

NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
Open Session Minutes
November 4, 2022
Videoconference

The North Carolina Psychology Board met in its regularly scheduled meeting via videoconference on November 4, 2022.

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

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 welcomed new Board member, Alexis Brightman, M.A.
2. Open session minutes of July 29, 2022 meeting were approved.
3. The financial report for the period ending September 30, 2022 was discussed.
4. The Board was updated on the license renewal process.
5. The Board was updated on the launch of the supervisor training modules.
6. The Board received a report from the Newsletter Committee.
7. The Board received a report on the recent ASPPB Annual Meeting.
8. The Board was informed of continuing outreach initiatives.
9. The Board discussed issues around master's program accreditation and master's level licensure being considered by APA and ASPPB and possible changes to the NC Psychology Practice Act or the Board's rules. The Board determined to establish a task force of Board members, staff and outside stakeholders to assist and advise the Board.
10. The Board reviewed a report on IT projects.
11. The Board reviewed meeting dates for 2023.

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12. The Board reviewed ethics training due dates.
13. The attached Information Items/Staff Actions were accepted.

Legal/Ethical

14. Case #112211 Katie McIntosh. LCSW - CPT alleges that KM, who is an LCSW, is the owner of a practice and website in which KM indicates she is providing “psychological evaluations” and “psychological therapy”. Following review of the case report and discussion, the Board determined that Ms. McIntosh was in compliance with the Psychology Practice Act and closed the case.

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:

15. Sullivan, Brian Patrick, Ph.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on November 4, 2022. In September 2020, Respondent received a referral for Client X, a 6 year-old male, and conducted a psychological evaluation. Respondent administered the Weschler Intelligence Scale for Children-Third Edition (WISC-III) to assess intelligence, the Conners Parent Rating Scale-Third Edition (Conners-3) to assess behavioral functioning, and the Multidimensional Anxiety Scale for Children-Second Edition (MASC-2) to assess personality functioning. Based on the results of the psychological evaluation, Respondent reported that Client X met criteria for oppositional defiant disorder. The WISC-III was originally released in 1998, and is no longer supported by Pearson, which is the assessment publisher. The Weschler Intelligence Scale for Children-Fifth Edition (WISC-V), the current version of the WISC, was released in 2014. Respondent’s psychological evaluation report does not specify the limitations of using the WISC-III because of it being an outdated instrument or of any concerns about the validity of the testing results. Respondent does not provide any explanation of his decision to use the WISC-III instead of the current WISC-V. Respondent does not provide any reason consistent with current research or data as to why the WISC-III should be used instead of up to date and supported measures. Respondent used the MASC-2 with his 6 year-old client, when the client age range for use of the MASC-2 is 8-19 years old. Respondent’s psychological evaluation report does not specify the limitations of the results, since it was administered to the parent of a child who was outside of the age range for use of the measure.

In the Consent Order, the Board orders and Respondent agrees that Respondent shall VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISH his license to practice psychology in North Carolina and the Board shall accept his relinquishment. Respondent shall turn in his license to practice psychology in North Carolina no later than December 1, 2022. No later than November 25, 2022, Respondent shall terminate psychological services to all of his patients/clients, and cease to engage in any other activities that meet the definition of the practice of psychology, and shall make provisions for the appropriate transition of his patients/clients to another mental health professional, as appropriate. Respondent shall not practice psychology, as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.136(8), after he relinquishes his license unless he is relicensed by this Board. Should Respondent apply for relicensure in the future, he shall comply with certain conditions in order to be considered for relicensure, which include the completion of tutorials, and if he is relicensed his practice of psychology will be under supervision for a period of one year or the period of time it takes to complete 50 psychological evaluation reports, whichever takes longer
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to occur. The supervisor shall review all of Respondent's psychological evaluation reports to ensure that he is using current testing instruments.

16. Byassee, James, Ph.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on November 4, 2022. The Board evidence would show that in December 2020, Client X, a 13-year-old child, was referred to Respondent by Client X's mother for psychological services regarding mental health issues. After meeting with Client X for 11 sessions of individual psychotherapy and parent collateral therapy, in April, 2021, Respondent began a psychological evaluation including the administration of psychological testing. Client X's mother has at no point in time received the psychological evaluation report for Client X. This resulted in harm to Client X because the appropriate recommendations were not received by the school until the next school year and Client X continued to experience difficulties in school during this period of delay. Respondent denies the Board evidence. The Board concludes that this conduct, if proven at a hearing, would constitute a violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.148(a)(15) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act.

This Consent Order shall constitute a CONDITION on Respondent's license. Respondent will not provide psychological testing administration and interpretation or conduct psychological evaluations of any kind. Respondent may continue to engage in the following:

- a. conducting assessments and determining diagnoses and treatment plans;
- b. using, administering, and interpreting checklists, screening tests, questionnaires, or rating scales; and
- c. using, administering, and interpreting follow-up checklists, screening tests, questionnaires, and rating scales to measure and/or track patient progress.

If Respondent determines that a client needs psychological testing administration and interpretation, or a psychological evaluation, he shall refer the client to another psychologist to conduct the psychological evaluation.

17. Cochran, Robert, Psy.D. – The Board reviewed a substance abuse/fitness to practice evaluation report submitted pursuant to a Consent Order. Following a review of the report and discussion, the Board determined to revoke Dr. Cochran's license.

18. Alloway, Brenda, Ph.D. – Dr. Alloway is under a Consent Order, which required that she receive supervision and complete tutorials. The Board reviewed and accepted the supervision and tutorial reports submitted by Jane Perrin, Ph.D.

19. Snapp, Frances, Psy.D. – Dr. Snapp requested an extension to complete the CE requirements in order to renew her license. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request.

20. Smith, Kathy, Ph.D. - Dr. Smith requested an extension to complete the CE requirements in order to renew her licensure. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request.

21. Cooper, Rodney, Ph.D. – Dr. Cooper requested an extension to complete the CE requirements in order to renew his license. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request.

22. Dove, Bonnie, M.A. – Ms. Dove requested a waiver of the license reinstatement requirements, including taking the state exam. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request.
23. Hanson, Cassandra, M.A. – Ms. Hanson requested that her license application be reinstated and that she be provided an extension to pass the licensing exams. Her application was voided due to failure to take the exams by the required deadlines. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request.
24. Hernandez, Andres, Psy.D. – Dr. Hernandez requested that his Consent Order be removed from the Board’s website. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request, but a text box would be added to the Consent Order indicating that the requirements of the Consent order had been met.
25. Berndt, Elsa, M.A. – Ms. Berndt is an applicant for reduced supervision and requested a waiver of the requirement that she receive at least one year of supervision from her current supervisor. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request.
26. Johnson, Dasherline, Psy.D. – At its July 29, 2022 meeting, the Board proposed to deny Dr. Johnson’s application for licensure for actions by Dr. Johnson which resulted in disciplinary action by the Minnesota Board of Psychology. The Board reviewed a response letter from Dr. Johnson. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request and the denial was confirmed.
27. Alyse Bone, M.A – Ms. Bone requested special testing accommodations. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request.
28. Kathryn M Brown, S.S.P. – Ms. Brown requested special testing accommodations. Following discussion, the request was granted, except for extra time, pending accommodation policies of the testing center.
29. Case #112210 Kelly Moynahan, M.A.- The Board reviewed issues with Ms. Moynahan’s supervision. Following discussion, the Board determined that Ms. Moynahan was currently in compliance with the supervision requirements and closed the case.
30. Following discussion, the Board determined to end the Covid-19 vaccination policy for Board office staff consistent with the end of the OSHR policy.

File Review

Admit to Both Exams

Thomas Reynolds, Ed.S.

Onieka Thompson, M.A.

Krystin Waters, M.A.

Admit to State Exam

Samantha Brustad, Psy.D.

Brian Collin, Psy.D.

Jason Franklin, M.A.

Pamela Josey, M.A.

LaTasha Miller, Psy.D

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Christen Mullane, Ph.D.
Charles Olbert, Ph.D.
Lana Rickey, Psy.D.

Proposed Denial

Sarah Furlong, M.A.
Madeline Joan Farber, M.A.
Danielle Moody, M.A.
Monica Cortes (subsequently approved for licensure)
Terrence Judd, M.A.
Kimberly Pawlicki, M.Ed. (subsequently approved for licensure)
Angela Steward, Ph.D.
Khalid Brown, Psy.D. (subsequently accepted approval for provisional licensure)
Robyn Kitrell, Ph.D.
Genevieve Weiscovitz, Psy.D.

Confirmed Denials

Sarah Goldberg –
Ashley Prueitt –



Daniel P. Collins
Executive Director