

ARIZONA STATE BOARD FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
1400 W. WASHINGTON STREET, CONFERENCE ROOM B1
PHOENIX, AZ 85007

FEBRUARY 27, 2014 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Jason Pistillo, Chairman KC Miller, Vice Chair
Dr. Gary Damore Trish Leonard
Dr. Hank Radda Glen Tharp, by phone
David Walser

Also present: Teri Stanfill, Executive Director
Keith Blanchard, Deputy Director
KD, Licensing Manager
John Tellier, Assistant Attorney General

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pistillo called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. JANUARY 23, 2014 BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Dr. Damore stated he was not in attendance. Ms. Miller made the motion to accept the Minutes removing Dr. Damore as present. Dr. Radda seconded the motion and the motion carried.

III. COMPLAINTS REFERRED BY THE COMPLAINT COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

1. National Personal Training Institute, Non-Student Complaint #14-NS500. Represented by Gene McIlvane, President, and Annette Briesno by phone.

Mr. Blanchard summarized the Complaint that National Personal Training Institute (NPTI) was disseminating discount offerings of "\$200 discounts for payment in full and \$100.00 discounts on 2nd payments" that were not published in the Catalog. The Complaint Committee reviewed the complaint and determined that there was a violation of R4-39-308 and suggested a Consent Agreement to include a \$1,000 civil penalty.

Mr. McIlvane apologized for the oversight and stated that NPTI has hired someone specifically for AZ to ensure NPTI remained in compliance.

Mr. Tharp noted that NPTI has been before the Board before for advertising violations.

Motion: Mr. Tharp made a motion to offer NPTI a Consent Agreement acknowledging the violation of R4-39-308 and assess a \$1,000 civil penalty. Mr. Walser seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mr. McIlvane agreed to enter into the Consent Agreement and pay the civil penalty.

2. Argosy University, Student Complaint #14-S003. Represented by Hugh Jensen, Campus President, Dr. Stephanie Vitanza, Program Chair, Renee Posey, Assistant VP Licensure, and Complainant A.J.

Mr. Blanchard summarized the Complaint that student complainant, A.J., was academically dismissed from her MA in Mental Health Counseling program stating that A.J. had not met the satisfactory academic progress requirement. During the Complaint Committee's deliberations, the Committee noted the specific letter that was given to A.J. that she could reapply after one year, which she did and was denied. The Committee requested Argosy review its decision to terminate A.J., based upon the information provided to A.J. in said letter, and allow A.J. the opportunity to continue and complete the program.

Mr. Blanchard stated that Argosy and A.J. have entered into an agreement dated February 14, 2014 outlining the requirements to A.J. to complete the program. Both A.J. and Argosy have agreed to the terms. A.J. confirmed she agreed to the terms in the letter.

Motion: Mr. Pistillo made a motion to dismiss the complaint as the complaint has been successfully resolved. Ms. Leonard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

IV. LICENSING:

A. Supplemental License for a Change of Ownership – Arizona School of Real Estate. Represented by Kevin McClure and Shauna Michael.

Ms. Stanfill summarized the Report stating that Arizona School of Real Estate is seeking approval of the Change of Ownership. The proposed new ownership is Real Zona Partners, LLC.

Mr. Walser was lead. Mr. Walser requested clarification of the relationship between Hondros College and Real Zona Partners. Mr. McClure explained that Real Zona Partners is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hondros College, who is wholly owned by the Hondros Family Trust.

Ms. Leonard noted the discrepancy between the website and the catalog regarding the program hours. Ms. Michael stated the website is currently being corrected and updated. Ms. Leonard also noted a minor revision to the refund policy. Ms. Michael agreed to make the correction.

Motion: Mr. Walser made the motion to approve the Supplemental License Application for a Change of Ownership with the stipulations the noted corrections be made and the \$15,000 Surety Bond be maintained. Ms. Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mr. McClure agreed to the stipulations.

B. Conditional to Regular Vocational Program License Renewal – East Valley Medical College. Represented by Jennifer Brumbach, owner.

Ms. Stanfill summarized the report. Dr. Damore was lead.

Dr. Damore requested a summary that explained the school's actions taken regarding the revisions that were required by the Board upon approval in February 2013.

Ms. Brumbach responded to that the required revisions had been done. Dr. Damore noted that the Board of Directors were not listed in the institutional catalog's Table on Contents.

Ms. Leonard asked about the financial loss. Ms. Brumbach explained the loss was due to the initial investment in the school, WIA funding was delayed and all equipment was purchased and paid for. Ms. Brumbach also stated she expects approval from the Board of Nursing to offer the CNA program in April.

Motion: Dr. Damore made a motion to approve the Conditional to Regular Vocational Program License Renewal with the stipulation that the \$15,000 Surety Bond be maintained and the Board of Directors be added to the Table of Contents of the Catalog. Ms. Leonard seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Brumbach agreed to the stipulations.

C. Conditional Vocational Program License Applications:

1. BEND Method School of Yoga. Represented by Phil Larson.

Ms. Stanfill summarized the Report and stated the Board postponed action on the application in January 2014 requiring a significant number of revisions. Ms. Leonard was lead.

Mr. Larson made an opening statement and thanked the Board for the direction and advice given in January. Mr. Larson summarized the revisions that had been made.

Ms. Leonard noted a few revisions that needed to be made (clarify attendance to be "at least 90%", clarify admission requirements for students without the prior certification but the experience, refund policy inconsistent, No LOA policy, re-enrollment is not explained).

Ms. Miller cautioned Mr. Larson on comments made regarding Yoga Alliance.

Motion: Ms. Leonard made the motion that the Conditional Vocational Program License Application be approved with the stipulations that the \$15,000 Surety Bond be maintained and the noted revisions be made. Mr. Walser seconded the motion and the motion carried. Mr. Larson agreed to the stipulations.

2. Makeup and Fashion Couture Institute. Represented by Diana Kaudinova (Dion Kay)

Ms. Stanfill summarized the Report and stated the Board postponed action on the application in January 2014 requiring a significant number of revisions. Ms. Stanfill explained the revisions that the applicant had made. Ms. Leonard was lead.

Ms. Leonard noted a few revisions that needed to be made (admission requirements regarding the AIN, makeup kit clarified in the refund policy, refund policy if the student is terminated). Dion Kay also answered a few additional questions that Ms. Leonard had.

Mr. Tharp and Ms. Miller expressed their continued concern with quoting salaries. Dion Kay agreed to remove the reference to the salary of \$100,000 and refer to a link regarding the potential salaries.

Motion: Ms. Leonard made the motion to approve the Conditional Vocational Program License with the stipulations that the \$15,000 Surety bond be maintained and the required revisions are made. Dr. Radda seconded the motion and the motion carried. Dion Kay agreed to the stipulations.

3. Symbolix Training, LLC. Represented by Dr. Carolin Leong

Ms. Stanfill summarized the Report. Dr. Radda was lead.

Dr. Leong gave a brief overview of the vision and mission of the Direct Caregiver program, explaining Symbolix was formed to provide this training now required by ACHCCCS and using the ACHCCCS curriculum.

Dr. Leong responded to Dr. Radda's questions regarding the relationship between Prileo and Symbolix and confirmed that the student is not promised to be hired by Prileo upon completion of the program.

Motion: Dr. Radda made a motion to approve the Conditional Vocational Program License with the stipulation that the \$15,000 Surety Bond is maintained. Ms. Leonard seconded the motion and the motion carried. Dr. Leong agreed to the stipulation.

4. The Madison Improvement Club. Represented by Mary Swanson, owner, Gina Marciano and Teresa Calvert

Ms. Stanfill summarized the Report. Ms. Miller was lead.

Ms. Swanson gave an opening statement and their excitement to offer the program and improving the well-being of others.

Ms. Miller stated that the Certificate of Completion can reference approval by the Yoga Alliance and did not have any additional questions.

Motion: Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the Conditional Vocational Program License with the stipulation that the \$15,000 Surety Bond be maintained. Ms. Leonard seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Swanson agreed to the stipulation.

5. Yoga Breeze Healing & Wellness Center. Represented by Christine Thomas

Ms. Stanfill summarized the Report and explained the previous owner was licensed but relinquished the license in 2012 and that Ms. Thomas purchased the Yoga studio in October 2012 and is seeking licensure to offer the Yoga Teacher Training program. Ms. Miller was lead.

Ms. Thomas provides a brief overview of her plans.

Ms. Leonard requested the social security number request be removed from the Enrollment Agreement.

Mr. Walsler asked why there has been a loss. Ms. Thomas responded that the studio is a new business and but expects the studio and program to be profitable in the near future.

Motion: Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the Conditional Vocational Program License Application with the stipulation that the \$15,000 Surety Bond be maintained. Dr. Radda seconded the motion and the motion carried. Ms. Thomas agreed to the stipulation.

VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – No one came forward.

A. Executive Director's Report – Mr. Pistillo questioned one of the Everest programs. Ms. Stanfill stated it is a typo.

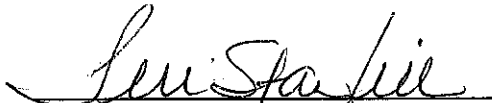
B. Ms. Stanfill stated significant progress has been made in revising the rules. Mr. Pistillo suggested the rules be reviewed in May.

C. Ms. Stanfill stated that HB2577 has passed the House and the Senate Education Committee. Several representatives will work together in drafting the IGA and will keep forward a draft for the Board's review and approval.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

The Minutes of the February 27, 2014 meeting were approved at the April 24, 2014 meeting.


Teri Stanfill, Executive Director