

**NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD**  
**Open Session Minutes**  
**November 5, 2015**  
**Greensboro, NC**

The North Carolina Psychology Board met in a regularly scheduled meeting on November 5, 2015, at the Airport Comfort Suites in Greensboro, NC.

Members present for all or part of the meeting: Robert Hill, Ph.D., ABPP, Chair; Kristine Herfkens, Ph.D., ABPP, Vice Chair; Stacie MacDonald, M.A.; Jane Perrin, Ph.D., Anthony Powell, M.A. and Matthew Van Horn, J.D.

Others present: Daniel P. Collins, Executive Director; Susan Batts, M.A., Staff Psychologist; and Sondra Panico, Assistant Attorney General.

Dr. Hill reminded Board members that, in accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. Board members were directed to identify any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Board at the meeting and to refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved. Board members were asked to identify any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the Board at the meeting, and instructed that, if one arose during the course of this meeting, to articulate it to the Board.

**General**

1. Open session minutes of August 13-14, 2015, meeting were approved.
2. The financial report for the period of time ending September 30, 2015 was reviewed.
3. Staff provided an update on the status of the lease for the Boone office.
4. The beta version of the Board's new website was reviewed and discussed.
5. Staff provided an update on the status of the appointments for the Board positions whose terms expired on June 30, 2015.
6. The Board discussed changes to the location of the February 2016 Board meeting and to the dates of the May 2016 Board meeting.
7. Staff provided a report on the recent ASPPB Annual Meeting of Delegates.
8. Topics for future newsletter articles were discussed.
9. Attached Information Items/Staff Actions were accepted.

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## **Legal/Ethical**

10. Case #021501 Charla Hutchinson, M.Ed., BCBA (Unlic.) – The Board reviewed a proposed modification to the North Carolina’s Medicaid Innovations Waiver to clarify that unlicensed individuals cannot complete behavior support plans. Following its approval of the modification, the Board instructed staff to forward it to the Department of Health and Human Services.

11. Case #051502 – Bruce S. Hodges (Unlic.) – The Board reviewed the response letter submitted by Mr. Hodges and determined that Mr. Hodges was operating in compliance with the Practice Act.

12. Case #111516 – Simone Sziksai (Unlic.) – Based upon a review of Ms. Sziksai’s response letter and a review of her online biography for the Powerhouse on Demand podcast series, the Board determined that Ms. Sziksai was operating in compliance with the Practice Act.

13. Terri Rhodes, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed an inquiry from Dr. Rhodes regarding a change by the NC Board of Governors impacting the ability of out of state psychology programs to place students into internships located in North Carolina. Following information provided to the Board by Sally Cameron, of NCPA, the Board determined that the issue was being adequately addressed towards resolution.

14. Arthur Eccleston, Psy.D. – The Board reviewed Dr. Eccleston’s inquiry if the Board would be issuing guidance as a result of both the Independent review of APA Ethical Guidelines, Interrogations and Torture (Hoffman Report) and the APA’s resolutions regarding the involvement of psychologists in national security interrogations. Following discussion, the Board instructed staff to advise Dr. Eccleston that the Board was closely monitoring the still evolving issue, especially for impacts on or changes to the APA's Ethical Principals and Code of Code.

15. R. Keith Shaw, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed Dr. Shaw’s request for a waiver of the requirement that a supervisor who is licensed in a state other than North Carolina submit proof of the supervisor’s current licensure in the other state when a supervision contract is submitted to the Board as part of an application for licensure. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request in light of the need to be able to document that a proposed supervisor of an applicant is a duly licensed doctoral level psychologist as required by 21 NCAC 54 .2001(a)(3). The Board also reviewed Dr. Shaw’s request that applicants enrolled in the VA’s APA-accredited post-doc fellowship training program be granted a waiver from the requirement that applicants submit completed supervisor forms from their present supervisor when they apply for licensure. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request as supervisor forms, even if the applicant has only practiced for a limited time under the supervisor, provide valuable information to the Board during its review of applications for licensure.

## **Other**

16. Board Projects - The Board reviewed and discussed the following list of ongoing/future projects:

- a. Online application system.
- b. Update Board's website.
- c. change to administering the state examination in a manner that will serve to educate, rather than obtain a pass or fail score.
- d. electronic scanning of all records
- e. consider amending rules which address the filing of a Section 2 supervision contract when an individual's work is totally outside of the mental health field
- f. explore adding an "inactive" status to the statute
- g. possibly revise Board rules which address the displaying of one's licensure and HSP certificates to cover situations in which services are being provided electronically
- h. instituting criminal background checks

## **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Upon a motion made and adopted by the Board to hold a closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.18(6), the Board went into closed session to discuss individual applicants or individual licensees, following which, it reported:

### **Legal/Ethical**

17. G. Robert Braswell, M.A. – The Board reviewed Mr. Braswell's request that the Board have his previous Board Action removed from the National Practitioners Data Bank. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request as the report was originally submitted in 2008 pursuant to NPDB's reporting requirements, which the Board is required to follow, and that the report is currently being maintained by NPDB pursuant to NPDB's own policies and procedures, of which the Board has no control or oversight.

18. Parker H. Wiebe, M.A. – Following the initial review of Mr. Wiebe's application for licensure, the Board determined to request Mr. Wiebe voluntarily submit a criminal background check to confirm that a prior criminal matter has been expunged. Following a review of the letter and records check submitted by Ms. Wiebe showing that the matter had been expunged, the Board determined to approve his application for licensure.

### **File Review**

#### Confirm Denial

Bush, Rebecca

Gross, Georgina Mary

Segalla, Colette

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Confirm Denial (cont.)

Silvester, Dionne  
Streppa, Michael  
Tomasi, Carole  
Whitehead, Shenae

Proposed Denial

Hua-Burns, Mei  
King-Hodge, Lisa  
Patterson, LaVonna  
Sumares, Michelle Christine

Admit to Both Exams

Belhumeur, Jacqueline  
Hodskins, Kathleen  
Knettel, Brandon  
Laub, Jessica  
Matthews, Diann  
McGilberry, Janice

Admit to State Exam

Altschul, Adena  
Grodi, Randy  
Hudson, Donald  
Sersecion, Serenity  
Thomas, Lori

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Daniel P. Collins  
Executive Director

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**INFORMATION ITEMS/STAFF ACTIONS**  
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**Supervision**

19. The following reduced supervision files have been reviewed and approved since the last meeting at the indicated level:

- a. Carter, Kimberly, M.A.-3
- b. Charleston, Adrienne, M.A.-2
- c. Horn, Kathryn, M.A.-2
- d. Johnson, Katrina, M.A.-3
- e. Kreske, Alexis, M.A.-2
- f. MacHose, Michael, M.S.-2
- g. Oveysey, Constance, M.A.-3
- h. Romich, Gary, M.A.-3

**File Review**

20. The following files have been processed since the last meeting:

Admit to Both Exams

Baker, Christopher – PP  
Barlow, Kristen – PP  
Berry, Sheena – PP  
Bowles, Vernessa – LP  
Blanton, Callie – PA  
Brown, Courtney – LP  
Chapman, Kelsey – PP  
Connelly, Kathleen – PP  
Cummings, Tiffany – LP  
Davis, Angela – PA  
Dillon, Kirsten – PP  
Dlamini-Scott, Pholile – LP  
Farrer, Thomas – PP  
Hanson, Cassandra – PA  
Hyfantis, Justina – PP  
Jones, Robin – PP  
Keim, Kristin – LP  
Kholodkov, Tatyana – PP  
Kolb, Alissa – LP (needs HSP or attestation)  
Levinson, Daniel – PP  
LoSavio, Stefanie – PP  
McLean, Amy – PP  
Miller, Adam – PP  
Ndukwe, Ada – PA

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Pinkston Tasia – PP  
Ramos, Katherine – PP  
Reynolds, Sara – PA  
Rich, Michelle – PA  
Rushing, Nicole – PP  
Schechter, Julia – PP  
Schwartz, Rebecca – LP  
Smead, Sarah – PA  
Stokes, Jeanna – PP  
Wiles, Jay – PA  
Yearwood, Julia – PP

Admit to State Exam

Bird, Pamela – LP (MOB)  
Bourn, Laura – LP  
Brown, Joshua – LP  
Brown Cabezudo, Emily – LP (SEN)  
Buechler, Jennifer – PP  
Carrawy, Marrison – LP  
Cull, Lawrence – LP (SEN)  
Duffy, Alexandra – LP  
Grodi, Jill – LP (SEN)  
Fitzpatrick, Lisa – LP  
Ford, Tera – LP  
Fox, Lisa – LP (MOB)  
Hegg, Logan – LP (MOB) – WITHDREW APPLICATION 9/30/15-MOVING  
Hooton, Paul – LP (SEN)  
Hunt, Andrea – LP  
Ojaghatian, Emily – PP  
Presnell, Katherine – LP  
Rameriz, Diane – LP (SEN)  
Rose, Donna – LP (MOB)  
Selkin, Jesse – LP  
Teasdale, Anthony – LP  
Weisman, Maxine – LP (SEN)  
Williams, Craig – LP (SEN)