Commissioner

**Board of Examiners of Psychologists
Public Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 4, 2025**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joseph Schenkel, Ph.D., Board Chair
Laura Kavesh, Ph.D., Complaint Officer
Mary Melquist, Ph.D., Continuing Education Officer
Debra Bunce, Ph.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jayne Boulos, Psy.D., Vice Chair
Rachel Orr, PsyD.

STAFF PRESENT

Elizabeth Stivers, Assistant Attorney General
Kristina Halvorsen, Board Administrator
George Morgan, Board Investigator
Jessica Cirello, Professional Licensing Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Joseph Schenkel, called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the November 5, 2024 minutes.

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

Vote: 4 in favor.

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2023-PSY-19414
2024-PSY-20094
2024-PSY-20180

A motion was made by Laura Kavesh and seconded by Debra Bunce to table the complaint presentations due to the lack of quorum.

Vote: 4 in favor.

COMPLAINT COMPLIANCE ITEMS

2000-PSY-167 Request for Reconsideration

A motion was made by Laura Kavesh and seconded by Debra Bunce to deny the licensee's request.

Vote: 4 in favor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Board Chair

Vice Chair

Complaint Officer

Continuing Education Officer

A motion was made by Mary Melquist and seconded by Laura Kavesh to table the election of officers until all Board members are present at a regular Board meeting.

Vote: 4 in favor.

RULEMAKING DISCUSSION

A motion was made by Laura Kavesh and seconded by Mary Melquist to table rulemaking until the next regular Board meeting.

Vote: 4 in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Board Administrator, Kristina Halvorsen, discussed that the legislative session has started. Kristina reminded Board members that they should not discuss anything outside of regular Board meetings and Board members should forward any correspondence to Kristina immediately. If any bills affect this Board, Kristina will bring the information to Board members. Also, Kristina may email Board members with questions related to bills and these emails should be replied to as soon as possible.

Kristina discussed the licensing dashboard, created by Board staff, that details current licensure numbers and the number of new applications.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Laura Kavesh to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

Vote: 4 in favor.