

NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
Open Session Minutes
November 3, 2016
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; Helen Brantley, Ph.D., Stacie MacDonald, M.A., Joseph Pasquarell, Anthony Powell, M.A. and Matthew Van Horn, J.D.

Others present for all or parts of the meeting: Daniel P. Collins, Executive Director; Kimberly E. Carter, 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 18-19, 2016, meeting were approved.
2. The financial report for the period of time ending September 30, 2016 was reviewed.
3. Staff presented a summary report of the recently concluded bi-ennial license renewal process.
4. Staff informed the Board that, beginning November 1, 2016, criminal background checks will be required for licensure applicants.
5. Staff provided an update on the status of the development of the online professional corporation/PLLC renewal system.
6. Staff provided an update on the status of the development of the PLUS online application system.
7. Staff provided an update on the status of the development of new online state exam system and new exam questions.
8. Staff presented a summary report on the recent ASPPB Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD.

9. Staff provided an update of legislative activity related to Occupational Licensing Boards.
10. The Board discussed requesting modifications to the professional corporation statute in order to allow Licensed Psychological Associates to form professional corporations or professional limited liability companies. Following the discussion, the Board instructed staff to contact the Corporations Division of the Secretary of State's office regarding making the necessary modifications.
11. The Board discussed ideas for future newsletter articles.
12. The Board changed the May 2017 Board meeting dates to May 10th-11th.
13. The attached Information Items/Staff Actions were accepted.

Legal/Ethical

14. Kline, Katherine, Psy.D. – The Board discussed a concern raised by Dr. Kline regarding the possible difficulty in deployed military psychologists obtaining the required CE. Given the: (i) wide availability of online CE providers; (ii) that there is a two-year window in which to accumulate the required CE hours; and (iii) that staff informed the Board that no one has ever contacted the Board office stating that this was an actual problem for them, the Board determined that the matter did not warrant action at this time, but directed staff to bring it to the Board's attention if anyone contacts the Board regarding an actual problem in obtaining CE due to a military deployment.

Other

15. Board Projects - The Board reviewed and discussed the following list of ongoing/future projects as indicated below:
 - a. develop online state exam.
 - b. develop online application system.
 - c. develop social meeting.
 - d. instituting criminal background checks
 - e. revision of the Board's rules
 - f. electronic scanning of all records
 - g. explore adding an "inactive" status to the statute
 - h. 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
 - i. 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

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:

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Supervision

16. Evarrs, Sandra – Applicant for Provisional to Permanent Licensure – The Board was informed that when Dr. Evarrs initially applied for licensure a Section 2 contract was submitted with an effective date of 07/01/2004, for teaching. However, when Dr. Evarrs’ PROV to PERM application was submitted, it indicated that she had received supervision from 04/30/2012 to current date; however, a revised contract was never submitted. The Board was informed that Board staff had written Dr. Evarrs and received confirmation that she had been receiving supervision since 2012 and she also submitted a new contract on 10/08/2016, with an effective date of 04/30/2012. Dr. Evarr’s supervisor submitted a supervision report indicating sufficient hours and time for permanent licensure. As Dr. Evarrs apparently had an incorrect supervision contract on file with Board for two years as she informed the Board at the time of her license application in 2014 that she was not practicing psychology and subsequently submitted documents in 2016 indicating that she had been practicing and receiving supervision since 2012, the Board deferred making a decision on Dr. Evarrs application and instructed staff to have Dr. Evarrs provide a written explanation for the incorrect supervision contract filed in 2014.

17. Bagnato, Kathryn – Applicant for Alternate Supervision – The Board was informed that Ms. Bagnato’s proposed supervisor does not hold the required health services provider certification. Following discussion, the Board denied the alternative supervision application.

18. Hollinger, Olive, M.A. - Applicant for Level 2 Reduced Supervision – The Board was informed that Ms. Hollinger does not have one calendar year with her most recent supervisor and is requesting that the Board for a waiver of this requirement as her previous supervisor retired when she had already received 2 years and 11 months of supervised practice from the supervisor and it was out of her control that she had to change supervisors just short of meeting the three-year requirement for Level 2 supervision. The Board also was informed that Ms. Hollinger had been under the supervision of her current supervisor for the last three months. Following discussion, the Board granted the waiver and approved the application for Level 2 reduced supervision.

19. Turner-Kopea, Cedric, M.A. - Applicant for Level 2 Reduced Supervision. The Board was informed that Ms. Turner-Kopea does not have one current calendar year with his most recent supervisor as he has only been under this supervision from 02/01/16-the present date. Following discussion, the Board denied the application for Level 2 reduced supervision.

Legal/Ethical

20. Siedler, Hillary, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed Dr. Siedler’s request to be released from the supervision requirements of her 2013 Consent Order. Staff informed that Board that Dr. Siedler had completed the required two calendar years and 3,000 practice hours under her supervision and has received average or above ratings on all supervision reports. Following discussion, the Board approved Dr. Siedler’s request.

21. Meisburger, Diana, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed and accepted the tutorial report submitted by Kolleen Fox, Ph.D.

22. The Board reviewed a request from Western Carolina University to waive Board Rule .1802(a)(8) for students in its clinical psychology program. Following discussion, the Board

determined to deny the request after considering the request in light of the need to consistently and fairly enforce the Board's rules regarding applicants meeting the educational/training requirements for licensure.

23. Knecht, C. Mark, Psy.D. The Board reviewed a letter from Dr. Knecht regarding the Board's previous decision not to license Dr. Meghan McCoy Smith at the permanent licensed psychologist level as her pre-doctoral internship did not meet the requirements of Board Rules 21 NCAC 54 .2009(i)(5), 21 NCAC 54 .2009(i) (8), 21 NCAC 54 .2704(c)(5) and 21 NCAC 54 .2704(c)(10). Following discussion, the Board denied the request for a waiver of the rules after considering the request in light of the need to consistently and fairly enforce the Board's rules regarding meeting the educational/training requirements for licensure.

File Review

Confirm Denial

Fain, Talitha

Proposed Denial

Oha, Augustina

Speck, Angela

Admit to Both Exams

Milner, Lauren

Bassili, Kristy



Daniel P. Collins
Executive Director

INFORMATION ITEMS/STAFF ACTIONS
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Supervision

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

- a. Benasutti, Raymond, M.A.-3
- b. Gates, Sarah, M.A.-3
- c. Gurganious, Megan, M.A.-2
- d. Haggard, Sarah, M.A.-3
- e. Hemphill, Bianca, M.A.-2
- f. Kassab, Karin, M.A.-3
- g. Lutz, Shannon, M.A.-3
- h. Miller-Urban, Kimberly, Ed.S.-3
- i. Simmonds, Ann, M.A.-3
- j. Suggs, Jaime, M.A.-3

File Review

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

Admit to Both Exams

Andrews, Emily Kathryn – PA
Birthrong, Alex Berry – PA
Brovko, Julie May – LP (Prov)
Camp, Courtney Paige – PA
Chappell, Grayson Ford – PA
Cowperthwait, Collen Marie – LP (Prov)
Crawford, Jessica Rose – PA
Denio, Erin Brett – PA
Fischer, Melanie Sandy – LP (Prov)
Fowler, Sean Mareon – LP (Prov)
Grant, Ursula Alexis – LP
Grossmann, Jessica Lynn – LP (Pov)
Grosso, Justine Alexandra – LP (Prov)
Gurney, William Joseph – PA
Konst, Matthew Jason – LP (Prov)
Kulish, Andrea Laura – PA
Lane, Ilana Beth – LP (Prov)
McNally, Matthew Richard – LP (Prov)
Mosher, Tiffany Michelle – PA (ReApp)
Nazario, Griselle Marie – LP (Prov)
Pierce, Lauren Ashley – PA
Pratt, Jill Elizabeth – PA

Qi, Jun – PA
Recabarren, Daniela A. – LP (Prov)
Robb, Jeannette Coupe – PA
Rubain, Stephanie Linn – LP (ReApp)
Schmidtman, Emily Anne – LP (Prov)
Schorr, Marisa Gabrielle – PA
Scott, Tamara Nicole – LP (Prov)
Tagg, Rebecca Marie – LP (Prov) (ReApp)
Van Sant, Whitney Breen – PA
Varness, Matthew Adams – LP (Prov)
Wade, Jordan Leigh – LP (Prov)
Wax, Noa – PA
Welikson, Gregory Andrew – LP (Prov)
Whicker, Dane Robert – LP (Prov)
Whitehead, Shenae Lasandra – LP (Prov) (ReApp)

Admit to State Exam

Anderson, Jennifer Mode – LP
Beall Brown, Dana Lynn – LP
Boone, Richard Ray – LP (ReApp)
Camp, Jacqueline P. – LP
Carroll, Jamie Lee – LP (Mob)
Craghead, Anthony Warren – LP
Collins, Robert Purcell – LP
Dinoff, Beth Laura – LP (Sen)
Dowell, Kathy Ann – LP (Prov)
Gortmaker, Valerie Jane – LP (Mob)
Iwaszenwski, Jacob Sidney – LP (Prov)
Juman, Richard Steven – LP (Sen)
Kline, Paula Marie – LP
Kutner, Haley England – LP (Prov)
Nielsen, Amanda Lea – LP
Oakley, Danielle R. – LP (Sen)
Perone, Daniela Marie – LP
Pruitt, Kimberley Layne B – LP
Silas, Damon Andrew – LP
Sunder, Katherine Elizabeth – LP