NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

Open Session Minutes February 12, 2021 Teleconference

The North Carolina Psychology Board met in its regularly scheduled meeting via teleconference on February 12, 2021.

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. Open session minutes of November 13, 2020 meeting were approved as amended.
- 2. The financial report for the period ending December 31, 2020 was reviewed.
- 3. The Board discussed and approved continuing application and testing waivers and extensions granted due to issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 4. The Board discussed the recently released first edition of new Board newsletter and discussed topics for future newsletter.
- 5. The Board was updated on the professional corporation/PLLC registration renewal process.
- 6. The Board was updated on implementation of new LPA supervision rules.
- 7. The Board discussed the new supervisor training requirement and determined to form a Board committee to develop an online training resource.

- 8. The Board discussed the new CE requirements effective for 2022 license renewal, including communicating the requirements to licensees and developing an online submission system.
- 9. The Board was updated on the status of online state/ethics renewal exam and formed a Board committee to finalize the test questions and implement the launch of the test.
- 10. Dr. Brantley presented a report on her NCPA Lunch and Learn presentation.
- 11. Dr. Brantley presented a report on the ASPPB Board chairs meeting.
- 12. The Board discussed North Carolina joining PSYPACT on March 1st, including the appointment of Dr. Hurt to serve as the North Carolina representative on the PSYPACT Commission.
- 13. The Board was updated on the status of EPPP 2, including receiving a report from Matt Turner, Ph.D., ASPPB's Senior Director of Examination Services.
- 14. The Board was informed of ASPPB's upcoming mid-year meeting.
- 15. The Board was remined of the upcoming Statements of Economic Interest filing deadline.
- 16. The Board reviewed upcoming Board meeting dates.
- 17. The Board was remined of ethics training due dates.
- 18. The attached Information Items/Staff Actions were accepted.

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:

Legal/Ethical

- 19. ALBRECHT, WILLIAM, PH.D. CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on February 12, 2021. The Board concludes that the described conduct, if proven at a hearing, would constitute violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(10) & (a)(11) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and violations of Standards 3.01, 3.03 & 3.04 of the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct. Respondent shall successfully complete a minimum of six to eight hours of tutorials. Following completion of the tutorials, Respondent shall submit a paper to the Board detailing what he learned from the tutorials and how he will apply it in his work with patients in the future. Respondent is assessed \$300.00 in costs. This action taken by the Board shall constitute remedial action.
- 20. FAIR, SHIRICKA, PH.D. FINAL DECISION denying Dr. Fair's application for licensure at the Licensed Psychologist level approved and signed on February 12, 2021. A

hearing was held at the Board's November 13, 2020 meeting and, following discussion, the Board determined to deny Dr. Fair's application.

- 21. HANNA, ROBERT, PH.D. CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on February 12, 2021. The described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(10), (a)(11) & (a)(20) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and constitutes violations of Standards 3.04, 3.05(a), 3.06, & 3.08 of the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct. Respondent's license is REPRIMANDED and his license shall be on PROBATION for at least a one year period during which Respondent shall complete a minimum of eight to ten hours of tutorials and, for a period of six months consisting of at least 750 hours in the practice of psychology, whichever takes longer to occur, Respondent shall receive face to face supervision at a minimum of one one-hour session per week. The supervisor shall submit quarterly supervision reports to the Board. Following completion of the tutorials and supervision, Respondent shall submit an essay to the Board explaining the impact of his conduct on his clients and what Respondent has learned to prevent this from reoccurring in the future. The essay shall be approved by the Board in order for Respondent to be released from probation. Respondent is assessed \$300.00 in costs.
- 22. HERNANDEZ, ANDRES, PSY.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on February 12, 2021. The described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(10) & (a)(11) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and constitutes violations of Standards 3.03, 3.04, 3.05(a), 3.06, & 3.09 of the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct. Respondent's license is CENSURED. Respondent's license shall be on PROBATION for at least a one-year period during which Respondent shall complete a minimum of ten to twelve hours of tutorials. In addition, for a period of one year consisting of at least 1500 hours in the practice of psychology, whichever takes longer to occur, Respondent shall receive face to face supervision at a minimum of one one-hour session per The supervisor shall submit quarterly supervision reports to the Board. Following completion of the tutorials and supervision, Respondent shall submit an essay to the Board explaining the impact of his conduct on his former client and other professionals and what Respondent has learned to prevent this from reoccurring in the future. The essay shall be approved by the Board in order for Respondent to be released from probation. Respondent is assessed \$300.00 in costs.
- 23. MILLER, SHARI NAN, PH.D. CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on February 12, 2021. Respondent admits that the described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(5) & (a)(7) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and 21 NCAC 54 .2104 (b), (d), (f), (g), (i), (k) and (m) of the North Carolina Psychology Board rules. Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete a minimum of two to four hours of tutorials. For the next two renewal cycles, Respondent must submit proper documentation establishing that she has completed all of the required continuing education hours. Respondent is assessed \$300.00 in costs. The action taken by the Board in this Consent Order shall constitute remedial action.
- 24. MILLER, KATHRYN, PH.D. CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on February 12, 2021. Petitioner admits that the described conduct, if proven, may violate N.C.

Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a), (a)(7), (a)(10), (a)(11) & 90-270.16(b), of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act. Petitioner's application for Provisional Licensure at the Licensed Psychologist Level is approved. Petitioner shall successfully complete a minimum of six to eight hours of tutorials. Following completion of the tutorials, Petitioner shall submit an essay to the Board explaining the impact of her conduct on her clients and what Petitioner has learned from the tutorials to prevent this from reoccurring in the future. Petitioner shall receive individual face to face supervision, which shall take place at a minimum of one hour per week during any week in which she is engaged in the practice of psychology and in the provision of health services, regardless of the number of hours, for at least one year consisting of at least 1500 hours in the practice of psychology. The supervisor shall submit quarterly supervision reports to the Board. Petitioner is assessed \$300.00 in costs.

- 25. FAIR, SHIRICKA, PH.D. FINAL DECISION denying Dr. Fair's application for licensure at the Licensed Psychologist level approved and signed on February 12, 2021. A hearing was held at the Board's November 13, 2020 meeting and, following discussion, the Board determined to deny Dr. Fair's application.
- 26. Rowe, Julie, M.A. –The Board reviewed and approved the supervision report submitted by Mark Besen, Ph.D.
- 27. Berry, Cynthia, M.A. The Board reviewed and approved the supervision report submitted by Debra Peters, Ph.D. and the tutorial report submitted by Gordon Cappelletty, Ph.D.
- 28. Stevens-Carr, Rachell, Psy.D. The Board reviewed and approved the fitness to practice evaluation report submitted by Robert Hill, Ph.D.
- 29. Vaughan, Alan, Ph.D. Applicant for Licensure The Board reviewed and denied Dr. Vaughan's requests: (i) to extend his one-year deadline to sit for the state exam be extended until December 5, 2010; and (ii) for special testing accommodations.
- 30. Shapiro, Meghan, M.A. Applicant for Reduced Supervision The Board reviewed and denied Ms. Shapiro's request for a waiver of the requirement that she have one year of supervision under her current supervisor in order to qualify for reduced supervision.
- 31. Parker, Virginia, M.A. Applicant for Licensure The Board reviewed and denied Ms. Parker's request that her testing deadline be extended for additional study time.
- 32. Quao, Jeniqua, M.A. Applicant for Licensure The Board reviewed and denied Ms. Quao's request for an extension of her testing deadline due to the death of her father.

Fogleman, Nicholas, Ph.D. – Applicant for Licensure – The Board reviewed and denied Dr. Fogleman's is requesting an extension of his testing deadline.

File Review

Admit to Both Exams Alexis French, Ph.D. Kathy Roth, Ph.D. Admit to State Exam Anne Stull, M.A. Sean McGowan, Psy.D. Nina Leezenbaum, Ph.D.

Proposed Denials
Armen Sarkissian, Ed.D.
Cooley, Eileen, Ph.D.

INFORMATION ITEMS/STAFF ACTIONS February 12, 2021

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

The following files have been processed since the last meeting:

Admit to Both Exam

Berman, Ilana - PP ()

Broj, Bethany - PP ()

Burns, Claire - PP ()

Delk, Lauren - PP ()

Ernst, Katherine - PP ()

Flannery Nelson, Jessica - PP ()

Freeman-Favia, Nicole - PP ()

Friis, Elsa - PP ()

Goss, Brittany - PP ()

Harris, Marina - PP ()

Henkel, Beverly - PP ()

Hill, Ashley - PP ()

Irving, Leandra - PP ()

Jones, Andrew - PP ()

Kemp, Kristen - PP ()

LaRue, Gillian - PP ()

Matthews, Jennifer - PA ()

May, Carrie - PP ()

McConnell, Amy - PP ()

McLaughlin, Joshua - PP ()

Okun, Jeffrey - PP ()

Poggioli, Michael - PP ()

Pugach, Cameron - PA ()

Ratkalkar, Minakshi - PP ()

Rudolph, Kelly - PP ()

Sansone, Ashley - PP ()

Sasiela, William - PA ()

Spivey-Rita, Leigh - PP () Stanziani, Marissa - PP () Winley, Lakesha - PP () Yi, Jennifer - PP () Zusman, Matthew - PP ()

Admit to State Exam

Browne, Julia - LP () Calhoun, Casey - LP () Cohen, Jonathan - LP (Mobility) Duncan, Kathleen - LP (Senior) Johnson, Kelly - LP () Kleinert, Whitney - LP (Mobility) Kurian, Ashli - LP () Langhinrichsen-Rohling, Jennifer - LP (Senior) McGowan, Faith - LP () Renfrow-Santiso, Stephanie - LP () Schmalz, Jonathan - LP (Mobility) Shepardson, Julia - PA () Villagomez, Adrienne - LP ()

Admit to EPPP

Mehta, Sachi - LP (ReApp) Piechocinski, Erin - LP ()

Daniel P. Collins **Executive Director**