



Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS
JUNE 15, 2023 – REMOTE MEETING

Board Members Present: Tammy Austin, Marjorie Trombly, Christopher Berry, Michael Doyle (Ad Hoc), and Marilyn Turcotte (Ad Hoc).

Office Staff Present: Lauren Layman, General Counsel; Noura Eltabbakh, Staff Attorney; Emily Tredeau, Staff Attorney; Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator II; Julie Bowen, Docket Clerk; Dylan Bruce, Policy/Planning Analyst, and other OPR staff.

Others Present: Annamarie Cioffari and Raleigh Morgain

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. **Minutes** Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Mr. Berry, to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2023, meeting as written. Motion approved.
3. **Discipline**
 - a. *In re Amanda Gautreaux*, Docket Numbers 2022-262 and 263, Stipulation and Consent Order Hearing
 - The Board went into deliberative session at 9:30 a.m. The Board reconvened at 9:45 a.m. Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Mr. Berry, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. Motion passed.
 - b. *In re Johnny Quezada*, Docket Number 2023-88, Stipulation and Consent Order Hearing
 - Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Mr. Berry, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order as presented. Motion passed.
4. **Discussion**
 - a. Vermont Telehealth Licenses & Supervisor License Jurisdiction (Rules 3.19 (a) and 4.20 (b)) Policy and Rulemaking Discussion – The Board discussed forming a working group with the Psychology Board and the Social Work advisors to address this.
 - b. Legislative Update – Attorney Eltabbakh informed the Board that H. 305, the 2023 OPR bill, has been vetoed, that the interim telehealth registration has been extended until the rules are written, and that Counseling Compact has passed.
 - c. Dylan Bruce gave a presentation on the Mental Health Professional Licensing Study.

- d. Vermont State University Memorandum of Understanding updates – Annamarie Cioffari answered questions for the Board. The Board requested that she provide them with a syllabus for CSL 5130.

5. **Applications**

Ms. Austin moved, seconded by Ms. Trombly, to accept the decisions on all applications reviewed.

- a. Mackey, Courtney – Education Review – Tabled
- b. McKenzie, Camilla – The Board reviewed the documentation submitted for internship. The Board needs a description of what the internship entailed and how the time was allotted to determine whether Rule 3.13 requirements have been met.
- c. Nyktas, Alexa – The Board found that Missouri and New Jersey’s requirements are not substantially equivalent to Vermont’s because Missouri only requires 1200 direct practice hours, not 2000 hours as is required in Vermont. New Jersey does not require a Diagnosis course, which is required in Vermont. Endorsement denied. The applicant may apply through examination.
- d. Piel, Katherine – MFT – Traditional endorsement from California. The Board found that the LMFT licensing requirements in California are not substantially equivalent to Vermont’s LMFT licensing requirements because California does not require the AAMFTE National Examination. Endorsement denied. The applicant may apply through examination.
- e. Raleigh, Morgain – Additional documentation is needed.
- f. Silva, Amanda – The Board invites her to attend a meeting to discuss her internship.
- g. Timmons, Jordan – Traditional endorsement from Minnesota of LPCC. The Board approved this application in accordance with Rule 3.23(b). The applicant has completed both examinations and can be licensed.
- h. Vermilyea, Jeremy – Traditional endorsement from Maine. The Board has determined that the licensure requirements in Maine are substantially equivalent to those of Vermont and approved licensure.
- i. Weems, August – Traditional Endorsement from Oregon – The Board found that the standards and qualifications for licensure in Oregon are not substantially equivalent to Vermont’s standards and qualifications for licensure because Oregon requires only 2000 hours of post-degree supervised practice rather than 3,000 hours, like Vermont, and, for non-CACREP accredited degrees, only 2 credits are required for each course, rather than the three credits required under Vermont’s Rules. The applicant may apply through examination.

- j. Zambetti, Ron – Education Review. The Board continued the review of Mr. Zambetti's application and will continue its discussion at the July Board meeting.

6. **Continuing Education Review**

Ms. Trombly moved, seconded by Dr. Turcotte, to approve the actions taken by the Board in the following continuing education requests:

- a. ICE 216807 – Relational Life Couple Experience – approved.
- b. ICE 219681 – Mental Health Documentation and Medical Necessity – approved.

7. Public Comment - None

8. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for July 20th, 2023.

9. The Board adjourned at 1:38 p.m.