

NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
Open Session Minutes
May 10, 2018
Greensboro, NC

The North Carolina Psychology Board met in a regularly scheduled meeting on May 10, 2018, at the Wingate Hotel, 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. and Stacie MacDonald, M.A.

Others present for all or parts of the meeting: Daniel P. Collins, Executive Director; Marc Davis, M.A., Staff Psychologist; and Sondra Panico, Assistant Attorney General.

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 8-9, 2018, meeting were approved.
2. The financial report for the period ending April 30, 2018 was reviewed.
3. Staff provided an update on the search for a possible new auditor.
4. Staff provided an update on the retirement of a staff member and the transition of the new staff member, including the use of a new, less expensive temporary employment service.
5. Sally Cameron of NCPA provided an update on legislative matters.
6. Dr. Hill reported on ASPPB's mid-year meeting.
7. Dr. Hill updated the Board on development of new state exam questions.
8. Staff provided an update on the development of EPPP 2.
9. Staff provided an update on the development of new online supervision report system.
10. Staff provided an update on the upcoming license renewal process.
11. Staff updated Board on renewing lease for Board office.
12. Staff provided an update on the implementation of new telephone system.

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13. Staff provided a reminder of meeting dates for 2018.
14. The Board reviewed and approved a new Board logo.
15. Ideas for newsletter articles were discussed.
16. The attached Information Items/Staff Actions were accepted.

Legal/Ethical

17. Case #051811 Sutton, Joe P., Ph.D. (unlic.) – The Board was informed that CPT alleged that Ph.D., who is not a licensed psychologist, has been administering psychological testing and completing diagnostic assessments (titled as “educational assessment”), including intelligence testing, and interpreting the results of the testing and providing diagnoses of learning disabilities. CPT also alleges that Ph.D. is using out of date achievement tests in his evaluations. Following discussion, the Board determined that it appeared Ph.D. was practicing psychology without a license and instructed staff to write a warning letter to Ph.D. that the Board may seek an injunction if Ph.D. continues to practice psychology without a license.

18. Case #051812 Zibaie, Alireza, M.A. (unlic.) – The Board was informed that CPT alleged AZ was presenting himself as both a licensed counselor and as a licensed psychologist prior to and while providing mental health services to CPT’s son and that AZ’s treatment harmed his son. AZ was sent three letters from the Board requiring a response to the complaint. The first letter could not be delivered and the next two were delivered, but the individual who signed for them was not AZ. The Board never received a response to the complaint. In addition, the case investigator attempted to contact AZ by phone at multiple phone numbers, each of which had been disconnected. It could not be determined if AZ was still in North Carolina or if he had returned to his native Iran to avoid legal charges in NC. Following discussion, the Board expressed significant concern over AZ actions; however, as AZ could not be located or contacted and it could not be determined if he was currently practicing psychology in North Carolina, the Board can take no further action at this time. The Board instructed staff to contact CPT and request that he contact the Board if he learns learn of AZ’s whereabouts or if AZ is not currently acting in compliance with the Practice Act.

19. Case #051813 Thomas, John B., M.Ed. (unlic) - The Board was informed that CPT alleged that JT provided behavioral analysis services to her son without being licensed as a psychologist or without being supervised by a psychologist. CPT stated that the services include direct observation and administration of direct behavioral interventions of her son and that JT engaged in direct physical interventions with her son without CPI certification. CPT also alleged that JT authored a behavioral plan for her son without the input of a psychologist. Following discussion, the Board determined that it appeared JT was practicing psychology without a license and instructed staff to write a warning letter to JT that the Board may seek an injunction if JT continues to practice psychology without a license.

20. Clingempeel, W. Glenn, Ph.D. – Dr. Clingempeel’s license was suspended for non-renewal in December 2008. Dr. Clingempeel stated he sent a letter to the Board office in December 2008 requesting to voluntarily relinquish his license in lieu of it being suspended. There is neither a record of the letter being received in the Board office nor of the Board considering his request at a Board meeting around that time period. Following discussion, the

Board denied Dr. Clingempeel's request that the Board change the status of his license from suspended to relinquished. The Board did authorize staff to write a letter for Dr. Clingempeel to provide to potential employers explaining that the suspension of his license was not for disciplinary reasons and that his license was otherwise in good standing at the time it was suspended for non renewal.

21. NC Association for Behavioral Analysis (NCABA) – The Board reviewed questions submitted by NCABA as a follow up to a conference call with Board staff in September 2017 regarding the supervision requirements to practice behavioral analysis in light of a change in the law regarding insurance coverage for BA services and instructed staff to send a response letter to NCABA.

22. As a follow up to a discussion during the February 2018 Board meeting, the Board reviewed and approved definitions for censure and reprimand and instructed staff to add the definitions to the Board's rules.

23. At the request of Dr. Herfkens, the Board had a follow up discussion to a prior presentation by NCPA's Colleague Assistance Committee. Following discussion, the Board instructed staff to develop draft legislation to create a colleague assistance entity for future consideration.

Other

24. Board Projects – The Board reviewed and discussed the following list of ongoing/future projects:

- a. develop online application system.
- b. electronic scanning of all records
- c. explore adding an "inactive" status to the statute
- d. 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
- e. 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:

Reduced Supervision

25. Kreske-Langdon, Alexis, M.A. – Applicant for Level 3 reduced supervision. The applicant did not have the required one year of time with her most recent Supervisor. Following discussion, the Board approved the reduced supervision.

Legal/Ethical

26. Mauldin, Anne, Ph.D. - The Board reviewed and approved the tutorial report from William Burlingame, Ph.D.

27. Hughes, Megan. M.S. – At its February 2018 meeting, the Board proposed to deny Ms. Hughes application as her internship did not meet the requirements for licensure. Ms. Hughes is attempting to complete an internship that meets the requirements for licensure and has asked the Board to keep her application open until she completes the internship in July. (pg. 110)

File Review

28. Confirm Denial
Nadia Haughton
Julie Senger.

Admit to Both Exams

Blalock, Daniel
Kolesnikova, Olga
Marraccini, Marisa
Penzel, Ian (admitted pending receipt of transcript showing ethics course)

Admit to State Exam

Bartleson, Janice
Haimes, Sara
Higgins, Brittany
Messer, Stephen
Prokopchak, Adam
Stuenbrauch, Scott

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30. Daniel P. Collins

31. Executive Director

INFORMATION ITEMS/STAFF ACTIONS

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

- a) Alcorn, Brandy, M.A.-3
- b) Jones, Camille, M.A.-2
- c) Long, Jody, M.A.-2
- d) Mook, Abigail, M.S.-2
- e) Tunstall, Hillary, M.A.-2
- f) Turner, William, M.A.-3
- g) Walker, Lisa, M.A.-3
- h) Warren, Elizabeth, M.A.-3

File Review

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

Admit to Both Exams

Barker, Gaytri – LP (PROV)
Batchelder, Heather – PA
Bouchard, Marleah – LP (PROV)
Cottle, Ashley – PA
Cunningham, Katherine – LP (PROV)
DePesa, Natasha – LP (PROV)
DeRouin, Elizabeth – LP (PROV)
Donofrio, Lindsay – LP (PROV)
Dowd, Correy – PA
Drouin, Kylie – LP (PROV)
Eleanya, Akaosa – PA
Erickson, Steven – LP
Faulk, Jasmine – PA
Hollowell, Adrienne – PA
Leuck, Ashleigh – PA
Livan, Shentelle – PA (REAPP)
Louloudis, Lauren – PA
Mills, Sarah – LP (PROV)
Monday, Emily – PA
Montoya, Alicia – PA
Moss, Stephanie – PA
Mundt, Jennifer – LP (PROV)
Sheu, Susan – LP
Sloan, Jessica – LP (PROV)
Tamayo, Ralph – PA
Tuell, Kimberly – PA
Waite, Selena – PA
Williams, Brittany – PA
Williams, Danita – LP

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Admit to State Exam

Chang, Zoua – LP (PROV)
Cipriano, Robert – LP (MOB)
Doak, Jean – LP
Foynes, Melissa – LP (MOB)
Gomes, Shane – LP (MOB)
Hestir, Bluford – LP (SEN)
Judd, Michael – LP
McGillicuddy, Christina – PA
Mandzik, Hilary – LP (MOB)
Pichler, Robyn – LP (SEN)
Taylor-Evans, Kari – LP
Watson, Tausha – LP (MOB)

Admit to EPPP

Wax, Noa – PA (REAPP)