

1 **LICENSURE COMMITTEE MEETING TELECONFERENCE**

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3 NOTE: Pursuant to the provisions of Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-29-
4 20, dated March 17, 2020, neither Committee member locations nor a public meeting
5 location were provided.

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7 **Friday, May 15, 2020**

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9 **Members Present**

10 Mary Harb Sheets, PhD, Chair
11 Seyron Foo, President
12 Lea Tate, PsyD

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14 **Members Absent**

15 None

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17 **Legal Counsel**

18 Norine Marks

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20 **Board Staff Present**

21 Antonette Sorrick, Executive Officer
22 Jeffrey Thomas, Assistant Executive Officer
23 Stephanie Cheung, Licensing Program Manager
24 Jason Glasspiegel, Central Services Manager
25 Evan Gage, Special Projects Analyst

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28 **Agenda Item #1: Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum**

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30 Mary Harb Sheets, PhD, Chairperson, called the open session meeting to order at
31 10:05 a.m. A quorum was present and due notice had been sent to all interested
32 parties.

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34 **Agenda Item #2: Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda. Note: The Board**
35 **May Not Discuss or Take Action on Any Matter Raised During this Public**
36 **Comment Section, Except to Decide Whether to Place the Matter on the Agenda**
37 **of a Future Meeting [Government Code sections 11125 and 11125.7(a)].**

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39 Dr. Harb Sheets called for public comment.

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41 Public comment was offered regarding concerns about the safety of examination
42 candidates at testing centers considering the COVID-19 distancing protocols and to the

43 possibility of entirely waiving the examination requirement considering Executive Order
44 N-39-30.

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46 Ms. Marks commented that staff could get in touch with examination candidates to
47 discuss their concerns.

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49 Ms. Sorrick commented that staff has been in constant contact with Office of
50 Professional Examination Services and that progress is being made to provide a safe
51 testing environment at testing centers.

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53 Dr. Harb Sheets commented that the Board's website provides a list of all approved
54 waivers, and Ms. Sorrick commented that examination candidates should keep
55 checking back to the website for updates, although currently there was no waiver of the
56 any examination.

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58 No further public comment offered.

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60 **Agenda Item #3: Chairperson's Welcome and Opening Remarks**

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62 Dr. Harb Sheets made opening remarks.

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64 **Agenda Item #4: Discussion and Possible Approval of the Licensure Committee**
65 **Meeting Minutes: September 12-13, 2019**

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67 It was (M)Foo/(S)Tate/C to adopt the September 12-13, 2019 Licensure Committee
68 meeting minutes.

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70 Dr. Harb Sheets called for Committee discussion and public comment.

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72 No Committee or public comment offered.

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74 Votes: 3 ayes (Foo, Harb Sheets, Tate), 0 noes

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76 **Agenda Item #5: Licensing Report**

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78 Ms. Cheung provided this report.

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80 Ms. Cheung brought attention to Attachment B in the meeting materials and commented
81 that there might appear to be a spike in open initial applications for April 2020. This
82 spike was attributed to budget constraints that led to work being redistributed to
83 licensing staff due to vacancies.

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85 Dr. Harb Sheets called for Committee questions and comments.

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87 No Committee questions or comments offered.

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89 Dr. Harb Sheets called for public comment.

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91 Public comment regarded a clarification of what was meant by the term 'canceled
92 license' in Attachment A.

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94 Ms. Cheung replied that this term included all canceled registrations that ever existed in
95 the system, including for Registered Psychological Assistants (PSBs) who later became
96 licensed.

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98 Dr. Harb Sheets commented that a list of all waivers is available on the website and that
99 staff is available to answer questions about specific situations regarding PSBs running
100 out of time to take the examination(s).

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102 No further public comment offered.

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104 **Agenda Item #6: Continuing Education and Renewals Report**

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106 Mr. Glasspiegel provided this report.

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108 No Committee discussion and no public comment offered.

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110 **Agenda Item #7: Recommendations for Agenda Items for Future Committee**
111 **Meetings. Note: The Committee May Not Discuss or Take Action on any Matter**
112 **Raised During This Public Comment Section, Except to Decide Whether to Place**
113 **the Matter on the Agenda of a Future Meeting [Government Code Sections 11125**
114 **and 11125.7(a)]**

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116 Dr. Harb Sheets commented that a future agenda will include informational resources
117 for supervisors, and a collaboration effort to inform consumers regarding respective
118 roles of licensed psychologists, licensed educational psychologists, and individuals
119 holding a credential with a specialization in school psychology.

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121 Mr. Foo requested to agendize a staff update on waivers, depending on when the next
122 Licensure Committee meeting would be scheduled, based on the public interest in
123 waivers that has been shown in public comments.

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125 Dr. Harb Sheets called for public comment.

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127 Public comment included a request for examinations to be waived during the state of
128 emergency brought on by COVID-19.

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130 Dr. Harb Sheets commented that candidates should continue to review waivers on the
131 Board's website and to contact staff with questions.

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133 No further Committee discussion or public comment offered.

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135 **CLOSED SESSION**

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137 **Agenda Item #8: The Board will Meet in Closed Session Pursuant to Government**
138 **Code Section 11126(c)(3) to Discuss Disciplinary Matters Including Proposed**
139 **Decisions, Stipulations, Petitions for Reconsideration, and Remands.**

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141 The Committee entered closed session at 10:30 a.m.

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143 **OPEN SESSION**

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145 The Board returned to open session at 2:30 p.m.

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147 **ADJOURNMENT**

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149 The Committee adjourned at 2:30 p.m.