

NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
Open Session Minutes
May 11, 2022
Greensboro, NC

The North Carolina Psychology Board met in its regularly scheduled meeting on May 11, 2022 at the Koury Convention Center, Greensboro, 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, 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. Open session minutes of February 11, 2022 meeting were approved as amended.
2. Open session minutes of March 23, 2022 meeting were approved.
3. The financial report for the period ending March 31, 2021 was reviewed.
4. The Board was updated on the online Ethics Refresher.
5. The Board was updated on the online CE submission system.
6. The Board received a report from the Supervisor Training Committee.
7. The Board received a report from the Newsletter Committee.
8. The Board was informed of recent outreach initiatives.
9. The Board reviewed upcoming dates for Board meetings.
10. The Board reviewed ethics training due dates.
11. The Information Items/Staff Actions were accepted.

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Legal/Ethical

12. The Board reviewed possible internship supervision scenarios submitted by Steve Knotek, Ph.D., Program Coordinator, UNC-CH School Psychology Program. Following discussion, the Board determined that none of the scenarios met the internship supervision requirements under the Board's rules.

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.

13. Muhammad, Malik, Ph.D. - The Board summarily suspended Dr. Malik's license after finding that, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §150B-3(c), the public health, safety and welfare required the suspension as he posed a present and continuing risk due to his engagement in behavior that is harmful to the public. A hearing was held on May 11, 2022. Following discussion in closed session pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §143-318.18(6), the Board announced in open session that it determined to revoke Dr. Muhammad's license.

14. Cochran, Robert, Psy.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on May 11, 2022. The described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.148(a)(12) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, of Board Rule 21 NCAC 54 .2101(b)(9), and violations of Standard 2.06(a) of the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct (American Psychological Association 2017). Respondent shall complete a substance abuse assessment/fitness for practice evaluation by the Board designated evaluator. Should the Board determine that Respondent is fit to practice based on the evaluation, he shall remain in substance abuse treatment for a period of two years or until his substance abuse treatment provider determines that he may be released from treatment, whichever is longer. The treatment provider shall submit quarterly reports to the Board providing a summary of Respondent's progress and response to substance abuse treatment and any concerns that he or she may have regarding Respondent's substance use. Respondent is assessed \$300.00 in costs.

15. Haddock, Roy, M.A. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on May 11, 2022. The described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.148 (a)(17) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and Standards 6.01, 9.01(a), 9.02(a), 9.06 and 9.10 of the Ethical Principles of Psychologist and Code of Conduct (American Psychological Association 2017). The license of the Respondent is CENSURED. Respondent's license shall be placed on Probation and Respondent shall not conduct any psychological evaluations until he successfully completes with an assigned independent study advisor, a six month independent study. Following successful completion of the independent study and upon approval by the Board, Respondent may resume conducting psychological evaluations provided he shall be supervised for two years, consisting of 25 psychological evaluations, whichever takes longer to occur. Respondent shall receive a minimum of one hour of individual face to face supervision, during any week in which he conducts psychological evaluations. Respondent's Level 3 supervision shall be rescinded during the terms of this Consent Order and he shall be placed at Level 1 supervision. Respondent is assessed \$300.00 in costs.

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16. Rapport, Erica, Ph.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on May 11, 2022. The Consent Order constitutes action by the Board against Respondent's license, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.148(b). During the period from October 1, 2020 to February 15, 2022, Respondent was practicing psychology but did not renew her license to practice psychology and it was suspended due to Respondent's failure to renew it. As a result, she was practicing psychology without a license, in violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-270.149. Once this was brought to Respondent's attention, she ceased practicing psychology. Respondent shall submit a completed application for temporary licensure to the Board office and the Board shall issue a thirty-day temporary license to Respondent solely for the purpose of providing a single termination session to each of her former psychology clients. Once the thirty day period has expired, Respondent shall relinquish her temporary license to practice psychology in North Carolina. Respondent shall turn in her license to practice psychology in North Carolina and her Health Services Provider-Psychologist (HSP-P) certificate and a signed affidavit to the Board attesting that she has terminated and transferred all of her patients/clients by the expiration of the temporary license. Respondent shall not engage in the practice of psychology at any time in the future and shall not reapply for licensure to practice psychology in this State at any time in the future. Respondent is assessed \$300.00 in costs.

17. Fiber Sigmon, Christy, Psy.D. - FINAL DECISION denying Dr. Sigmon's application for licensure at the Licensed Psychologist level was approved and signed on May 11, 2022. A hearing was held at the Board's February 11, 2022 meeting, and following discussion, the Board determined to deny Dr. Fiber Sigmon's application.

18. Giarmo, Christine, Psy.D. – At its January 12, 2022 meeting, the Board revoked Dr. Giarmo's license based upon the findings of a fitness to practice evaluation performed by Kris Herfkens, Ph.D. In response to the revocation, Dr. Giarmo had a second evaluation conducted by a different psychologist (Deborah Attix, Ph.D.), which has been submitted for the Board's consideration. Following review of both evaluations and discussion, the Board withdrew the revocation of Dr. Giarmo's license and directed staff to inform her to comply with the terms of the earlier Consent Order.

19. Case #052208 – Huntington, Jennifer (unlic.) - CPT alleges that a report reviewed that was completed by LearningRx (no clinician was named in the report) included psychological testing including cognitive measures. CPT also alleges that the parent of the child evaluated was informed that their child had an auditory processing disorder. CPT alleges that the report was not completed by a licensed psychologist, licensed psychological associate, or a licensee of any other board. Following discussion, the Board instructed staff to continue efforts to ensure LearningRx was operating in compliance with the Psychology Practice Act.

20. Larrabee, Meredith, Psy.D.- Dr. Larrabee is under a Consent Order, which required she receive supervision. The Board reviewed and accepted the supervision report submitted by Chris Mulchay, Ph.D.

21. Wiener, Donna, Ph.D. - Dr. Wiener is under a Consent Order, which required she receive supervision and complete tutorials. The Board reviewed and accepted the supervision and tutorial reports submitted by Gordon Cappelletty, Ph.D.

22. Hooker, Emily, M.A.- Ms. Hooker is under a Consent Order, which required that she complete an independent study. The Board reviewed and accepted the completion report submitted by Joshua Broman-Fulks, Ph.D.
23. Muhammad, Malik, Ph.D. - Dr. Muhammad is under a Consent Order, which required he complete an independent study. . The Board reviewed the independent study report submitted by Michael Zelson, Ph.D. and approved the recommended conditions on Dr. Muhammad's ability to conduct psychological evaluations should he ever be licensed by the Board again.
24. Hernandez, Andres, Psy.D. – The Board reviewed and accepted essay Dr. Hernandez was required to submit under a Consent Order.
25. Hanna, Robert, Ph.D. - The Board reviewed and accepted essay Dr. Hanna was required to submit under a Consent Order.
26. Byassee, James, Ph.D. – Dr. Byassee is under a Consent Order, which requires that he receive tutorials. The Board reviewed and accepted tutorial report submitted by Kim Painter, Ph.D.
27. Driscoll, Nancy, M.A. – Ms. Driscoll was directed to voluntarily complete tutorials under an educational letter. The Board reviewed and accepted the tutorial report submitted by Robert Hill, Ph.D.
28. Miora, Deborah, Ph.D. – Dr. Miora is requesting a one month extension to her initial four month testing deadline. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request.
29. Tompkins, Heather, Ph.D. – Dr. Tompkins is requesting a six week extension to her initial testing deadline. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request.
30. Grandy, Thomas, Ph.D. – Dr. Grandy was previously found to have practiced telepsychology into North Carolina without a license. He subsequently applied for a temporary license. In reviewing his temporary license application, it was noted that he had a prior board action in Nebraska. Following discussion, the Board approved the temporary license application.
31. Tillman, Kathleen, Ph.D. – The Board previously proposed to deny Dr. Tillman's application due to a complaint filed against her license in North Dakota and a negative report from a former supervisor. The North Dakota subsequently determined there was insufficient grounds to warrant formal discipline in the case and closed the matter. Following discussion, the Board determined to rescind the previous proposed denial and application was approved.
32. Diggs, Calvary, Ph.D. – Dr. Diggs is provisionally licensed and has applied for permanent LP licensure. As part of the application, his supervisor gave him a below average rating for his ability to function independently. Following discussion, the Board determined to approve his application.
33. Ford, Melissa, Psy.D. – At its February 11, 2022 meeting, the Board reviewed Dr. Ford's application for licensure under the senior psychologist provisions as it was not clear if she had

been practicing psychology for the required minimum of 20 hours per week for 10 years. The Board deferred a decision on her application pending clarification of her current work duties. Following review of additional information submitted by Dr. Ford and discussion, the Board determined that her experience met the practice requirements and the application was approved.

34. Henkel, Beverly, Psy.D. – At its February 11, 2022 meeting, the Board reviewed Dr. Henkel’s request for special testing accommodations. Following review of documentation submitted as part of the request and discussion, the Board determined to request that Dr. Henkel have a fitness to practice evaluation. The Board reviewed the evaluation report submitted by George Demakis, Ph.D., and following discussion, accepted the report and approved the special testing accommodations.

File Review

Admit to Both Exams

Jeffrey Fischer, Ph.D.

Glenn Ireland, Ph.D.

Admit to State Exam

Saloomah Nazari, Psy.D.

Jessica Sawyer, Ph.D.

Shanna Tillman, Psy.D.

Admit to EPPP

Jacita Petway, Psy.D.

Proposed Denial

Ashley Pruiett, Psy.D.

Sarah Goldberg, M.S.

Alexus Dutrieuille, M.S.

Kim Fields, M.S.

Vikki Gaskin-Butler, Ph.D.

Decision Deferred for Additional Information

Erica Mesnard, Psy.D.



Daniel P. Collins

Executive Director