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### **BOARD OF APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYST EXAMINERS PUBLIC SESSION MEETING MINUTES 9:30 A.M. SEPTEMBER 14, 2022**

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The September 14, 2022 meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Applied Behavior Analyst Examiners will not be held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey, but will be conducted electronically only as authorized by P.L. 2020, c. 11 (N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.3). Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, notice was provided electronically within 72 hours of the scheduled meeting, and has been provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Bergen Record and the Courier Post and also posted on the Board's web page. The meeting will begin at 9:30 A.M., and will be accessible to the public by a link provided on the Board's public agenda.

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Public Session was called to order at 9:38 A.M.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

##### **Present:**

Suzanne Buchanan, Psy.D., BCBA-D,  
Chair David Wilson, Ph.D., BCBA-D,  
Vice-Chair Darren Blough, MSW, BCaBA  
James A. Paone, II, Esq.  
Sandra Howell, Ph.D.  
Rosemary Browne, MSW

##### **Also Attending:**

Olga Bradford, Deputy Attorney General  
Courtney Turner, Executive Director

##### **Absent/Excused:**

Lisa Toole, M.A., BCBA  
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst

### **III. REVIEW OF MINUTES**

#### **1. August 10, 2022 Public Minutes**

On a motion by Mr. Blough, seconded by Dr. Howell, the Board approved the minutes as amended.

### **IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### **1. Status of Board Operations**

Ms. Turner reported a new Board member has been appointed to the Board, Rosemary Browne, MSW. This appointment fills the last public member vacancy on the Board.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

### **VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **1. Correspondence from the BACB regarding Equivalency Evaluation of the Pennsylvania Behavior Specialist License - email dated August 11, 2022**

Dr. Buchanan presented information provided by Misty Bloom, Esq. of the BACB regarding a new behavior analysis credential in Pennsylvania. This "license" acts more as a billing authorization and its requirements are far less than those of the BACB. Ms. Bloom's email urges State Boards to be mindful when licensing individuals with this credential, knowing the requirements are not equivalent to BACB certifications. This credential should be distinguished from the license that the pending PA law would introduce, which would truly provide behavior analysts in PA with a professional license.

The Board accepted this as informational.

#### **2. Correspondence from the BACB regarding Investor Owned and Operated ABA Serviced Agencies - email dated August 25, 2022**

Dr. Buchanan presented an email received from the BACB regarding ethical concerns surrounding the practices of investor owned and operated agencies. Specifically, the BACB informs Boards that they may encounter an increase in complaints regarding client abandonment. The BACB further explains their limits in pursuing violations against these agencies due to antitrust restrictions.

After discussion, the Board members agreed that the responsibility to protect patients in these instances would fall on the highest level clinician employed by the agency.

## **VII. REGULATORY AFFAIRS**

Nothing to report.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None received.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Paone, seconded by Mr. Blough, the Board moved to accept all dispositions as noted, and adjourn the meeting at 9:49 A.M.

The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2022, with the public session starting at 9:30 A.M.