

NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
Open Session Minutes
July 31, 2020
Teleconference

The North Carolina Psychology Board met in a called meeting via teleconference on July 31, 2020.

Members present for all or part of the meeting: Robert Hill, Ph.D., ABPP, Chair; Helen Brantley, Ph.D., Vice Chair, Katrina Brent, Lisa Duck, MPH, Susan Hurt, Ph.D., Stacie MacDonald Jones, M.A. 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. 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 May 15, 2020 meeting were approved.
2. The Board discussed and approved continuing application and testing waivers and extensions granted due to COVID-19 pandemic-related closures.
3. The Board discussed the upcoming biennial license renewal process and approved steps to promote greater use of online and other electronic means to renew given the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. The financial report for the period ending June 30, 2020 was reviewed.
5. Dr. Hill updated the Board on the development of the online state exam system.
6. The Board was informed that ASPPB's Annual Meeting would be held virtually in October.
7. The Board elected Dr. Brantley as Chair and Ms. Jones as Vice-Chair for the 2020-2021 fiscal year pursuant to G.S 90-270.9.

8. The Board discussed the remaining Board meeting date for 2020 and set meeting dates for 2021.
9. The Board reviewed the ethics training due dates.
10. The attached Information Items/Staff Actions were accepted.

Legal/Ethical

11. 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 doing 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. Following discussion, the Board instructed staff to follow up with Dr. Bennett’s LP supervisor and with Dr. Bennett’s attorney regarding testimonials.
12. Case #022011 Uptown Psychology (unlic.) – 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. Following discussion, the Board instructed staff to close the case once the reference to psychology is removed from the practice’s Facebook page.
13. Case #072010 Kenneth Marsh (unlic.) – 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 has ceased such practice.
14. Stewart, Peter, Psy.D., ABN (unlic.) – Dr. Stewart requested that the Board consider allowing certification by the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology 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.
15. The Board discussed continuing issues with unlicensed practice by behavioral analysts. Following discussion, the Board instructed staff to contact MCOs regarding the licensure requirement to practice behavioral analysis and to post a FAQ on the Board’s website.

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

- a. electronic scanning of all records
- b. explore adding an “inactive” status to the statute

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:

Continuing Education

16. The Board reviewed issues resulting from the Continuing Education compliance audit. Following discussion, the Board approved the following actions:

- Shawn Acheson, Ph.D. – Educative letter requiring submission of CE documentation for next two renewal cycles.
- Maria Delgado-Hachey, Ph.D. – Educative letter requiring submission of CE documentation for next two renewal cycles.
- Lori Jones, M.A. – Educative letter requiring submission of CE documentation for next two renewal cycles.
- Beth Lyons, Ph.D. – Educative letter requiring submission of CE documentation for next two renewal cycles.
- Stacy Miller, Ph.D. – Educative letter requiring submission of CE documentation for next two renewal cycles.
- Todd Morton, Ph.D. – Educative letter requiring submission of CE documentation for next two renewal cycles.
- Tonya Murray, S.S.P. – Educative letter requiring submission of CE documentation for next two renewal cycles.
- Tiffany Parlier, M.S. – Educative letter requiring submission of CE documentation for next two renewal cycles.
- Jeffrey Randall, Psy.D. – Educative letter requiring submission of CE documentation for next two renewal cycles.
- Karen Reaves, M.A. – Educative letter requiring submission of CE documentation for next two renewal cycles.
- Donald Salmon, Ph.D. – Educative letter requiring submission of CE documentation for next two renewal cycles.
- Kerri Wright, Psy.D. – A warning letter advising her that future noncompliance with the CE rules will result in an Educative letter or a Statement of Charges.

Legal/Ethical

17. Alloway, Brenda, Ph.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on July 31, 2020. The Board's evidence would show that the described conduct constitutes a violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(4) & (a)(10) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and Standards 6.04 & 6.06 of the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct. Respondent's license is REPRIMANDED. Respondent shall complete a minimum of six to eight hours of tutorials. For a period of one year, Respondent shall receive face to face supervision with a psychologist licensed in NC at a minimum of one one-hour session per week. Respondent is assessed \$300.00.
18. Geyer, E. Scott, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed and approved the tutorial report submitted by Jane Perrin, Ph.D.
19. Green, Corinne, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed and approved the tutorial report submitted, by Kolleen Fox, Ph.D.
20. Harris, Joel, Ph.D. – The Board requested that Dr. Harris complete tutorials in light of his submitting a reference form from a former client as part of his application for licensure. The Board also requested that Dr. Harris submit a written statement to the Board on what he learned from the tutorials. The Board reviewed the tutorial report submitted by Erica Wise, Ph.D., and Dr. Harris' statement.
21. Saunders, Abby M., Psy.D. – The Board reviewed and approved the tutorial report submitted, by Michael Jones, M.A.
22. Cooney, Michael, Ph.D. – Dr. Cooney requested an extension of the October 1, 2020 deadline to meet the continuing education requirement for renewing his license. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request given the availability of online CE resources and to consistently enforce the CE requirements in fairness to other licensees.
23. Chestnut, Wilbur, M.A. – Mr. Chestnut requested an extension of the October 1, 2020 deadline to meet the continuing education requirement for renewing his license. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request given the availability of online CE resources and to consistently enforce the CE requirements in fairness to other licensees.
24. Rios-Habib, Jessica, Ph.D. – Dr. Rios-Habib requested a waiver of the 12-year licensure requirement to apply for licensure under the senior psychologist provisions and a waiver of supervision forms. Dr. Rios-Habib has been licensed in Florida for 10 years. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request in order to consistently enforce the requirements under the senior psychologist provisions.
25. Furmanski, Cynthia, Ph.D. – Dr. Furmanski requested not to have to take the state exam as part of having her license reinstated. She previously passed the exam in 2014. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request to consistently enforce the state exam requirement.

File Review

Admit to State Exam

Robin Avery, Ph.D.

Franklin Russell, Ph.D.

Meghan Shapiro, M.A.

Admit to EPPP

Jamaal Scott, Ph.D.

Proposed Denial

Alyse Bone, M.S.

Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling, Ph.D. (Sen. app.) – Following receipt of proposed denial letter, Dr. Langhinrichsen-Rohling determined to withdraw her application and apply under the general application process.

INFORMATION ITEMS/STAFF ACTIONS
July 31, 2020

File Review

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

Admit to Both Exam

Benejam, Alexandra - PP ()
Guidry, Megan - PA ()
Lopez Sanchez, Lilliana - LP ()
Mulder, Blakely - PA ()
Teel, Miranda - PP ()

Admit to State Exam

Anderson, Cynthia - LP (Mobility,ReApp)
Baumgarten, Hani - LP (Senior)
Bradley, Rachel - PP ()
DeLucas, Ann - LP (Senior,ReApp)
Eriksson, Josefine - LP ()
Fox, Jenn - PP ()
Hart, Lori - LP (Senior)
Kaplan, Philip - LP (Senior)
Maddox, Brenna - LP ()
Norlien, Jason - LP (Mobility)
Pontius, James - LP (Mobility)
Sarubbi, Sarah - LP (Military)
Summers, Berta - LP ()
Swann, Darla - LP ()
Vaughan, Alan - LP (Senior)
von Witzleben, Mary - LP (Mobility,Military)



Daniel P. Collins
Executive Director