



STATE OF ARIZONA  
BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS  
1400 WEST WASHINGTON, SUITE 350  
PHOENIX, AZ 85007  
PHONE: 602.542.1882 FAX: 602.542.1830  
[www.az.gov](http://www.az.gov)  
[azbbhe@bbhe.state.az.us](mailto:azbbhe@bbhe.state.az.us)

JANE DEE HULL  
Governor

DEBRA RINAUDO  
Executive Director

---

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, January 17, 2003

Members Present: Michael Salazar, Jim Roth, Diane Pruetz, Del Worley (9:15), Geri Sosa  
Staff Present: Debra Rinaudo, Marc Harris, A.A.G., Patricia Reynolds, Tina Zepeda, Mary Wilson  
Public Present: Melanie Wall, Linda Ortiz, Tom Martin, Daryle Robb, Patricia Rzonca, Lorene Williams, Evan Hughes, Janet Carpentier  
Public by telephone: Barbara Pennington, RK, JB, Shirley McEwen, Irene Snipes, Michelle Ryan

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order on January 17, 2002, at 9:05 a.m. with Mr. Salazar presiding.

2. **Roll Call**

See above.

3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Pruetz moved, seconded by Ms. Sosa, to approve the general meeting minutes from December 20, 2002. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Review, consideration and action of complaints and other disciplinary matters**

A. *2002-0032, Barbara Pennington, SA-0438*

Ms. Sosa recused herself from matters involving Ms. Pennington. Mr. Roth reported that he served on the ABCAC Board with Ms. Pennington but has no bias either way concerning this case.

Ms. Reynolds summarized the facts of the complaint. Ms. Pennington addressed the committee telephonically, admitting that she presented fraudulent educational degrees so she could obtain work in northern Arizona.

The complainant addressed the committee telephonically.

Following review and discussion by committee members, Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to recommend to the Board to move to formal hearing for the purpose of revocation based on a violation of A.R.S. 32-3251(10)(b), use of fraud or deceit in connection with rendering services with regard to the professional creating and distributing falsified educational documents. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Shirley McEwen, SA-1499*

Ms. Worley recused herself from all matters involving Ms. McEwen.

Ms. Reynolds summarized the facts of the renewal. Ms. McEwen addressed the committee telephonically.

Following review and discussion by committee members, Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Pruetz, to approve the renewal. The motion passed unanimously.

C. *Irene Snipes, applicant*

Ms. Worley recused herself from all matters involving the Haven.

Ms. Reynolds summarized the facts of the background documentation provided by the professional. Ms. Snipes addressed the Board telephonically. Ms. Cheryl Lasinger addressed the Board telephonically on behalf of Ms. Snipes.

Committee members agreed to accept the background information provided without further review.

*D. Melanie Wall, SA-1483*

Mr. Salazar and Ms. Sosa recused themselves from all matters involving Ms. Wall. Mr. Roth reported that he has referred a client to Ms. Wall's practice, but feels he has no bias for or against the professional.

Ms. Reynolds summarized the facts of the renewal and the fact that it does not appear that the professional's disclosure on her initial application that she was terminated because of her personal involvement with an agency client was ever fully investigated or reviewed.

Ms. Wall addressed the committee, admitting that what she did was ethically wrong even though the client was not her client but a client of the agency.

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Ms. Worley, to go into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice pursuant to A.R.S.38-431.03(A)(3). The motion passed unanimously and the committee went into executive session at 9:38 a.m. and reconvened its regular meeting at 9:46 a.m.

The professional informed the committee that she immediately took an ethics class after her termination and, since the relationship, she has always worked under master's level supervision. Mr. Martin addressed the committee on behalf of the professional. Mr. Martin informed members that he had supervised Ms. Wall in May of 1997 when they opened ADAPT.

Following review and discussion by committee members, Ms. Worley moved, seconded by Ms. Pruetz to renew the certification upon Mr. Roth's approval of documentation of the ethics course the professional attended and her supervision as it relates to adequate and ethical practice. The motion passed unanimously.

*E. Patricia Rzonca, applicant*

Mr. Salazar has recused himself from all matters involving Ms. Rzonca.

Ms. Reynolds summarized the facts of the background documentation. Ms. Rzonca addressed the committee in person and presented documents regarding her treatment and supervision, as well as a reference from her current employer, Dynamic Living.

Following review and discussion by committee members, Ms. Worley moved, seconded by Ms. Pruetz, to recommend to the Board to approve the application if all other requirements have been met based on acceptance of a consent agreement that stipulates the following:

- Two years probation,
- Monthly supervision for two years,
- Pre-approved supervisor, supervision evaluation and plan,
- Monthly supervision reports first year, quarterly supervision reports second year,
- Option for early release at end of first year upon recommendation of the supervisor,
- Ms. Rzonca will request release from consent agreement,
- All costs will be borne by Ms. Rzonca,
- Prohibited from providing clinical supervision while under consent agreement stipulations.

The motion passed unanimously.

*F. Janet Carpentier, applicant*

Mr. Salazar recused himself from all matters involving Ms. Carpentier.

Ms. Reynolds summarized the facts of the background documentation. Ms. Carpentier appeared in person and answered questions from the committee. Members agreed to accept the information provided without further review.

*G. Linda Ortiz, SA-10085*

Ms. Worley recused herself from all matters involving Ms. Ortiz.

Ms. Reynolds summarized the facts of the renewal. Ms. Ortiz appeared in person and answered questions from the committee.

Following review and discussion by committee members, Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Pruetz, to table consideration of this matter to allow further investigation regarding the Department of Corrections' investigation regarding the professional's conduct. The motion passed unanimously.

*H. Lorene Williams, SA-10072*

Ms. Reynolds summarized the facts of the renewal. Ms. Williams addressed the committee in person.

Following review and discussion by committee members, Ms. Sosa moved, seconded by Ms. Pruetz, to approve the renewal based upon receipt of a letter from the professional's current supervisor and letters from past co-workers regarding the professional's ability to practice safely and competently. The committee also requested documentation indicating that the termination was not related to client care. This information must be approved by the Chair prior to issuing Ms. Williams' renewal. The motion passed unanimously.

*I. Michelle Ryan, applicant*

Ms. Reynolds summarized the facts of the background documentation. Ms. Ryan addressed the committee telephonically.

Committee members agreed to accept the information provided without further review.

*J. Val Alexander, SA-0163*

Tabled

**5. Report from the Chair and items for review, consideration, and possible action**

No report.

**6. Report from the Executive Director and/or staff**

*A. General Agency Operations*

*B. Update on licensure*

*C. Request by SW Indian Substance Abuse Counselor Certification Board to be testing site*

Ms. Rinaudo reported that the Southwest Indian Substance Abuse Counselor Certification Board is an approved ICRC testing site and that we have accepted scores from this Board in the past. The agency provides notice to applicants that ABCAC administers the exam and Mr. Hughes is requesting that SISACCB information be published on our website and in test authorization letters.

The committee agreed that all exam sites should be provided as public information.

*D. Request by SW Indian Substance Abuse Counselor Certification Board to include Level I in HB2206*

Ms. Rinaudo reported that the Board approved SISACCB's request to add Level II and III SISACCB counselors to section 36 of the licensure bill. Mr. Hughes is now requesting that the Board seek an amendment to HB2206 to include Level I counselors in that section. Level I requires a high school education with 1 year of work experience and 240 hours of substance abuse education.

Mr. Roth questioned the request because it appears to be protecting the professional, not the public. If the request is granted then a professional with only one year of experience would be licensed to practice at the independent level. Mr. Hughes stated his concern that raising standards will lead to fewer services being available to Native Americans.

Ms. Rinaudo and Mr. Hughes will meet to try to formulate mutually acceptable language.

**7. Report from the Board and other committees**

*A. Board*

No report.

**8. National and regional trends and news regarding the profession(s)**

None

**9. Review, consideration and action of supervision/work experience and/or exemptions**

None

**10. Review, consideration and action of consent agenda for applications for inactive, extension and exam accommodation requests**

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, to approve the consent agenda reviewed by Mr. Salazar, granting a 60-day extension to Heidi Clapham and a second 60-day extension to John Moakler. The motion passed unanimously.

**11. Review, consideration and action of applications for reassessment**

None

**12. Review, consideration and action of applications for certification**

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, to recommend the following sixteen applicants to the Board for certification:

Debra Meier	Denice Carr	Randolph Hollingsworth	Carol Moreno
Lisa Bravo-Hankins	Alison Reuter	Carolyn Leifson	Laura Barrow
Even Hughes, Sr.	Kate Heier	Holly Askew	Michelle Ryan
Judy Jenkins	Patti Ryan	Beth Mortuiccio	Misty Dillon

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, to recommend the following four applicants to the Board for certification after receiving a passing score on the required examination:

Karen Newman	Catherine Paddack
Irene Snipes	Scott Carroll

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Pruetz moved, seconded by Mr. Roth, to deny Heather Wade based on uncorrectable curriculum deficiencies. The motion passed unanimously.

Members discussed curriculum requirements and agreed that they will consider courses, such as Introduction to Psychology, individually by content not title. Ms. Wilson will provide the course descriptions for Introduction to Psychology from each Arizona university.

**12. Future agenda items**

None

**13. Call for public comment**

None

**14. Establishment of future meeting date(s)**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. in room B-2.

**15. Adjournment**

Mr. Roth moved, seconded by Ms. Pruetz, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

---

Gerri Sosa  
Secretary/Treasurer

---

Date