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COUNSELING ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, January 13, 2023

Members Present: Janet O'Connor, Patricia Kerstner

Staff Present: Elma Brambila, Assistant Director

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on January 13, 2023, at 9:05 a.m., with Dr. Kerstner presiding.

2. Roll Call

See above.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

A. December 2, 2022, general meeting minutes

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to approve the general meeting minutes for the December 2, 2022, meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Report from Chair

No report.

5. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff

A. General agency operations

No report

6. Assistant Attorney General's Report:

No report.

7. Supervisor exemption requests: review, consideration and action

None

8. Consent agenda: review, consideration and action regarding requests for deficiency extensions and examination

A. Nicole Koren, LPC Applicant (60-day extension)

B. Eric Straub, LPC Applicant (60-day extension)

C. Caitlin Rollins, LPC Applicant (60-day extension)

D. Viliulfo Valderrama, LPC Applicant (60-day extension)

E. Walter Powell Sr., LAC Applicant (60-day extension)

F. Kama Garcia, LPC Applicant (60-day extension)

G. Cindy Ruelas-Tafolla, LCSW Applicant (60-day extension)

H. Carrie Ovard, LPC Applicant (60-day extension)

I. Carmen Foster, LAC Applicant (90-day exam extension)

- J. Iesha Church, LAC Applicant (90-day exam extension)
- K. Ruth LaBarbera, LCSW Applicant (90-day exam extension)

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Exam accommodation and/or 90-day waiver request: review, consideration and action

None

10. Applications for licensure: review, consideration, and possible action

A. Review, consideration, and possible action regarding applications for licensure

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend to approve Nena Ahmad El Bey as a Licensed Professional Counselor. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend to approve Brooke Fadanelli as a Licensed Associate Counselor. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Connor moved, seconded by Dr. Kerstner, to recommend to approve the following 3 as Licensed Associate Counselors upon receipt of a passing score on the required exam.

Mandeep Dhahan John Garay Jessica Miller

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor, to recommend to the Board to deny the following 3 based on their failure to establish they meet minimum licensure requirements.

Whisper Gailey Qiana Adams Katelyn Smith

The motion passed unanimously.

Following review, members requested additional information on the following applications:

Shannon Fowler-Crockett Cooper Karin Patterson Diana Hernandez

The Committee took a break at 11:300 a.m., reconvening its public meeting at 12:04 p.m.

B. Appeals

None

11. Applications for educational programs: review, consideration, and possible action.

None

12. Future agenda items

Discussion regarding changing the meeting start time.

13. Call for public comment

No one was present to respond to the call for public comment.

14. Establishment of future meeting dates

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 24, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., at 1740 West

Adams St., Board Room B, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

15. Adjournment

Dr. Kerstner moved, seconded by Ms. O'Connor, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Janet Lee O'Connor, EdS

[Janet Lee O'Connor, EdS \(Jul 3, 2023 12:40 PDT\)](#)

Janet O'Connor
Secretary/Treasurer

Jul 3, 2023

Date