

NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
Open Session Minutes
January 12, 2022
Interim Meeting
Teleconference

The North Carolina Psychology Board met in a special meeting via teleconference on January 12, 2022.

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 Hunt, 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; Rebecca Osborne, Deputy Director, and Sondra Panico, Special Deputy 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 was updated on the development of the online state exam/ethics refresher. Following discussion, the Board authorized having applicants to begin using the online state exam.
2. The Board was updated on development of the online CE submission system.
3. The Board was informed that the Board office landlord had proposed, and the State Property Office had approved, a new two-year lease for the Board office. Following discussion, the Board agreed to the lease terms.
4. The Board reviewed meeting dates for 2022.

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 personnel matters, following which, it reported:

Legal/Ethical

5. Neuschaefter, Suzanne, M.S. - FINAL DECISION denying Ms. Neuschaefter's application for licensure at the Licensed Psychological Associate level was approved and signed on January 12, 2022.
6. Maloy, Amanda, M.A. - FINAL DECISION denying Ms. Maloy's application for licensure at the Licensed Psychological Associate level was approved and signed on January 12, 2022.
7. Ghalib, Nadeem - FINAL DECISION denying Mr. Ghalib's application for licensure at the Licensed Psychological Associate level was approved and signed on January 12, 2022.
8. Baker, Annette, Ph.D. – Ms. Panico provided an updated on the status of the court case in this matter. Following discussion, the Board authorized changing the status of Dr. Baker's license to revoked on the Board website.
9. Giarmo, Christine, Psy.D. – Pursuant a Consent Order, Dr. Giarmo was required to undergo a Fitness to Practice Evaluation. The Board reviewed the Fitness to Practice Report submitted by Kris Herfkens, Ph.D. Following discussion, the Board determined to revoke Dr. Giarmo's license.
10. Watson, Nancy, Ph.D. – Pursuant to a Consent Order with the Board, Dr. Watson was required to undergo a Fitness to Practice Evaluation. The Board reviewed the Fitness to Practice Report submitted by Sean Knuth, Ph.D. Following discussion, the Board accepted the report.
11. Korotitsch, William, M.A. – As part of the approval of Mr. Korotitsch's application for licensure, he is required to receive psychotherapy on a weekly basis for a period of one year. The Board reviewed a request from Mr. Korotitsch's psychologist, to reduce the frequency of the psychotherapy session to every other week until completion of the required one-year period in March. Following discussion, the Board approved the request.
12. Lopez, Alexander, M.S. – Pursuant to a Consent Order, Mr. Lopez is required to receive monthly supervision. The Board reviewed and accepted the final supervision report submitted by Patrick Quinn, Ph.D.



Daniel P. Collins
Executive Director