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SUBSTANCE ABUSE ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, October 15, 2021

Members present: Yvonne Fortier, Sofia Hassid

Staff present: Tobi Zavala, Executive Director; Zuri De Lucio, Credentialing Specialist

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on October 15, 2021 at 9:09 a.m. with Ms. Fortier presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above

3. **Minutes: review, consideration and action**

A. *August 20, 2021 general meeting minutes*

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, to approve the general meeting minutes from the August 20, 2021 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Report from the Chair**

No report.

5. **Report from the Executive Director and/or staff**

A. *General agency operations*

None

B. *Discussion regarding all licensee letter emailed on September 24, 2021*

Members discussed the letter in regards to changes in law and reminders.

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 extension request for deficiencies**

A. *Krista Walker, LAC Applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*

B. *Randall Griffith, LCSW Applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*

C. *Ron Gad, LMFT Applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*

D. *Valerie Rasicci, LMSW Applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*

E. *Jesenia Valdez, LMSW Applicant, (60-day deficiency extension)*

F. *Lynn Gibson Akhetiar, LSAT Applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*

G. *Halina Brooke, LAMFT Applicant (90-day exam extension)*

Ms. Hassid moved, seconded by Ms. Fortier, to approve consent agenda items A & B and D through G. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee tabled consent agenda item C.

9. **Exam extensions and/or exam accommodation request: review, consideration and action**  
None

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

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

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, to recommend to approve Jennifer Govan and Raymee Nichols as Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselors. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, to recommend to approve Brittany Stevens as a Licensed Associate Substance Abuse Counselor upon receipt of a passing score of the required exam. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, to recommend to approve Valentine De Anda as a Licensed Substance Abuse Technician upon receipt of a passing score of the required exam. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, to recommend to the Board to deny Reyna Bonilla, Xavier Jenkins, and Luisa Williams on their failure to establish that they meet minimum licensure requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee requested additional information on the following applications:

Fabian Valenzuela                      Amber Joslyn

The committee tabled the application of Jodi Erickson

B. *Appeals*

None

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

None

12. **Future agenda items**

None

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, December 17, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., at 1740 W. Adams St., Board Room B, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

15. **Adjournment**

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

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Sofia Hassid  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Date