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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
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Friday, May 9, 2008

The open session meeting was called to order by the President, James McGhee, at 8:03 a.m. A quorum was present and due notice had been sent to all interested parties.

Members Present:

James McGhee, President
Sharon O'Connor, Ph.D., Vice-President
Alex Calero
Ellen Graff, Ph.D.
Jacqueline Horn, Ph.D.
Emil Rodolfa, Ph.D.
Richard Sherman, Ph.D.
Celinda Vazquez (arrived at 8:20 a.m.)

Others Present:

Robert Kahane, Executive Officer
Jeffrey Thomas, Assistant Executive Officer
Norine Marks, Legal Counsel
Gina Bayless, Enforcement Coordinator
Lavinia Snyder, Licensing/Registration Program Coordinator
Kathy Bradbury, Administrative Services Coordinator
Denise Russell, Continuing Education/Probation Analyst
Diana Crosby, Administrative Technician

Agenda Item #1 – Approval of Minutes for February 8 - 9, 2008 Board Meeting

It was M(Sherman)/S(Graff)/C to approve the February 8 – 9, 2008, open session minutes with minor changes.

VOTE: 7 – 0

Open Session – Petitioner and Administrative Hearing

8:30 A.M. – NABAVI, Reza, Ph.D., Petition for Termination of Probation

Administrative Law Judge Joseph Montoya presided. Deputy Attorney General Tan N. Tran was present and represented the people of the State of California. Reza Nabavi, Ph.D., was present and represented himself.

The Board adjourned into closed session at the conclusion of the hearing pursuant to Government Code section 11126(c)(3) to discuss and vote on disciplinary decisions, including the above petition.

11:00 A.M. – Open Session Committee Meetings

The Continuing Education Committee and Enforcement Committee met to discuss and formulate recommendations to the Board.

2:00 P.M. – Open Session Committee Meetings

The Examination Committee, Legislation Committee, Personnel and Board Operations Committee, and Ad Hoc Committee on Prescription Privileges met to discuss and formulate recommendations to the Board.

3:30 P.M. – Open Session Committee Meetings

The Credentials Committee, Outreach and Consumer Education Committee, and Ad Hoc Committee on Facilitating Psychologists' Participation in Disaster Response met to discuss and formulate recommendations to the Board.

Closed Session, upon conclusion of committee meetings

The Board met in closed session pursuant Government Code Section 11126(a)(1) and 11126(c)(3) to discuss and vote on disciplinary decisions and personnel issues.

Saturday, May 10, 2008

The open session meeting was called to order by the President, James McGhee, at 9:03 a.m. A quorum was present and due notice had been sent to all interested parties.

Members Present:

James McGhee, President
Sharon O'Connor, Ph.D., Vice-President
Alex Calero
Ellen Graff, Ph.D.
Jacqueline Horn, Ph.D.
Emil Rodolfa, Ph.D.
Celinda Vazquez (arrived at 9:10 a.m.)

Others Present:

Robert Kahane, Executive Officer
Jeffrey Thomas, Assistant Executive Officer
Norine Marks, Legal Counsel
Gina Bayless, Enforcement Coordinator
Lavinia Snyder, Licensing/Registration Program Coordinator
Kathy Bradbury, Administrative Services Coordinator
Denise Russell, Continuing Education/Probation Analyst
Diana Crosby, Administrative Technician

Agenda Item #2 – President’s Report – Mr. McGhee

a) Committee Procedures

Mr. McGhee stated that the new committee procedures seem to working well. All committee meetings held the previous day seemed to start and end on time. He thanked all committee members for making that happen.

b) California Mental Health Boards and Commissions

Mr. McGhee indicated that the California Association of Mental Health Boards and Commissions will be holding their annual conference in June 2009 in San Jose, CA. Mr. McGhee reported that he is the chair of the conference and that he has spoken with Mr. Kahane about the Board of Psychology being involved in the conference. He stated that he will bring further information to the Board at a future meeting.

c) California Psychological Association Convention

Mr. McGhee reported on his attendance at the California Psychological Association’s convention held on April 3 – 6, 2008, at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, CA. He stated that the conference was well organized and that he attended nine workshops being held at the convention. Mr. McGhee also reported that at the convention, he had the opportunity to speak with many psychologists who had positive comments about the Board and the direction in which it is going.

d) Association of State & Provincial Psychology Boards

Mr. McGhee stated that the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) announced a call for nominations for Member-at-Large. Dr. Horn stated that she would like to be nominated and would like the Board to support her nomination.

It was M(O’Connor)/S(Rodolfa)/C to nominate Dr. Horn for ASPPB’s Member-at-Large.

Vote: 7 – 0

Dr. Horn thanked the Board for its endorsement. Mr. Kahane stated that he would send a letter to ASPPB nominating Dr. Horn.

e) Other President’s Informational Items

None.

Agenda Item #3– Executive Officer’s Report – Mr. Kahane

a) 2008/2009 Strategic Plan Approval

Mr. Kahane noted and referred to the Draft Strategic Plan for Approval. He stated that the current goals and objectives are to be updated or moved to “ongoing” for the new plan, while our ongoing strategic goals and objectives are in process. Mr. Kahane stated that he will send to the Board Committees for updates or revisions of his submission.

b) Web Site Update

Mr. Kahane stated the new Board of Psychology website is on-line. He indicated that the tabular format makes our website more easy to navigate and makes the viewing of requested information only one or two “clicks” away from the home web page. He reported that the responses from consumers, licensees, and professionals have been most positive.

c) Board Office Relocation

Mr. Kahane reported on the relocation of the Board offices to the Evergreen Site. Overall, he indicated that the move went well, and staff worked hard to remain well within our licensing timelines, although some phone and other communication issues continued to be addressed during our first month’s occupancy. Most of these issues have since been resolved.

d) Staff Update

Mr. Kahane discussed the Board’s staffing issues and reported Julie Brown, our newest Staff Services Analyst, joined the staff at the beginning of the month. He stated that filling that position now solidifies and completes the enforcement team that has been in flux for over a year.

e) November 2008 Board Conference

Mr. Kahane stated there will still be a November “Multi” Board conference in Los Angeles, CA. He reported that almost all Boards will meet during that week and the Board of Psychology will meet on Friday and Saturday, November 21-22, 2008. Executive Staff and Board Members are encouraged by DCA to attend on Wednesday, November 19, for many of the scheduled Consumer Outreach and Public events.

h) Other Executive Officer’s Informational Items

Mr. Kahane thanked Ms. Diana Crosby for her deft handling of the unscheduled meeting room changes and by her work allowing the Board to continue meeting during the long closed session on Friday, with no disruptions.

Mr. Kahane reported that licensing timeframes were reduced again by approximately one week. Mr. Kahane thanked Lani Snyder for her excellent job in her Lead capacity and the Licensing Team for its adaptability and hard work.

Mr. Kahane noted that he and Mr. McGhee, met with a private organization represented by Ron Joseph and Lynn Morris, both former DCA Board executives. He stated that their organization is involved in getting community leaders and those with responsible voices to enter the appointment process and in turn to serve on Boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Those persons recommended would be added to the general appointments pool. There would not be a constituency-based representation by any of these selected appointees.

Agenda Item #4 – Regulations Update

a) Postdoctoral Supervised Professional Experience (CAPIC) – Amendments to Title 16, California Code of Regulations section 1387(a)(2)(A)

Ms. Bradbury reported that the rulemaking file is waiting submission to DCA pending completion of the Economic and Fiscal Impact Statement.

b) Supervised Professional Experience (Non-Mental Health) – Amendments to Title 16, California Code of Regulations section 1387.3

Ms. Bradbury reported that the rulemaking file was approved by the Office of Administrative Law and became effective on May 24, 2008.

c) California Law and Ethics Examination – Amendments to Title 16, California Code of Regulations sections 1381.5, 1388, 1388.6 and 1392

Ms. Bradbury reported that the rulemaking file was approved by the Office of Administrative Law and became effective on April 1, 2008.

Agenda Item #5 – Continuing Education Committee Report

a) 2007/2008 Strategic Plan Update

Dr. O'Connor reported that the Strategic Plan objectives are ongoing.

b) Continuing Education Statistics

Dr. O'Connor referred the Board to the continuing education statistics which were provided in the meeting packets. She brought the Board's attention to the increase in the January 2008 non-compliance statistics; however, she assured the Board that this was normal for the first time a renewal period is reported to the Board. Once licensees are notified of the deficiency in their continuing education, they work quickly with the Board and the MCEP Accrediting Agency to come into compliance; therefore, this figure quickly decreases.

c) Discussion of Continuing Education Accrued After Renewal But Prior to Expiration Date Applying Toward Next Renewal Cycle

Dr. O'Connor stated that the Continuing Education Committee discussed the issue of continuing education accrued after the renewal but prior to the expiration date of a license applying toward the licensee's next renewal for the last time during its meeting on the previous day. She stated that although it was a great idea and it was a benefit to discuss the issue, it would raise too many housekeeping issues and would open the door to licensees requesting additional flexibility. She indicated that psychologists who earn extra continuing education hours during their renewal cycle should consider it a benefit.

d) Draft Regulation Language – Continuing Education Provider Approval Program (Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Sections 1397.60 – 1397.71)

Dr. O'Connor reported that the Continuing Education Committee has been working on revising and simplifying the continuing education regulations. The main goal of the revisions is to eliminate the individual course review that is required by current regulations. The revised

regulations would also incorporate requiring psychologists who are in the military or who reside out of the country who are currently exempted from meeting the other continuing education requirements to take laws and ethics training.

Dr. O'Connor thanked Ms. Marks and Mr. Thomas as well as Ms. Van Woerkom and Dr. Linder-Crow with the California Psychological Association, for their work on these revisions. She indicated that further research will be done to determine what the requirements are in other states, and the language will be modified and brought back to the Board in August.

It was M(Continuing Education Committee)/S(Rodolfa)/C to accept the Continuing Education Committee's report and recommendations.

Vote: 7 – 0

Agenda Item #6 – Credentials Committee Report

a) 2007/2008 Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Ellen Graff reported two strategic objectives (2.02 & 2.05) are completed and should be removed from the list. The rest of the strategic objectives are still ongoing.

b) Satisfaction Survey Results

Dr. Graff reported that survey responses have increased. Dr. Faltz suggested to use the satisfaction survey results in a proactive approach to achieve the Board's goals during the period of Sunset Review.

c) Draft Revised Psychological Assistant Application

Dr. Graff reported minor revisions to the draft Psychological Assistant Application. The committee asks that the Board accept the new form but not use the revised form until regulations are changed to make the new format relevant.

d) Draft Revised Supervision Agreement

Dr. Graff reported minor revisions to the draft Supervision Agreement Form. The committee also asks that the Board accept the new form but not use the revised form until regulations are changed to make the new format relevant.

e) Draft Regulation Language – Supervised Professional Experience (Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Sections 1387(b)10 and 1387.6)

Dr. Graff recommended accepting the draft language and to issue a notice for a regulation hearing at the next Board meeting in August.

f) Draft Regulation Language - Expiration Date of Psychological Assistant Registrations (Title 16, California Code of Regulations, Sections 1391.4, 1391.10 and 1391.12)

Dr. Graff recommended accepting the draft language and to issue a notice for a regulation hearing at the next Board meeting in August.

g) Interjurisdictional Practice Certificate (IPC)

Dr. Graff indicated that there is currently an existing law that allows psychologists who are currently licensed in another state to practice in California for a period of 30 days. The Credentials Committee would like to further discuss this issue at the next Board meeting.

h) Summarization of Closed Session Items

The committee recommended approval of two plans for supervised professional experience in non-mental health and one request for an extension of the 30-consecutive month limit of section 1387(a) of the California Code of Regulations.

It was M(Credentials Committee)/S(O'Connor)/C to accept the Credentials Committee's report and recommendations.

Vote: 7 – 0

Agenda Item #7 – Examination Committee Report

a) 2007/2008 Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Horn stated that all strategic objectives are still ongoing. Strategic objective 2.07 and 2.09 now address non-mental health items and are incorporated in the California Psychology Supplemental Examination (CPSE). The Examination Committee thanked the Office of Examination Resources for their hard work.

b) Examination Statistics

Dr. Horn reported that the examination statistics are in the Board packets. She stated that first quarter's statistics for the EPPP and CPSE are noted in the packet.

Dr. Horn commented that the passing rate for the CPSE is lower than usual. Dr. Horn indicated that she would like an analysis of performance in each content area compared to the overall pass/fail rate. Dr. Horn indicated that she will contact the Office of Examination Resources regarding this matter.

c) Discussion Regarding Possible Overlap of Content Areas Between the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) and California Psychology Supplemental Examination (CPSE)

Dr. Horn stated that the EPPP is designed to test the broad range of psychology. The EPPP does a good job reflecting all content areas for psychology. The Board would like the EPPP to continue to develop and test the broad field of psychology and have the California Psychology Supplemental Examination focus on laws & ethics in a broad way, not just as they are applied in clinical/mental health areas, but also in non-mental health areas as well.

Dr. Horn indicated that the next ASPPB Occupational Analysis will be completed in 2009. As it stands, the CPSE is tied to ASPPB's current occupational analysis. The Board conducted a separate Occupational Analysis in California and found that there were content areas indicative of how psychologists practice in California that are not adequately reflected in the EPPP. As a result, content areas in Crisis Assessment and Intervention, Clinical Assessment and

Evaluation, and Treatment and Interventions were added to the CPSE. The Board is currently bound to this occupational analysis.

Part of the difficulty, according to Dr. Horn, is that people who are licensed psychologists in California are overwhelmingly practicing in mental health areas and doctoral-level individuals who are not practicing in mental health areas are not captured. Behavioral anchors in the occupational analysis are clinically focused. The goal ultimately is to bring people with doctorates in psychology and who are practicing psychology in non mental health areas into compliance with the requirement to be licensed. Since the Board is still tied to the current OA, we can only broaden the subject matter expert base to include non-mental health psychologists at this time.

In addition, higher order thinking is now being assessed in multiple choice questions, some are knowledge-based, some conceptual and some applied. The vignettes, however, are not testing higher order thinking due to the current test construction.

Dr. Horn stated that the Examination Committee recommends the following:

- 1) Discontinue vignettes
- 2) Increase the number of non-vignette questions
- 3) Broaden the Subject Matter Expert base to include all areas of psychology.

Dr. Horn stated that when the next occupational analysis results are determined, our exam will focus on laws and ethics related to all areas of psychological practice and higher order thinking.

d) California Psychology Laws and Ethics Examination (CPLÉE) Update

Dr. Horn reported that the CPLÉE was implemented April 1, 2008. She indicated that Board staff has identified all candidates who are eligible for this exam; however, not all eligible candidates have scheduled for the exam. Some results from this exam have been reported to the Board.

It was M(Examination Committee)/S(Rodolfa)/C to accept the Examination Committee's report and recommendations.

Vote: 7 – 0

Agenda Item #8 - Enforcement Committee Report

a) 2007/2008 Strategic Plan Update

Ms. Vasquez reported that the Strategic Plan Objectives 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, and 1.04 are ongoing tasks.

Strategic Objective 1.02 – Review goals and performance measures

Ms. Vasquez reported on the Vertical Enforcement (VE) model formerly known as the vertical prosecution model. Staff provided data regarding the vertical enforcement model and the committee discussed the statistical data. The committee recommended that further data be obtained and presented at the next board meeting.

Strategic Objective 1.04 – Make discipline documents available for download from the board’s website

Ms. Vasquez reported on the IT project to transfer all discipline documents to be viewed on the board’s website. Board staff is working to implement this project and is currently looking into the technology to scan documents to make them available on the board’s website.

The committee discussed how long the discipline documents should be made available and recommended that the documents be available for 5 years or until completion of entire probation term.

b) Enforcement Statistics

Ms. Vasquez referred the Board to the enforcement statistics in the agenda packets. She noted that there are no remarkable trends to report.

c) Expert Reviewer Program Update

Ms. Vasquez reported that the committee discussed the progress of the expert reviewer program revisions. Staff completed and implemented all revisions to the expert reviewer program including a new policy, the expert reviewer categories and matrix. All experts have been notified of the changes and asked to update their “Areas of Expertise”.

d) Practice Monitor Training

Ms. Vasquez reported on practice monitoring for probationers and the difficulty some probationers experience in obtaining a practice monitor. Dr. Horn reported that Colorado has a unique practice monitor training program that the Colorado Psychological Association created in partnership with the Colorado Psychology Board. The committee recommended that Board staff obtain information regarding the program for review at the next meeting.

Ms. Vasquez reported public comment was raised regarding the documents reviewed by the enforcement committee and a request that the documents be made available to the public. The committee and Board staff will work with legal counsel to ensure that all documents are accessible and available to the public.

It was M(Enforcement Committee)/S(O’Connor)/C to accept the Enforcement Committee’s report and recommendations.

Vote: 7 - 0

Agenda Item #9 – Legislation Committee Report

a) 2007/2008 Strategic Plan Update

Mr. McGhee stated that as Dr. Sherman, Chair of the Legislation Committee, was absent from the meeting, Mr. Calero will present the committee’s report in his absence. Mr. Calero reported on the Strategic Plan goals as follows:

Goals 5.1 and 5.2 are ongoing.

Goal 5.3 –The current sunset review date for the Board is January 1, 2009; however, SB 963 is to be amended to extend the sunset date by one year. Staff will monitor this bill and keep the

committee apprised of any amendments and the committee will provide a status update at the next Board meeting.

Goal 5.4 – Committee will begin review of the current laws and regulations related to the practice of psychology. Staff have been instructed to prepare proposed revisions to Articles 1, 1.5 and 2 of the California Code of Regulations for the committee's review at the next meeting.

b) SB 1427 (Calderon) – Psychologists; scope of practice; prescribing drugs

Mr. Calero reported that SB 1427, as introduced February 21, 2008, is currently in the Senate Health Committee and being held there without recommendation; therefore it is a dead bill.

c) AB 2543 (Berg) – Geriatric & Gerontology Workforce Expansion Act

Mr. Calero reported that AB 2543, as amended April 23, 2008, would create a number of programs to increase the number of students trained in the areas of geriatrics and gerontology as well to help provide loan repayment to those students working in this area. Mr. Calero stated that this bill covers registered nurses, licensed clinical social workers, and marriage and family therapists and would impose an additional \$10 licensing fee. Mr. Calero also stated that currently psychologists are not included in this bill and that the California Psychological Association (CPA) opposes this bill for several reasons, one being increasing fees. Lastly, Mr. Calero stated that AB 2543 has been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee and the Legislation Committee will continue to monitor this bill and update the Board at the next meeting.

d) AB 2746 (Niello) – Private Postsecondary Education: California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2008

Mr. Calero reported that AB 2746, as amended April 9, 2008, would enact the Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2008 thereby creating a new Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education. Mr. Calero stated that, as discussed at previous board meetings, this Bureau would oversee the accreditation of approved schools. Mr. Calero reported that this bill is currently in the Assembly Appropriations Committee and is expected to go to Suspense file given the fiscal impact, but the committee will continue to monitor and update the Board at the next meeting.

e) Senate Joint Resolution 19 (Ridley-Thomas) – Military Torture and Health Professionals

Mr. Calero reported that Mr. McGhee, Board President, Sharon O'Connor, Ph.D., Vice-President, and Robert Kahane, Executive Officer, appeared and testified at the January 14, 2008, hearing on this bill. Mr. Calero stated that, within the next two weeks, this bill will go to the Assembly Rules Committee to be assigned to a relevant policy committee and the Legislation Committee will monitor this bill and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

f) SB 1218 (Correa) – Marriage and Family Therapy; Licensure and Registration

Mr. Calero stated that the Legislation Committee monitors bills related to the Board of Behavioral Sciences in addition to bills related to the Board. Mr. Calero reported that SB 1218, as amended on March 24, 2008, basically revises the curriculum for marriage and family therapists and that the bill is currently in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee and a hearing date will be set in early June. Mr. Calero stated that the Legislation Committee will continue to monitor this bill and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

g) AB 1897 (Emmerson) – Marriage and Family Therapists

Mr. Calero stated that AB 1897, as amended on April 10, 2008, would require the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) to accept doctoral and master level degrees that were approved by the former Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education (BPPVE) as meeting the educational requirements for licensure and registration. Mr. Calero also stated that the bill also would require the BBS to accept other doctor and master programs from other California schools accredited by regional accrediting agencies. Mr. Calero reported that there is language in the bill that states the BBS does not need to accept those doctoral and master programs as meeting the educational requirements until there is a new regulatory scheme governing private postsecondary educational schools. Mr. Calero stated that this bill was currently referred to the Senate Business and Professions Committee and that the Legislation Committee will continue to monitor this bill and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

h) Other Bills of Interest to the Board

Mr. Calero stated that there were no other bills relevant to the Board of Psychology at this time.

It was M(Legislation Committee)/S(Vazquez)/C to accept the Legislation Committee's report and recommendations.

VOTE: 7 – 0

Agenda Item #10 – Outreach and Consumer Education Committee Report

a) 2007/2008 Strategic Plan Update

Ms. Vazquez reported on the following Strategic Plan objectives:

4.01 – Ms. Vazquez stated that the committee recommends establishing a new committee to address contemporary and emerging issues in psychology.

4.03 – Ms. Vazquez reported that the Outreach and Consumer Education Committee discussed this item with Dr. Linder-Crow. The committee is recommending to move forward with plans to hold a diversity conference in collaboration with the California Psychological Association in late September in the greater Los Angeles area. Board staff will work with CPA to formalize the details.

b) BOP Mail Monthly Statistics

Ms. Vazquez referred the Board to the BOP Mail monthly statistics provided in the meeting packets. She indicated that the information is being provided in a weekly format.

c) Consumer Outreach

Ms. Vazquez reported that Mr. Kahane attended the Black Expo in March and the CPA convention in April. She also indicated that the committee discussed holding an open house at the Board's new office after staff has fully settled in and all move-related issues subside.

d) New Consumer Booklet

Ms. Vazquez indicated that the committee discussed the development of a new consumer booklet titled “Why a Psychologist?” which underscores the importance of why consumers should seek the services of a licensed psychologist.

e) Discussion Regarding Development of an Outreach Program in Non-Mental Health Areas

Ms. Vazquez reported that Mr. Kahane will be traveling over the summer to training programs to talk about the importance of licensure in California.

f) Public Service Announcement

Ms. Vazquez discussed developing a public service announcement educating consumers about unlicensed practice. She indicated that Dr. O’Connor and Dr. Sherman can be used as resources for the development of the PSA.

Dr. O’Connor spoke about a recent article in the Wall Street Journal that reported how personal injury attorneys are misusing a scale on the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory II (MMPI-II), taking advantage of the built-in prejudice on the scale. She indicated that she and Mr. Calero will draft a letter to be sent to the California BAR regarding this issue and that the draft will be brought to the August Board meeting.

Dr. O’Connor also discussed another article that reported on the suicide rates of physicians. She indicated that the suicide rates of physicians is staggering, and that there is a type of taboo in seeking psychiatric or psychological help within their community. Dr. O’Connor stated that she does not know what the Board’s role could be, but would like to add this issue as an item for discussion at the August meeting under the Committee for Contemporary and Emerging Issues.

It was M(Consumer Education Committee)/S(Graff)/C to accept the Consumer Education Committee’s report and recommendations.

Vote: 7 – 0

It was M(Calero)/S(Graff)/C to create a Committee on Contemporary and Emerging Issues. Mr. McGhee appointed Dr. O’Connor to chair the committee and Dr. Rodolfa and Mr. Calero to serve as members.

Vote: 7 – 0

Agenda Item #11 – Personnel and Board Operations Committee

a) 2007/2008 Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Horn reported on the following Strategic Plan objectives:

6.02 – Dr. Horn indicated that there was initially some miscommunication about the process for hiring a consultant. She stated that this issue has now been clarified, therefore, we will be moving forward in this process.

6.03 – ongoing

6.04 – Dr. Horn indicated that under the current fiscal scenario, the Board will not be able to receive repayment of the loan to the General Fund at the present time.

6.05 – completed.

b) Consultant for Board Operations

As stated in her Strategic Plan update, Dr. Horn indicated that there was initially some miscommunication about the process for hiring a consultant. She stated that this issue has now been clarified; therefore, we will be moving forward in this process.

c) Budget Report

Dr. Horn stated that the Board currently has approximately a four and a half month surplus in the budget which indicates that the Board is in good shape. She stated that the Board is submitting Budget Change Proposals to hire an Outreach Coordinator at staff level, as well as an Office Technician for licensing.

Dr. Horn stated that the committee is recommending that the Board President and Executive Officer meet with the Director of DCA to discuss out of state travel to meetings, such as the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards, that are extremely important for our Board to attend since California has the largest population of licensed psychologists in the country. She indicated that our Board is affected by issues happening in other states; therefore attendance at these types of meetings is crucial for the Board to keep up to date. Also, attendance is helpful to other states of California provides leadership in the area of regulation. She stated that the Board has its own funding for these trips and would like the Director to be aware of these issues.

Dr. Horn indicated that automated licensing and continuing refinement of the Executive Officer performance review process need to be on the agenda for the August meeting.

It was M(Personnel and Board Operations Committee)/C to accept the Personnel and Board Operations Committee report and recommendations.

VOTE: 7 – 0

Agenda Item #12 – Ad Hoc Committee on Facilitating Psychologists’ Participation in Disaster Response Report

a) Explanation of the “Give An Hour” Veteran Project and Discussion of Ways to Inform Psychologists How to Participate

Dr. O’Connor stated that the Board has invited Dr. Jon Nachison, who founded Project Stand Down in 1988, to speak to the Board in August to help educate us on the difficult return of veterans from the war and the impact on their families.

Dr. O’Connor indicated that she will be writing an article for the “BOP Update” alerting psychologists on how they can participate in disaster response in many ways.

It was M(Ad Hoc Committee on Facilitating Psychologists’ Participation in Disaster Response)/S(Horn)/C to accept the Ad Hoc Committee on Facilitating Psychologists’ Participation in Disaster Response’s report and recommendations.

VOTE: 7 – 0

Agenda Item #13 – Ad Hoc Committee on Prescription Privileges

a) Proposed Legislation Regarding Prescription Privileges for Psychologists

Dr. Graff stated that she recommends moving the issues tracked by the Ad Hoc Committee on Prescription Privileges under the Committee on Contemporary and Emerging Issues. She reported that SB 1427, which potentially would have put psychologists on a nurse practitioner model, is dead at this time. Dr. Graff stated that Dr. Linder-Crow, Executive Director of the California Psychological Association, mentioned that this is not the right time to introduce the prescription privilege legislation for psychologists and that there are no bills currently pending.

b) Registered Nurses Prescription Privileges

Dr. Graff recommended moving this issue to the Committee on Contemporary and Emerging Issues.

It was M(Ad Hoc Committee on Prescription Privileges)/S(Rodolfa)/C to accept the Ad Hoc Committee on Prescription Privileges' report and recommendations.

Vote: 7 – 0

Agenda Item #14 – Election of Officers

a) President

It was M(Horn)/S(Calero)/C to nominate Mr. McGhee as President.

It was M(Rodolfa)/S(Vazquez)/C to accept the nomination by acclamation.

b) Vice-President

It was M(Graff)/S(Rodolfa)/C to nominate Dr. O'Connor as Vice-President.

It was M(Rodolfa)/S(Vazquez)/C to accept the nomination by acclamation.

Agenda Item #15 – Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Charles Faltz, Ph.D., on behalf of CPA, congratulated Mr. McGhee and Dr. O'Connor on their re-election as Board President and Vice-President, respectively. He stated that it is his recollection that at the last meeting during the "Public Comment" section, the issue of the supplemental licensing fee that goes into a special fund for tuition reimbursement for those who are going to serve the underserved and how that money was being used was brought up. He stated that the Board was going to find out where that stood and how the monies are being distributed. He encouraged a follow-up by the Board to be presented at the August Board meeting.

Dr. Faltz spoke about AB 2543 (Berg) which is a bill to collect money to be used for those working in a geriatric care setting. He stated that he had heard that psychology was going to be included in this bill, and that CPA has no position on this bill.

Dr. Faltz stated that the Sunset bill was appropriately explained as pending and that language was going to be added to the bill to extend the Board's sunset date. He reported that there has never been a problem with the report regarding the functioning of the Board. Dr. Faltz encouraged the Board to write a letter to the author of the bill, Senator Ridley-Thomas, asking that the period of extension be extended to the original extension date instead of one year. Allison Parelman, Ph.D. requested that the issue of how long a psychological assistant can be registered under the same supervisor will be discussed at a future meeting.

Candace Young stated that AB 1486, the Licensed Professional Counselor bill, has been granted reconsideration and is being heard on June 9, 2008.

Agenda Item #16 – Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Agenda item for Emerging & Contemporary Issues Committee: Loan Repayment.

Dr. Horn asked for a status on the appointment by the Assembly of our remaining unfilled Board member position. She also asked to change language from mental health/non-mental health to health service provider/non-health service provider.

It was M(Horn)/S(Graff)/C to adjourn the open session meeting.

The open session meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

James L. McGhee
President

Date