

NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
Open Session Minutes
February 7, 2019
Greensboro, NC

The North Carolina Psychology Board met in a regularly scheduled meeting on February 7, 2019, at the Wingate Hotel, Greensboro, NC.

Members present for all or part of the meeting: Robert Hill, Ph.D., ABPP, Chair; Helen Brantley, Ph.D., Vice Chair, Lisa Duck, MPH, Susan Hurt, Ph.D., Stacie MacDonald, M.A., and Anthony Powell, M.A.

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 15-16, 2018 meeting were approved, as amended.
2. Open session minutes of January 8, 2019 meeting were approved, as amended.
3. The Board was informed of the hiring of a new financial staff member.
4. The financial report for the period ending December 31, 2018 was reviewed.
5. Staff informed the Board that fieldwork on the annual audit of the Board's FY 2018-19 financials was recently completed.
6. Staff updated the Board on corporation/PLLC registration renewals.
7. Dr. Hill and Mr. Collins discussed a recent introductory meeting with new NCPA Executive Director, Martha Turner-Quest.
8. Staff provided an update on legislative matters, including the possible engagement of a legislative liaison.
9. The Board was updated on the recent denial of the petition to change the LPA supervision rules.

10. The Board was updated on the activities of the Board subcommittee tasked to draft proposed changes to the LPA supervision rules and, following discussion, reviewed and approved the proposed LPA supervision rule changes and instructed staff to share the proposed changes with NCAPP and NCPA.
11. Dr. Hill updated the Board on the development of the new state exam questions.
12. Staff updated the Board on IT projects.
13. The Board discussed the upcoming ASPPB mid-year meeting April 11-14, 2019 in Santa Fe, NM.
14. The Board reviewed the remaining meeting dates for 2019.
15. The Board was reminded of the April 15th deadline to file 2019 SEI forms.
16. The Board reviewed upcoming ethics training deadlines.
17. The Board discussed ideas for future newsletter articles.
18. The attached Information Items/Staff Actions were accepted.

Legal/Ethical

19. Case #021909 Jeffreys, Princess, M.A. – The Board was informed that CPT alleged that PJ may be practicing psychology without a license based on the content of a website. CPT also indicated that PJ had a post on Facebook promoting the NCABA Conference “as if it were her own conference.” CPT indicated that she had no further knowledge of PJ or her potential practice outside of having viewed the website. Following a review of the case report and discussion, the Board instructed Ms. Panico to contact Clayton WIN directing the removal of incorrect information on the organization’s website that appears to represent PJ’s services as the practice of psychology.

20. 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

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

21. Chappell, Grayson, M.A. - Mr. Chappell is an applicant for alternate supervision. Board staff could not determine whether the alternative supervision plan provides the required superior supervision as the primary reasons cited are that the proposed LPA supervisor is also Mr. Grayson's administrative supervisor and mentor. Following discussion, the Board determined that the arrangement did provide superior supervision and approved the alternative supervision plan.

22. Dorsey, Betty, M.A. – Ms. Dorsey is an applicant for Level 3 reduced supervision. She is requesting a waiver of three Reduced Supervision Report Forms (RS forms) as she states that she cannot locate her former supervisors. Two of the supervisors are no longer licensed with the Board and she states the third, who provided supervision in the 1990's and is now retired, will not respond to her. Ms. Dorsey is claiming that she has 8,656 hours of supervised practice since 1983; however, from RS forms that have been submitted, only 2,689 hours of supervised practice can be documented, which is well short of the required 7,500 hours of supervised practice for Level 3 reduced supervision. Based on past supervision reports for the years she is missing RS forms, Board staff cannot determine her total supervised hours as the older supervision reports did not require the reporting the number of practice hours under supervision. In addition, based upon supervision contracts on file for the years she is missing RS forms, the number of hours she was engaged in activities requiring supervision varied from 10 to 80 hours per month, so staff cannot calculate the total number of hours under supervision based upon the contracts. Following discussion, the Board waived the requirement for the RS forms and approved Level 3 reduced supervision.

23. Currin, Heather, M.A. – Ms. Currin is an applicant for Level 3 reduced supervision. She is requesting a waiver of a Reduced Supervision form as she states the former supervisor (Donald Aytch) will not respond to her. When Ms. Currin previously applied for Level 2 reduced supervision, the Board granted a waiver for the same form from Dr. Aytch; however, Board staff was able to document the needed hours for Level 2 under Dr. Aytch's supervision through supervision reports on file with the Board. That is not the case for Level 3. Ms. Currin is claiming 5,300 hours of supervised practice for the period under Dr. Aytch's supervision, but supervision reports on file with the Board only show 3,400 hours under Dr. Aytch. Without additional hours under Dr. Aytch, Ms. Currin is 300 hours short of the required 7,500 hours for Level 3. Following discussion, the Board approved Level 3 reduced supervision.

Continuing Education

24. Dewitt, Linda, Ph.D. – Dr. Dewitt completed three hours of required ethics CE after the October 1, 2018 renewal deadline. She states that she was hospitalized on the day she supposed was scheduled to complete her ethical training (September 29th). Following discussion, the Board accepted the CE and will require the licensee submit CE documentation in order to renew for the next renewal cycle.

Legal/Ethical

25. Dlamini-Scott, Psy.D. – The Board reviewed and approved the fitness to practice evaluation report from Jeff Lorence, M.A.

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26. Dlamini-Scott, Psy.D. – The Board reviewed and approved the tutorial report from William Burlingame, Ph.D.
27. Lawson, Robert, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed and approved the tutorial report from William Burlingame, Ph.D.
28. Margaretten, Amber, M.A. – Ms. Margaretten is requesting additional time to take the EPPP as she will be in the third trimester of her pregnancy when she sits for the exam in March or April. Following discussion, the Board denied the request.
29. Schroeder, Robyn, Psy.D. – Dr. Schroeder is requesting additional time to take the EPPP and state exam due to a learning disability and ADHD. Following discussion, the Board granted the request.
30. Hernandez, Cesiah, Psy.D. – Dr. Hernandez is requesting is requesting additional time to take the EPPP and state exam due to ADHD. Following discussion, the Board granted the request.
31. Ewert, Jeffrey P., Ph.D. – As Dr. Ewert failed to renew his license by November 30, 2018, his license was suspended pursuant to GS 90-270.15(f). Dr. Ewert is requesting that the Board not require him to retake the state exam as part of the reinstatement of his license. Board Rule .2103(e) states that the Board “may” require reexamination as part of reinstatement and the Board typically required applicants for reinstatement to retake the state exam. Following discussion, the Board denied the request.
32. Reed, John, Ph.D. – At its November 15-16, 2019 Board meeting, the Board proposed to deny Dr. Reed’s application for licensure under the senior psychologist provision as it could not be determined whether Dr. Reed met the requirement under Board Rule .1707(b)(1) that he practice psychology for a minimum of ten years on at least a half time basis due to most of his practice being in I/O psychology. Dr. Reed has determined to no longer pursue licensure in North Carolina and is requesting to withdraw his application. Following discussion, the Board granted the request.
33. Schellbach, Patty, Ed.D. – Dr. Schellbach requests that the Board meet with the NC Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and representatives from the NC Legislature regarding changing the statutory requirement under GS 90-270.4(c) that contract school psychologists be licensed by the Board. Following discussion, the Board denied the request.
34. Lazarus, Shulamit, Ph.D. - Dr. Lazarus’ license was suspended for non-renewal on 12/1/18 pursuant to G.S. § 90-270.15(f). He states that he is retired and requests that the Board allow him to relinquish his license in lieu of it being suspended. The Board has not granted this request in the past due to the license being suspended by statute. Following discussion, the Board denied the request.
35. Russell, Charles, Psy.D.- Dr. Russell is currently licensed at the provisional LP level. He is applying for permanent licensure and is requesting a waiver of the required one calendar year of supervised post-doc experience. Dr. Russell is approximately three weeks short of the required one year. Following discussion, the Board granted the request.

36. Swanson, Jessica, Ph.D. – At its November 2018 meeting, the Board determined to propose to deny Dr. Swanson’s application for licensure at the Licensed Psychologist level as her internship did not meet the Board’s requirements. Dr. Swanson’s had two separate internships with a three-year gap between the end of the first one and that start of the second. Neither internship meets the practice hours requirement and one did not have sufficient supervision. Following notice of the Board’s decision, Dr. Swanson agreed to accept licensure at the provisional LP level. Dr. Swanson is now requesting that the Board reconsider its decision to deny her application at the Licensed Psychologist level. Following discussion, the Board denied the request.

37. Requests for waiver of the \$10 late fee for renewing professional corporation due to claims of not receiving first email notice. In each case, the first and second email notices were sent to the same email address. The \$10 late fee is imposed by statute (G.S 55B-11 of the Professional Corporation Act). Following discussion, the Board denied the requests as the requirement is in statute, which the Board does not have the authority to waive.

File Review

Admitted to Both Exams

Michelle Rich
Jason Levi

Admitted to State Exam

Frank Bettoli
Christa Donewar
Jessica Wilson

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

Alston, Le'Marus-M.A.-2
Conigliaro, Kelsey, M.A.-2
Daniel, Rebecca, M.A.-2
DelPilar, Karen, M.A.-3
Frenzel, Richard, M.A. -2
Holbrook, Britteny, M.A.-2
Hood, Lillian, M.A.-3
Jhaveri-Mehta, Sachi, Psy.D.-2
Laforce, Anna, M.A.-3
Larsen, Janet, M.A.-2
Meaders, Miranda, M.A.-2
Smith, Kristy M.A.-2
Tinker, Katherine, M.A.-3
Windham, Sandra, M.A.-3
Wyatt, Laura, M.A.>-3
Worman, Carolyn, M.A.-3
Zhiss, Melissa, M.A.-3

File Review

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

Admit to Both Exam

Andrews, Kathleen - PP ()
Bate, Brittany - PP ()
Corneau, Gail - PA ()
deLacy, Rachel - PP ()
Deming, Charlene - PP ()
Donisch, Katelyn - PP ()
Fang, Caitlin - PP ()
Frost, Sarah - PP ()
Geiger, Paul - PP ()
Gil, Chantal - PP ()
Glenn, Jeffrey - PP ()
Haworth, Kevin - PP ()
Held, Zachary - PP ()
Lawrence, Jacqueline - PP ()
Laxton, Kelsey - PP ()
Merz, Zachary - PP ()
Nubee, Fatimah - PA ()
O'Neill, John - PP ()

Reinhardt, Kristen - PP ()
Saxena, Suchita - PP ()
Slough, Rachel - PP ()
Steel, Anne - PP ()
Sylvester, Natasha - PP ()
Thompson, Loren - LP ()
Udejaja, Chimezie - PA ()
West, Jessica - PP ()
Williams, Cherish - PP ()
Williams, Mary - PA ()
Wu, Jade - PP ()

Admit to State Exam

Dalzell, Jordan - LP ()
del Valle, Patricia - PP (ReApp)
Flashman, Laura - LP (Mobility)
Luley, Karen - LP ()
Sedlak, Samantha - LP ()
Thompson, Kip - LP ()

Admit to EPPP

Frenzel, Richard - LP (ReApp)



Daniel P. Collins
Executive Director