

**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
APPLICATION TRACKING EQUIVALENCY AND MOBILITY (ATEAM)
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

May 25, 2021

1. Call to order/roll call to determine the presence of a quorum.

Call to Order: The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners' Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee was called to order by President Dr. Whitney Owens at 5:08 p.m. The physical meeting location was the Office of the Board of Psychological Examiners, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Suite B116, Reno, Nevada, 89502. This meeting was also conducted online via Zoom.

Roll Call: Board President Whitney Owens, PsyD, and Member Stephanie Woodard, PsyD, were present. Member Stephanie Hollard, PsyD, was absent.

Also present were Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, and member of the public Dr. Mavis Major.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time. Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, stated that no public comment had been received in the Board office via email in advance of the meeting.

3. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the April 20, 2021, Meeting of the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee.

There was no discussion nor suggested changes to the minutes.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Whitney Owens, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the minutes of the April 20, 2021, meeting of the ATEAM Committee. (Yea: Whitney Owens and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carried Unanimously: 2-0

4. (For Possible Action) Discussion of Applicants Who Attended Non-APA Accredited Programs; and Possible Action to Provide Direction to an Applicant(s) or Make Recommendation to the Board of Psychological Examiners.

A. Michael Hobbs, Psychological Intern. There was no update on this applicant.

B. Nats Babel, Psychologist applicant

Dr. Nats Babel submitted an appeal of the findings of the Committee from April 20, 2021. At that meeting, it was determined that during his internship and post-doctoral experience, Dr. Babel had logged 100 total hours of individual supervision. The requirement in Nevada would be for 100 hours as an intern and 50 hours as a post-doctoral student. As a result, the Committee informed Dr. Babel he would need an additional 50 hours of individual supervision as a registered psychological assistant to meet Nevada's requirements.

In the appeal, Dr. Babel asked that the Committee consider the hours of supervision earned during a practicum be counted. That practicum was completed prior to the internship.

President Owens indicated that the level of supervision and training provided during a practicum does not equal that of a post-doctoral student. It is for that reason that the Board does not consider practicum hours toward supervised experience hours.

Dr. Woodard agreed and stated that the discussion at the last meeting included that there was not sufficient equivalency. Ms. Scurry added that she reviewed the recording of the last meeting to confirm that the practicum hours were discussed, and the Committee found that the practicum was not equivalent to an internship in hours, subject matter, or emphasis.

Both President Owens and Member Woodard stated the appeal would not be granted as no new information had been presented. Ms. Scurry asked that the Committee take action to formalize their decision.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Whitney Owens, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee denied the appeal of Dr. Nats Babel to reconsider use of the practicum hours. (Yea: Whitney Owens and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carried Unanimously: 2-0

C. Mavis Major, Psychologist applicant – Holland

(This item was taken out of order.)

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, presented the application of Dr. Mavis Major who applied for licensure as a psychologist. Dr. Major did not attend an educational program that was accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA) but had received a Ph.D. in Human Services. She has been licensed for more than 20 years as a social worker. The internship, which was conducted for licensure as a social worker, indicates 3,000 hours but has not been attested to by the supervisor. Ms. Scurry added that she could not confirm whether those hours would be considered equivalent to an internship accredited by the APA.

Dr. Majors confirmed that the internship hours were logged as part of licensure as a clinical social worker. At President Owens' inquiry, she confirmed that she has not completed any psychological post-doctoral training experience.

President Owens stated that the first step would be review of the educational program to ensure it meets the standards for licensure as a psychologist. Following that, review of the internship would occur. She added that an internship in another discipline cannot be counted as an internship in psychology. The requirements for the social work internship are very different than those for a psychologist.

During a brief review of the educational program, it appeared that the educational program had an emphasis in social work. However, it was suggested that the full review come to the next meeting of the Committee.

Dr. Mavis asked if she could register as a psychological assistant. Dr. Owens replied that equivalency in the educational program should be established first. If it is found that the education meets the standards, Dr. Mavis would likely need to complete a psychological internship that is APA accredited or equivalent.

Dr. Major inquired if it would be possible to make up any missing educational courses or if the entire degree in psychology would have to be completed. Dr. Owens responded that without a full review, she could not provide a definitive response. She added that it would depend on how much of the program was equivalent or substantially equivalent.

D. Shweta Sharma. There was no update on this applicant.

5. (For Possible Action) Discussion of Applicants for Licensure by Endorsement; and Possible Action to Provide Direction to an Applicant(s) or Make Recommendation to the Board of Psychological Examiners.

A. Leigh Lustig

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, reviewed the application of Dr. Leigh Lustig. In accordance with NAC 641.080, Dr. Lustig would meet the requirements for licensure as an applicant for endorsement. Those requirements include being licensed for at least 5 years and having earned at least 1,500 hours as an intern and as a post-doctoral student.

Member Dr. Woodard suggested that when an applicant for licensure by endorsement meets the requirements of NAC 641.080, review can be completed by the executive director without further review by the Committee.

Ms. Scurry added that, in addition to meeting the other licensure requirements, Dr. Lustig has earned the required 36 continuing education credits for renewal in California

and has been working full-time for the six years of her licensure. Additionally, she attended an APA-accredited educational program.

Dr. Woodard stated that the application appeared to be substantially equivalent.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Whitney Owens, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the equivalency review of Dr. Leigh Lustig and forwarded the application to the Board of Psychological Examiners for approval, contingent upon completion of the requirements. (Yea: Whitney Owens and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carried Unanimously: 2-0

6. (For Possible Action) Discussion of Procedures and/or Proposed Legislation Related to Licensure by Endorsement; and Possible Action to Propose Revisions and/or Make Recommendations to the Board of Psychological Examiners.

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, suggested this item come back to the Committee for discussion in June. Her questions included if all "yellow" state applicants must come to the Committee for review, especially if they meet the requirements of 641.080; and do applicants with 20 years of experience but who attended a non-APA accredited education need to come to the Committee for review.

Ms. Scurry also commented that the new application process whereby most applicants for endorsement input the necessary information at the beginning of the process is making the review process much more efficient.

Dr. Woodard commended the efforts to streamline the application and licensure process.

- A. Review of Draft Regulation R158-19 related to applications for licensure by endorsement
- B. Review of the endorsement application and procedures for the handling of endorsement applications received by the Board office
- C. Review of the State-by-State jurisdiction comparison and the "red light/green light" language when reviewing applicants from different jurisdictions applying for licensure by endorsement.
- D. Discussion of proposed legislation related to licensure by endorsement and provisional licenses

7. (For Possible Action) Discussion of Upcoming Meeting Dates for the ATEAM Committee

A. The next ATEAM Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

8. Items for Future Discussion.

There were no items suggested for future discussion.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

10. (For Possible Action) Adjournment

There being no further business, President Owens adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.