

**NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD**  
**Open Session Minutes**  
**February 8-9, 2018**  
**Greensboro, NC**

The North Carolina Psychology Board met in a regularly scheduled meeting on February 8-9, 2018, at the Comfort Suites Airport, 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., Anthony Powell, M.A. and Matthew Van Horn, J.D.

Others present for all or parts of the meeting: Daniel P. Collins, Executive Director; Marc Davis, 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 November 9, 2017, meeting were approved.
2. The financial report for the period ending December 31, 2017 was reviewed.
3. The Board was informed of the completion of 2017-2018 financial audit and the resulting clean opinion from the auditors.
4. The Board discussed staff matters, including the pending retirement of one staff member.
5. Sally Cameron of NCPA provided an update on legislative matters.
6. Dr. Hill provided an update on the development of new state exam questions.
7. Staff updated an update on the development of EPPP 2.
8. Staff ASPPB Board of Directors Meeting in Chapel Hill.
9. Staff provided an update on the rules review process.
10. Staff provided a reminder on ethics training due dates.
11. Staff provided a reminder of the April 15th deadline to file 2018 SEI form.

12. Staff provided a reminder of meeting dates for 2018.
13. Ideas for newsletter articles were discussed.
14. The attached Information Items/Staff Actions were accepted

### **Legal/Ethical**

15. Case #111705 Patricia Littwin, Psy.D. – The Board was informed that the CPT alleged that LPC presented herself as a psychologist, despite not being licensed. In an affidavit submitted by Dr. Littwin, she stated that she would not represent herself as a provider of psychological services and had removed all forms of “psychology” from her company’s website and from all other internet listings. Subsequently, the Board investigator reviewed internet listings for Dr. Littwin and found that she was still referenced as a psychologist or clinical psychologist or as providing psychological services on several websites and social media platforms. Following discussion at its November 9, 2017 meeting, the Board instructed Ms. Panico to send a letter to Dr. Littwin warning her that continued violation of the Practice Act could result in the Board seeking a court injunction against her. The Board reviewed Dr. Littwin’s most recent response letter and affidavit, as well as the results of a web search. Following discussion, the Board determined that Dr. Littwin was operating in compliance with the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act and closed the case.

16. Gordhamer, Rolf, Ph.D. (unlic) – At its February 2017 meeting, the Board reviewed the complainant’s allegation that Dr. Gordhamer was practicing psychology in North Carolina without being licensed in the state by conducting bariatric psychological evaluations for weight loss surgery candidates through an on-line service. Dr. Gordhamer failed to respond to the Board’s direction to respond to the complaint. The investigator in the case contacted the boards in the states in which Dr. Gordhamer appeared to be licensed, but neither state offered any assistance in resolving the North Carolina complaint. Following discussion, the Board instructed the investigator to find additional potential witnesses. After numerous attempts, no further witnesses were located. Given Dr. Gordhamer’s nonresponsiveness to the Board and the lack of cooperation by the other states, the investigator in the case suggested the possibility of submitting for publication in the newsletters of the North Carolina Medical Board and/or the North Carolina Medical Society an article regarding the statutory requirement that a psychologist be licensed in North Carolina in order to provide psychological services to residents of the state. Following discussion, the Board instructed staff to contact the publications to gauge their interest in publishing the suggested article.

17. The Board reviewed an inquiry from the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists regarding the possibility of establishing a license reciprocity agreement between North Carolina and Texas. Following discussion, the Board determined not to pursue a reciprocity agreement at this time given that the educational requirements not being substantial similar between the two states.

### **18. Other**

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

- a. develop online application system.
- b. electronic scanning of all records
- c. explore adding an “inactive” status to the statute
- d. 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
- e. 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:

### **Supervision Issues**

20. Baley, John, M.A. - Applicant for alternate supervision. Mr. Baley works for the NC Department of Public Safety and has been licensed since October 2016. His proposed LPA supervisor meets the requirements as an alternate supervisor, but has not previously provided alternate supervision. As Mr. Baley has an extensive criminal record and history of substance abuse prior to applying for licensure, the Board required him to complete a fitness to practice evaluation prior to licensure. The evaluation would be provided to the proposed alternative supervisor. Following discussion, the Board approved the alternate supervision arrangement.

21. Chenoweth, Laurant, M.A. – Applicant for reduced supervision. Ms. Chenoweth became unemployed on October 18, 2017 and applied for reduced supervision on November 9, 2017. As a result, she did not have one year with her most recent supervisor at the time of her application as she was no longer practicing at that time. She subsequently began working again under the same supervisor on January 26, 2018. Following discussion, the Board granted a waiver of the one-year requirement.

22. Scott, Katherine, M.A. - Applicant for reduced supervision. Ms. Scott does not have one year with her most recent supervisor as the supervisor unexpectedly became ill and later died. She has only been under the supervision of her current supervisor since July 2017. Her former supervisor also did not perform the required signature over the envelope seal for the RS Form #3 he completed for her reduced supervision application. Following discussion, the Board granted waivers of the one-year requirement and the signature requirement.

### **Legal/Ethical**

23. Wynns, Kristen, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed and approved the tutorial report from Jane Perrin, Ph.D. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny Dr. Wynns’ request to have her Consent Order removed from the Board website.

24. Martin, Elizabeth M., Ph.D. – The Board reviewed and approved the tutorial report from William Burlingame, Ph.D.

25. Rubin, Jeffrey, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed and determined to deny Dr. Rubin’s request for a waiver of the initial fourth-month deadline to sit for the state exam.
26. Sanchez, Carmen, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed and determined to deny Dr. Sanchez’s request for a waiver of the initial fourth-month deadline to sit for the licensing exams.
27. Hite, Betty, Psy.D. – The Board reviewed and determined to deny Dr. Hite’s request for a waiver of the initial fourth-month deadline to sit for the EPPP.
28. Tamayo, Ralph Andrew Roman – At its meeting on August 3, 2017, the Board proposed to deny Mr. Tamayo’s application for licensure as he was lacking ethics coursework. Mr. Tamayo subsequently completed a course in ethics with a B- grade. Mr. Tamayo is requesting that the Board waive the requirement of Board Rule 1802(b) and accept his ethics course and approve his application. Following discussion, the Board granted the waiver, accepted the ethics course and approved the application.
29. Miller, John, Ph.D. – At its November 9, 2017 meeting, the Board reviewed and denied Dr. Miller’s request that the Board modify the conditions of his 2003 Consent Order. The Board reviewed and determined to deny Dr. Miller’s request to speak to Board regarding his request to modify his Consent Order.

### **File Review**

#### Confirm Denial

Marshak, Laura

#### Proposed Denial

Haughton, Nadia

Hughes, Megan

Senger, Julie

#### Admit to Both Exams

Barker, Gaytri

Faulk, Jasmine

Louloudis, Lauren

#### Admit to State Exam

Judd, Michael



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Daniel P. Collins  
Executive Director

**INFORMATION ITEMS/STAFF ACTIONS**  
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30. The following reduced supervision files have been reviewed and approved since the last meeting at the indicated level:

- a. Charleston, Adrienne, M.A.-3
- b. Cushing-Cook, Rachael, M.A.-2
- c. Hemphill, Bianca, M.A.-3
- d. Kalnen, Deborah, M.A.-3
- e. MacHose, Michael, M.S.-3
- f. Metze, Amanda, M.A.-2

**File Review**

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

Admit to Both Exams

Barker, Cierra – LP (PROV)  
Barker, Trevor – LP (PROV)  
Barrett, Michelle – LP (PROV)  
Campbell, Allison – PA  
Carson-Wong – LP  
Chaplo, Shannon – LP (PROV)  
Dube, Michelle – LP (PROV)  
Dutton Cox, Courtney – LP (PROV)  
Epstein, Erica – LP (PROV)  
Felton, Kara – LP (PROV)  
Fishman, Katherine – LP (PROV)  
Foukal, Martha – LP (PROV)  
Fox, Stephanie – LP (PROV)  
Garcia-Toledo, Maria – PA  
Gaul, Lisa – PA  
Gray, Andrea – PA  
Gulin, Shaina – LP (PROV)  
Hanson, Addie – LP (PROV)  
Hartounian – LP (PROV)  
Head, Barbara – PA  
Helwig, Stephanie – LP (PROV)  
Hite, Betty – LP (PROV)  
Hu, Qin – LP (PROV)  
LeMaire, Kelly – LP (PROV)  
Lovett, David – LP (PROV)  
Machell, Kyla – LP (PROV)  
Mercado, Jerry – LP (PROV)  
Morgan, Matthew – LP (PROV)  
Nagy, Gabriela – LP (PROV)

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Neill, Jillian – LP  
Regan, Gillian – LP (PROV)  
Russell, Charles – LP (PROV)  
Scott, Alexandra – LP (PROV)  
Thompson, Sarah – LP (PROV)  
Winger, Joseph – LP (PROV)  
Woods, Latasha – LP (PROV)

Admit to State Exam

Aux, Kathleen – LP  
Bird, Jason – LP  
Breland-Noble, Alfiee – LP (MOB)  
Davila, Maria – LP (SEN)  
Gideon, Deborah – LP (SEN)  
Kennedy-Ziegler – LP  
Levy, Amy – LP  
Orahovats, Christina – LP (SEN)  
Rubin, Jeffrey – LP (SEN)  
Schwartz, Marcia – LP  
Stiles, Karen – LP (MOB)  
Tavkar-Conley, Poonam – LP  
Thomas, Evan – LP  
Von Kleiss, Alan – LP (MOB)  
Weintrob, Christopher – LP

Admit to EPPP

Piechocinski, Erin – LP (REAPP)

Relinquished

MeHaffey, Lisa S., M.A.  
Krall, Valerie L., M.A.  
Taylor, Shannon Stark, Ph.D.