#### **MINUTES**

UTAH Psychologist Licensing Board MEETING

#### December 9, 2013

Room 474, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – 8:00 A.M. Heber Wells Building Salt Lake City, UT 84111

**CONVENED:** 9:14 A.M. ADJOURNED: 1:18 P.M. **Bureau Manager:** Richard J. Oborn **Board Secretary:** Lee Avery **Board Members Present:** Valerie Hale, Ph.D., Chairperson Janiece Pompa, Ph.D. Acting Chairperson Aaron P. Jackson, Ph.D. Steven Christensen Nancy Cohn, Ph.D Guests: Walter Bugden, Attorney Kelly David Garrett, Ph.D. Margo Miles, Ph.D. **TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:** Dr. Cohn was sworn in as the new Board member. Swear in new Board member Nancy Cohn **MINUTES:** The minutes dated July 17, 2013 were reviewed. Dr. Pompa made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Christensen and carried unanimously. **Compliance Report** Dr. Eric Hanson is not in compliance with his stipulation. At 9:20 A.M. Dr. Cohn made a motion to close the Board meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. The motion was seconded by Dr. Pompa and carried unanimously. A recording was not made. There were no written notes. **APPOINTMENTS:** 

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CORRESPONDENCE:	None at this time.
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