

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF A MEETING FOR
STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINDERS'
APPLICATION TRACKING EQUIVALENCY AND MOBILITY "ATEAM"
COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2024

1. Call to Order/Roll Call to Determine the Presence of a Quorum.

Call to Order: Executive Director Laura Arnold called the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners' Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility ("ATEAM") Committee to Order on April 12, 2024, at 11:02 a.m.

Roll Call: Committee Member, Dr. Catherine Pearson, and Committee Member Dr. Stephanie Woodard. Committee Member Dr. Soseh Esmaeili was not present. Despite Dr. Esmaeili's absence, the Committee had a quorum.

Also present was Laura M. Arnold, the Board of Psychological Examiner's Executive Director, Administrative Director Sarah Restori, and Bianca Reaves.

2. Public Comment. NOTE: Public comment is welcomed by the Board and may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the Committee Chair. Public comment will be allowed at the beginning and end of the meeting, as noted on the agenda. The Committee Chair may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and in their sole discretion. Comments will not be restricted based on viewpoint. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken (NRS 241.020).

There was no public comment at this time.

3. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the December 15, 2023, Meeting of the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee.

On motion by Catherine Pearson, second by Stephanie Woodard, the ATEAM approved the Meeting Minutes from the December 15, 2023 ATEAM Meeting. (Yea: Catherine Pearson, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carried: 2-0

4. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action on Applications for Licensure as a Psychologist or Registration as a Psychological Assistant, Intern or Trainee to Determine Equivalency with Nevada Requirements, Including Education and/or Training. (See Attachment A for the List of Applicants for Possible Consideration)

- a. Bianca Reaves – Psychological Trainee applicant

Dr. Woodard stated Ms. Reaves is currently in progress pursuing her PhD in psychology at Walden University. She's previously obtained a master's degree in applied psychology. The credits that she reviewed included study from both her master's degree, which she completed in 2016, as well as her ongoing course of study for her PhD. The director of clinical training from Walden University has provided an attestation that indicates that she believes Ms. Reeves is prepared for clinical training at the psychological training level.

Dr. Woodard went on to say, since the applicant is currently pursuing her degree, she believes that it is reasonable that she has not completed all of her academic training needed to progress on to internship or graduation yet, so it should be made clear to the applicant that if she is approved at this stage, she's still must satisfy all of the required coursework and residency requirements in order to meet eligibility for subsequent internship and application for licensure for the practice of psychology in Nevada in the future. This review is not intended to conclude that the applicant has satisfied requirements beyond the scope of the review. In Nevada in order for the applicant to be eligible to be able to provide services that are reimbursable under Medicaid and to be registered as a psychological trainee, she's required to come before the ATEAM for that review. It appears that she is on track for where she needs to be and should be so far within her academic pursuit. And she has also completed some of the residency requirements, which will certainly be of great importance and needed in the future as she moves on to be able to qualify for internship and potentially licensure in the future.

There were no questions from the Committee.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Catherine Pearson, the ATEAM approved recommending that the Board approve Bianca Reaves' application to register as a Psychological Trainee. (Yea: Catherine Pearson, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carried: 2-0

5. (For Possible Action) Discussion of ATEAM Committee Operating Procedures, including the Applicant Review Forms; and Possible Action to Propose Revisions to and/or Make Recommendations to the Board of Psychological Examiners for Adoption of the Revised Procedures and/or Review Forms.

Executive Director brought up the recommendation that the ATEAM be given authority to make approvals. She stated she would like to get that item on the next agenda for discussion and approval.

Dr. Woodard stated in past procedure the ATEAM had the ability to do that and the individual would still appear on the final board approval like any other applicant.

Dr. Pearson agreed with these sentiments giving the ATEAM authority to give approval for applicants.

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

The next ATEAM Committee meeting will be held on May 10, 2024, following the meeting of the regular Board meeting (10 a.m. or later).

7. Items for Future Discussion.

The Committee did not have any items for future discussion.

8. Public Comment.

Dr. Woodard shared that due to the Executive Director's thorough review of the applications that are coming through and her ability to determine substantial equivalency based on that review, she is keeping the ATEAM really flexible and not having as many reviews as they were having, and she thanked the Executive Director for that work.

There was no public comment at this time.

9. (For Possible Action) Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, the Executive Director adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.