

NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
Open Session Minutes
November 13, 2020
Raleigh, NC

The North Carolina Psychology Board met in its regularly scheduled meeting on November 13, 2020, at the North Carolina Department of Justice, Raleigh, NC.

Members present for all or part of the meeting: Helen Brantley, Ph.D., Chair; Stacie MacDonald Jones, M.A., Vice Chair; Katrina Brent; Lisa Duck, MPH; Susan Hurt, Ph.D.; G. Gail Neffinger, Ph.D.; and Tonya Omar, M.A.

Others present for all or parts of the meeting: Daniel P. Collins, Executive Director; Marc Davis, Staff Psychologist/Investigator; and Sondra Panico, Assistant Attorney General.

Dr. Brantley 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. The Board welcomed newly appointed Board member G. Gail Neffinger, Ph.D.
2. Open session minutes of the July 31, 2020 meeting were approved.
3. Staff updated the Board on the recent biennial license renewal process.
4. The financial report for the period ending October 31, 2020 was reviewed.
5. Dr. Brantley presented a summary of the recent virtual ASPPB Annual Meeting.
6. The Board discussed and approved the following actions due to the COVID-19 pandemic: continuing application and testing waivers and extensions; extending the suspension for license non-renewal deadline; and waiving the convenience fee for online renewal of corporation registration renewals.
7. The Board discussed and approved the process for documenting implementation of the new LPA supervision rules.
8. The Board was updated on the development of online state exam system.
9. The Board discussed and approved reestablishing publication of the Board's newsletter.

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10. The Board was updated on the status of the launch of the EPPP 2 launch.
11. The Board reviewed upcoming Board meeting dates.
12. The Board reviewed the ethics training due dates.
13. The attached Information Items/Staff Actions were accepted.

Legal/Ethical

14. Fair, Shiricka, Ph.D. – The Board proposed to deny licensure at the Licensed Psychologist level. A hearing was held in open session on November 13, 2020. Following discussion in closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.18(6), the Board announced in open session that it determined to deny Dr. Fair's application for licensure at the Licensed Psychologist level.

15. Case #052016 Bennett, Kristin, Ph.D. – At its May 2020 meeting, the Board was informed that CPT alleged that Dr. Bennett is holding herself out as someone who is conducting psychoeducational testing, including the administration of IQ tests, without being licensed by the Board. Dr. Bennett subsequently submitted an affidavit that she ceased providing service that constitute the practice of psychology and stated that she had contracted with a licensed psychologist under whom she would provide psychometric services. At its July 2020 meeting, the Board instructed staff to follow up with Dr. Bennett's LP supervisor and with Dr. Bennett's attorney regarding testimonials. Mr. Davis provided an update to the Board. Following discussion, the Board closed the case.

16. Case #022011 Uptown Psychology – At its February 2020 meeting, the Board was informed that the CPT alleged that the practice was using the word “psychology” in advertising and in the description of their services in violation of the Practice Act. Following discussion, the Board deferred a decision on the case until the May 2020 Board meeting and instructed staff to check the practice's website prior to the May meeting to see if the final correction was made to come into compliance with the Practice Act. At its July 2020 meeting, the Board instructed staff to close the case once the reference to psychology is removed from the practice's Facebook page. Mr. Davis provided an update to the Board. Following discussion, the Board closed the case.

17. Case #072010 Kenneth Marsh – At its July 2020 meeting, the Board was informed that CPT alleged that he reviewed an “immigration evaluation” completed by KM to an individual located in North Carolina in which he provided a diagnosis for an individual despite not being licensed in North Carolina or any other state. Following discussion, the Board instructed Ms. Panico to send a letter to KM directing him to stop practicing psychology without a license and to submit an affidavit that he ceased such practice. Ms. Panico provided an update to the Board. Following discussion, the Board closed the case as KM had relocated to Mexico outside of the Board's jurisdiction.

18. Case # 112012 Faith Wokoma, Psy.D. – CPT alleged she was doing research for an article on a religious ceremony in North Carolina regarding FW and law enforcement and

indicated that FW was presenting herself as a psychologist but was not licensed through the Board. Following discussion and review of the case report, the Board closed the case.

19. Stewart, Peter, Psy.D., ABN – At its July 2020 meeting, the Board reviewed Dr. Stewart’s request that the Board consider allowing certification by the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology (ABN) to be used as a mobility credential to apply for licensure. Following discussion, the Board instructed staff to contact Kris Herfkens, Ph.D. regarding the matter given her expertise in neuropsychology. Following a review of Dr. Herfkens’ feedback and a discussion, the Board denied the request.

20. Smith, Peter, EDD – Dr. Smith is requesting that the Board designate the Institute for Natural Resources of Concord, CA as an approved continuing education provider. Currently approved CE providers are: the Board; APA; APA approved sponsors; NASP; NASP approved sponsors; NCAHEC; and NCPA. Following discussion, the Board denied the request.

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.

21. Lopez, Alexander, M.S. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on November 13, 2020. The described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(4), (a)(10), (a)(11) & (a)(19) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and constitutes violations of Standards 3.04, 3.09 & 5.01(b) of the APA Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct. The license of the undersigned Respondent is hereby REPRIMANDED. Respondent’s license shall be under PROBATION for a six-month period during which Respondent shall complete a minimum of six to eight hours of tutorials. For a period of six months consisting of at least 750 hours of practice by Respondent in psychology, whichever takes longer to occur, Respondent’s Board designated supervisor shall submit quarterly reports to the Board on the Board’s Supervision Report form, together with written narrative descriptions of Respondent’s practice and response to supervision. Respondent is assessed \$300.00 in costs.

22. Hooker, Emily, M.A. – CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on November 13, 2020. Respondent admits that the described conduct violates N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15 (a)(10), (a)(14), (a)(15), and (a)(16) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act and Standards 2.01, 9.01(a), 9.02(a), 9.06 and 9.08 of the APA Ethical Principles of Psychologist and Code of Conduct. Respondent’s license is REPRIMANDED. Respondent shall complete a minimum of two to four hours of tutorials. Respondent shall not conduct any psychological testing until she successfully completes a six-month independent study. Following successful completion of the independent study, Respondent may resume conducting psychologist testing. Prior to resuming psychological testing, Respondent shall submit and have approved by the Board a new supervision contract with a psychologist who has expertise in psychological testing. For a two-year period, Respondent shall be supervised by a Board approved supervisor who has expertise in psychological testing. Respondent agrees to only use up to date psychological testing instruments when conducting any psychological testing. Respondent is assessed \$300.00 in costs.

23. Tyler, Deborah, Ph.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on November 13, 2020. Respondent admits that the described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.15(a)(7) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and 21 NCAC 54 .2104 (d), (e), (f), (g), (i), (k), (l) and (m), of the North Carolina Psychology Board rules. Respondent shall complete a minimum of two to four hours of tutorials. For the next two renewal cycles, Respondent shall submit proper documentation establishing that she has completed all of the required continuing education hours, in compliance with 21 NCAC 54 .2104. Respondent is assessed \$300.00 in costs. The action taken by the Board constitutes remedial action, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.15(b).
24. Daubs, Carlyn, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed and approved the supervision report submitted by Susan Arnold, Ph.D.
25. Halpern, Hillary, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed and approved Dr. Halpern’s request for special testing accommodations related to breastfeeding.
26. Spoonamore, Trutina Maria, Psy.D. – The Board reviewed Dr. Spoonamore’s request for special testing accommodations due to a medical condition. Following discussion, the Board deferred a decision on the request pending the receipt of additional information from Dr. Spoonamore.
27. Fraysier, Kathleen, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed and denied Dr. Fraysier’s request to retract the voiding of her license application for failing to complete the application within the required time period.
28. Cheung, Megan Harrelson, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed and approved Dr. Cheung’s request to extend her testing deadline due to disruptions caused by her husband’s pending military deployment.
29. Savage, Debbie, Psy.D. – The Board reviewed and denied Dr. Savage’s request to allow her to receive less supervision under her LPA license than is required to accumulated post-doctoral supervised practice hours.
30. Rios-Habib, Jessica, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed and denied Dr. Rios-Habib’s request to refund of her original application fees and such a refund is prohibited under GS 90-270.18(a).
31. Torres, Maria, M.A. – The Board reviewed and denied Ms. Torres’ request for an additional opportunity to take the EPPP due to the wall clock in the testing center showing the incorrect time.
32. Tedder, Milicia – Applicant for Reduced Supervision. The Board reviewed and approved Ms. Tedder’s request for a waiver of RS Form 3s from two supervisors.

File Review

Admit to Both Exams

Elizabeth Gaylord, M.A.

Eva Mayberry, Ed.S.

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Alyse Bone
Whitney Harris, M.A.
Tiffany Kronenwetter, M.A.
Nancy Blackwell, Ph.D.
Matthew Zusman, Psy.D.

Admit to State Exam

Deborah Almeida-Zides
Athena Dacanay, Ph.D.
Steven Kaye, Ph.D.

License

Jeffrey Glenn, Psy.D.

Proposed Denial

Suzanne Neuschafer, M.S.
Jakob Bednarcuk, M.S.
John Campbell, M.A.
Beate Dornburg
Chioma Igboeqwu
Amanda Maloy, M.A.
Charles Fleischmann, Ph.D.
Katheryn Miller, Ph.D.
Ann Monis, Psy.D.
Lisa Tallant, Psy.D

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

Ms. Jillian Nichole Fitch, M.A.-3
Mr. Franklin Wayne Johnson, Ed.S.-2
Mr. John Winters Baley, M.A.-2
Mrs. Whitney Van Sant, M.A.-2
Ms. Kristy Elyse Smith Johnson, M.A.-3
Mr. Andrew Paul Irwin-Smiler, M.A.-2
Ms. Kimberlee Cooper Walker, M.A.-3

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

Admit to Both Exam

Arnold, Jerry - PA ()
Bobal, Carly - PP ()
Cheung, Megan - PP ()
Coffman, Marika - PP ()
Cometti, Olivia - PP ()
Cotuna, Arina - PA ()
Daniels, Stephanie - PP ()
Diggs, Calvary - PP ()
Dotterman, Tracy - PA ()
Goehring, Danielle - PA ()
Grove, Jeremy - PP ()
Hart, Courtney - PA ()
Manduca, Samantha - PA ()
Miller, Adrian - PA ()
Quao, Jeniqua - PA ()
Raulli, Emilia - PA ()
Slonena, Elizabeth - PP ()
Tennant, Jaclyn - LP ()
Wheeler, Liandra - PA ()
Wheless, Linnie - LP ()
Zachary, Chloe - PP ()

Admit to State Exam

Avery, Robin - LP ()
Bossong, Heather - LP (Mobility)
Bumgardner, Sandra - LP (Senior)
Camp, Janet - LP ()
Clark, Jaylyn - PP ()
Evans, Susan - LP (Senior)
Jones, Neal - LP ()
Krajenka, Courtney - PP ()
Lindahl, Virginia - LP (Senior)
Little, Allison - LP ()
Lorenzo-Gaier, Jessica - LP (ReApp)
Moss, Katrina - LP ()
Neese, Dawn - LP (Senior)
Nigam, Arti - LP (Senior)
Noble, Nicole - LP (Senior)
Rouff, Lisa - LP (Senior)
Rowe, Catherine - LP ()
Stewart, Laura - LP ()
Wangelin, Bethany - LP ()

Admit to EPPP

Scott, Jamaal - LP (ReApp)
Slade, Sierra - PA (ReApp)



Daniel P. Collins
Executive Director