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SUBSTANCE ABUSE ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, August 18, 2023

Members present: Yvonne Fortier, Sofia Hassid

Staff present: Zuri De Lucio, Senior Credentialist

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on August 18, 2023, at 9:02 a.m. with Ms. Fortier presiding.

**2. Roll Call**

See above

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

*A. June 2, 2023, meeting minutes*

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, to approve the general meeting minutes for the June 2, 2023, 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

**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 requests for deficiency extensions and examination**

*A. Hilda Rodriguez, LCSW Applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*

*B. Karla Bidstrup, LCSW Applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*

*C. Amy Latham, LCSW Applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*

*D. Rona Polizano, LPC Applicant (60-day deficiency extension)*

*E. Robert Whiting, LCSW Applicant (90-day exam extension)*

Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**9. Exam accommodation request: review, consideration, and action**

*A. Sarah Starr, LAC Applicant*

Members reviewed information regarding the request for an exam accommodation.

Following review and discussion, Ms. Fortier moved, seconded by Ms. Hassid, to approve the request for an exam accommodation. The motion passed unanimously.

**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 Sarah Carlson and Rakeia McNeill as Licensed Substance Abuse Technicians 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 Eddie Blakes, Jr., Leah Nunez, and Dillon Rylatt as Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselors. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee requested additional information on the following application:

Sarah Beggs                      Cynthia Potter                      Jonathan Yellowhair

Tabled applications:

Janice Fairbank

**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, October 20, 2023, 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 11:31 a.m.

  
Sofia Hassid (Feb 14, 2024 15:03 MST)

Sofia Hassid

Feb 14, 2024

Date