

NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
Open Session Minutes
May 19-20, 2016
Greensboro, NC

The North Carolina Psychology Board met in a regularly scheduled meeting on November 5, 2015, at the Airport Comfort Suites in Greensboro, NC.

Members present for all or part of the meeting: Robert Hill, Ph.D., ABPP, Chair; Kristine Herfkens, Ph.D., ABPP, Vice Chair; Helen Brantley, Ph.D., Stacie MacDonald, M.A., Anthony Powell, M.A. and Matthew Van Horn, J.D.

Others present for all or parts of the meeting: Daniel P. Collins, Executive Director; Sondra Panico, Assistant Attorney General; and Jennifer Davis, intern with the North Carolina Department of Justice.

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 February 4-5, 2016, meeting were approved.
2. Open session minutes of March 7, 2016, meeting were approved.
3. Open session minutes of March 28, 2016, meeting were approved.
4. The financial report for the period of time ending April 30, 2016 was reviewed.
5. Staff updated the Board on status of search for a new Staff Psychologist/Investigator.
6. The Board discussed status of development of new state exam questions.
7. The Board was provided with information on development of competency-based skills national licensure exam (EPPP 2).
8. Dr. Hill provided highlights from ASPPB's mid-year meeting following which the Board discussed possible use of social media and webcasts.
9. Staff provided an update on pending OLB legislation.
10. The Board discussed topics for future newsletter articles.

11. The attached Information Items/Staff Actions were accepted.
12. Representatives associated with NCPA's Colleague Assistance Committee updated the Board on the Committees activities.
13. Staff provided an update on the status of IT projects

Legal/Ethical

14. Aytch, Donald, Ph.D. – A hearing was held in open session on May 19, 2016. Following discussion in closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.18(6), the Board announced in open session that it determined to take action against Dr. Aytch's license to practice psychology.
15. Case #051607 Sue Park – The Board was informed that Ms. Park may have been engaged in the unlicensed practice of psychology. Following a review of the case report, the Board determined that there was no indication that the services being provided by Ms. Park were the practice of psychology under the NC Psychology Practice Act.
16. Case #051609 Melanie Todd – The Board was informed that Ms. Todd may have been engaged in the unlicensed practice of psychology. Following a review of the case report, the Board determined that there was no indication that the services being provided by Ms. Park were the practice of psychology under the NC Psychology Practice Act.

Other

17. Board Projects - The Board reviewed and discussed the following list of ongoing/future projects:
 - a. change to administering the state examination in a manner that will serve to educate, rather than obtain a pass or fail score.
 - b. online application system.
 - c. update Board's website.
 - d. instituting criminal background checks
 - e. revision of the Board's rules
 - f. electronic scanning of all records
 - g. explore adding an "inactive" status to the statute
 - h. consider amending rules which address the filing of a Section 2 supervision contract when an individual's work is totally outside of the mental health field
 - i. possibly revise Board rules which address the displaying of one's licensure and HSP certificates to cover situations in which services are being provided electronically

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:

Supervision

18. Luellen, Tara, M.A. – The Board reviewed Ms. Luellen’s application for Level 3 reduced supervision as she was two months shy of the 5-year supervised practice requirement. Following discussion, the Board to postpone a decision on the application until the next regular Board meeting.

Legal/Ethical

19. Baker, Annette C., Ph.D – The Board was informed that Dr. Baker had retained a new attorney who has filed a petition for judicial review and a stay of the Board’s Final Decision in Dr. Baker’s case. The Board instructed the Board attorney to file an objection to the stay.

20. Baley, John, M.A. - At its meeting on August 13-14, 2015, the Board reviewed Mr. Baley’s application for licensure. After consideration of the information concerning Mr. Baley’s prior criminal convictions and substance abuse history at its meeting on August 13-14, 2015, the Board requested that Mr. Baley undergo a fitness to practice evaluation and a drug test. Following a review the results of the evaluation and the drug test, the Board approved Mr. Baley’s application.

21. Sendler, Allen, M.A. – The Board reviewed and denied Mr. Sendler’s request that the Board grant him a passing score for the state exam.

22. Poag, John C., Ph.D. – The Board reviewed and approved tutorial report submitted by Bill Burlingame, Ph.D.

23. Tomasi, Carole Anne, M.A. – At the August 2015 Board meeting, the Board proposed to deny Ms. Tomasi’s application for licensure as her master’s program did not meet the educational criteria for licensure at the LPA level. The Board determined to give Ms. Tomasi extended time, until the February 2016 Board meeting, to possibly make up the educational deficiency. At its February 4-5, 2016, meeting, the Board granted Ms. Tomasi’s request to defer a final decision on her application until the Board’s May 19-20, 2016 meeting. Ms. Tomasi was instructed to submit any additional information she would like the Board to review during its final consideration of her application at its May 19-20, 2016 meeting. The Board reviewed an email from Ms. Tomasi in which she indicated that she will not be providing any additional information to the Board. The Board then confirmed the denial of Ms. Tomasi’s application.

24. McCoy, Meghan, Psy.D. – The Board reviewed Dr. McCoy’s TP Forms which indicated that she completed two separate internships over a two year period. The internships were not APA-accredited and neither internship totaled 1,500 hours of practice. Following discussion, the Board determined that the internships could not be combined in order to meet the training program requirements for licensure as they were not one training program, but two separate programs.

25. Nielsen, Amanda, Psy.D. – The Board reviewed and denied Dr. Nielsen’s request to waive multiple supervisor forms, but determined to allow her to submit documentation from her Kansas license application as an alternative source to document her practice time.

26. Neuenfeldt, Christopher, M.A. – The Board review and granted waiver of supervisor forms.

File Review

Confirm Denial

Powell, Bonita

Proposed Denial

Boone, Richard

Admit to Both Exams

Burkhardt, Jessica

Grose, Elizabeth

Neuenfeldt, Christopher

Admit to State Exam

Cull, Sara

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Daniel P. Collins
Executive Director

INFORMATION ITEMS/STAFF ACTIONS
May 19-20, 2016

Supervision

27. The following reduced supervision files have been reviewed and approved since the last meeting at the indicated level:

- a. Brantley, Amber, M.A.-2
- b. Burnette, Sascha, M.S.-3
- c. Gover, Susan, M.A.-2
- d. Hector, Tracie, M.A.-3
- e. Hood, Lillian, M.A.-2
- f. Rickard, Amanda, M.A.-2
- g. Smith, Lisa, M.A.-3

File Review

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

Admit to Both Exams

Boumeester, Caroline – PA
Brightman, Alexis – PA
Charnin, Leia – PP
Demos, Sherri – PA
Gaskin, Ashly – PP
Grisham, Jamie – PP
Grover, Brianna – PP
Groleau, Jessica – PP
Guthrey, Christopher – PP
Jackson, Michelle – LP
Klitzman, Page – PP
Lehockey, Katie – LP
Lindstrom, Cassie – PP
Merwin, Michelle – PP
Skane, James – PA
Tolbert, Aimee – PA

Admit to State Exam

Cloyd, Lisa – LP (MOB)
Constantino, Michelle – LP
Denney, Ryan – LP
Ee, Juliana – LP (SEN)
Englert, David – LP (SEN)
Higgins, Alice – LP (SEN)
Krauss, Stacey – LP (MOB)
Long, Lisa – LP (MOB)

Luntz, Martine – LP
Lyons, Beth – LP
Mann, Dale – LP (MOB)
McCain, Joann – LP
Newman, Jan – LP
Patterson, LaVonna – LP (SEN)
Reiner, Helen – LP (SEN)
Reno, Ashley – LP
Shaw, Marie – LP
Siebern, Allison – LP
Smith, Chalyce – LP
Tobin, Lindsay – LP (MOB)

Admit to EPPP

Chapman, Ana – LP
Thompson, Kristie – LP

License

Michalowski, Julie – LP