

**NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD**  
**Open Session Minutes**  
**May 9, 2019**  
**Greensboro, NC**

The North Carolina Psychology Board met in a regularly scheduled meeting on May 9, 2019, at the Comfort Suites Four Seasons Hotel, Greensboro, NC.

Members present for all or part of the meeting: Robert Hill, Ph.D., ABPP, Chair; Helen Brantley, Ph.D., Vice Chair, Lisa Duck, MPH, Susan Hurt, Ph.D., Stacie MacDonald, M.A., and Anthony Powell, 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 7, 2019 meeting were approved, as amended.
2. The financial report for the period ending March 31, 2019 was reviewed.
3. Staff provided an update on legislative matters.
4. Staff provided an update on the proposed LPA supervision rule changes.
5. Dr. Hill updated the Board on the development of the new state exam questions.
6. Dr. Hill provided a report on ASPPB's mid-year meeting.
7. Staff updated the Board on IT projects.
8. The Board reviewed the remaining meeting dates for 2019.
9. The Board reviewed upcoming ethics training deadlines.
10. The attached Information Items/Staff Actions were accepted.

## **Legal/Ethical**

11. Case # 051911 Jencson, Linda (unlic.) - The Board was informed that CPT sent email to Board staff stating that he had seen an ad posted online and voiced concern that LJ may be practicing psychology without a license. Following a review of the case report and discussion, the Board determined that it appeared that LJ was operating in compliance with the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act and closed the case.

12. Case # 051912 Gruenwald, Chelsea (unlic.) - The Board was informed that CPT alleged that CG claimed that she was either practicing or identified as a psychologist in statements made on her Twitter account, despite not being licensed in North Carolina. CPT also allege that CG's "self disclosed identity (e.g. as a psychologist in some form) is repeatedly used in public statements on (CG's) Twitter platform in a notably political context, which may inadvertently communicate to consumers of the content that all such psychologists therefore agree with the sentiments discussed, despite what is communicated in such statements is not currently understood in scientific literature...". CG further alleged that CG's statements on her Twitter account may be misinterpreted as psychological advice due to her indicating that she is a psychologist. CPT indicated that CG's Twitter posts also included self-disclosed self-harm statements and pictures of self-harm. Following a review of the case report and discussion, the Board determined that it appeared that CG was operating in compliance with the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act and closed the case. The Board also instructed staff to reference this case if CG applies for licensure in North Carolina in the future.

13. Case # 051913 Marsh, Kenneth (unlic.) - The Board was informed that CPT alleged that he reviewed an "immigration hardship evaluation" completed by KM in which he diagnosed someone with posttraumatic stress disorder. CPT alleges that he interviewed KM regarding his credentials, found out that KM was not licensed, and alleges that KM informed CPT that he did not need licensure to diagnose individuals as he was not completing a psychological or mental health evaluation. Following a review of the case report and discussion, the Board determined that it appeared that KM was operating in compliance with the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act and closed the case.

14. Case #051812 Zibaie, Alireza, M.A. (unlic.) – The Board was informed that AZ requested that the Minutes from the Board's May 2018 meeting regarding the Board's determination of a complaint against AZ be changed or removed from the Board's website. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request as the Board does not have the authority to change or remove Board meeting minutes that properly recorded the Board's review and determination not to take further action in the case. In addition, complaints against unlicensed persons are public record under North Carolina law.

15. Case #021909 Jeffreys, Princess, M.A. (unlic.) – Following a review of the case report and discussion at the Board's February 2019 meeting, the Board instructed staff to contact Clayton WIN directing the removal of incorrect information on the organization's website that appears to represent PJ's services as the practice of psychology. Following contact by Ms. Panico, the incorrect information was removed. As a result, the Board closed the case.

16. Hardy, Christina, Ph.D. – The Board was informed that Dr. Hardy contacted the Board office requesting guidance on specific behavioral analysis-related activities unlicensed persons are allowed to perform under the Board’s Ancillary Services rules. Following discussion, the Board instructed staff to contact Dr. Hardy to reiterate the importance of reviewing the Behavioral Analysts section of the Board’s rules and website for specifics of what is allowed to be provided by unlicensed ancillary services staff. The Board also suggested that, in the provision of behavioral analysis, any activity that relies on clinical judgment, such as developing of behavioral goals, should be provided by the psychologist. The Board further suggested that any baseline assessment and direction provided to technicians should also be provided by the psychologist.

17. Combs, Steven – The Board was informed that Mr. Combs contacted the Board office with questions regarding the psychological screening of DPS employees. Following discussion, the Board instructed staff to advise Mr. Combs that the Board does not define the term “psychological screening examination” and is not aware of any body that has specifically defined what that term means. The Board also indicated that the requirements of such an examination would be determined by the psychologist based upon the referral questions and the needs of the examination to answer such referral questions and that it would be within the psychologist’s clinical judgment to provide the services necessary to do so.

18. Psychoanalytical Center of the Carolinas (PCC) – The Board was informed that the Colleague Assistance Committee of the PCC requested that the Board enter into a Memorandum of Understanding addressing the Committee’s interaction with licensees of the Board. Following discussion, the Board determined that it did not have statutory authority to enter into memorandums of understanding such as the one proposed by PCC.

19. 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

## **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 Issues**

20. Coffey, Delice, M.A. - Ms. Coffey is an applicant for reduced supervision. She has two prior Board actions and asks for a waiver of several required Supervisor Forms, as well as the requirement of one calendar year requirement with her current Supervisor. Following discussion, the Board approved Ms. Coffey for Level 2 Reduced Supervision and would also

approve her for Level 3 Reduced Supervision if the needed additional hours can be verified by a third party.

### **Legal/Ethical**

21. Barry, Jessica, Psy.D. - The Board reviewed and approved the tutorial report from Thomas Thompson, Ph.D.

22. Hammond, Marsha, Ph.D. - The Board reviewed and approved the tutorial report from Douglas McKee, Psy.D.

23. Osentoski, Marianne, Ph.D. (applicant) – Dr. Osentoski’s application for licensure went void on January 13th as the application was not completed within 90 days as required by Board Rule .1701(c). At that time, her application was lacking a verification of her South Carolina psychologist license. The license verification was subsequently received on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Osentoski is requesting a waiver of the 90-day deadline to complete her application. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request.

24. Felder, Kazuko, Psy.D. (applicant) - Dr. Felder’s application went void on March 27<sup>th</sup> as the application was not completed within 90 days as required by Board Rule .1701(c). At the time, her application was lacking a TP Form #1, LP DOC #3 Program Verification Form and a Supervisor Form. The LP DOC #3 and Supervisor Form were received on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The TP Form #1 was received on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Kazuko is requesting a waiver of the 90-day deadline to complete her application. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request.

25. Medley, Veronica, M.A. (applicant) – Ms. Medley’s application for licensure was approved and she was admitted on April 10<sup>th</sup> to sit for both the EPPP and the state exam. She states that she is currently living in Germany due to her husband’s military deployment, Ms. Medley is unable to take either exam in Germany, as they are not offered there or nearby, and does not know when she will return to the United States. Ms. Medley is requesting a waiver of her test deadlines. Following discussion, the Board approved extending the initial testing deadline until Ms. Medley’s one-year deadline.

26. Fisher, Imri (applicant) – At its meeting on November 15-16, 2018, the Board proposed to deny Mr. Fisher’s application for licensure as his program at Tel-Aviv University did not appear to meet the education requirements as it did not include a graduate level ethics course. Mr. Fisher subsequently completed a graduate level ethics course. Following discussion, the Board approved the graduate level ethics course and Mr. Fisher’s application.

27. Coleman, Chaka, Ph.D. (applicant) – When Dr. Coleman appeared to take the EPPP, she was required to remove a headscarf she was wearing in order to take the exam. It seems that the situation may not have been handled well by Pearson staff and upset Dr. Coleman. As a result, Pearson has offered to allow Dr. Coleman to retake the exam without charge. Dr. Coleman believes the situation negatively impacted her EPPP test score (490) and is requesting that the Board not count the attempt as one of the two attempts she is allowed to pass the EPPP. Dr. Coleman has recently retaken the EPPP and did not pass at the LP level (scored 494). Following discussion, the Board approved a waiver of the first test attempt.

28. Miller, Julie, Ph.D. (applicant) – Dr. Miller is requesting a waiver of her test deadlines due to a medical condition. Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the request as Dr. Miller did not provide documentation as to the reason her medical condition necessitated waiving the test deadlines.

29. Caraballo, Faye, M.A. – Ms. Caraballo’s license was suspended for non-renewal on December 1, 2018. She states that she only recently became aware that her license was suspended and that she has continued to practice. Ms. Caraballo intendeds to immediately apply for reinstatement. Typically, under GS 90-270.5(g), an applicant for reinstatement, whose license was suspended for nonrenewal, may be issued a temporary license to practice during the application review process. However, Ms. Caraballo practiced for more than 30 days without making application for reinstatement, and, previously, the Board has viewed the requirement under GS 90-270.5(a) that an applicant who does not make application within 30 days of practicing psychology may not practice until fully licensed as prohibiting someone in Ms. Caraballo’s situation for practicing under a temporary license. Following discussion, the Board determined that Ms. Caraballo could not practice until fully licensed.

#### File Review

##### Proposed Denial

Margaret Gopaul, M.S.  
Valeria Marangi  
Mikayla Franklin, M.A.  
Caren Stewart, M.Ed.

##### Admitted to Both Exams

Kristina Murphy, M.A.  
Sean Dawson, M.A

##### Admitted to State Exam

Brian Friedman, Psy.D.  
Michael Helfer, Ph.D.  
Michael Lee, Psy.D.  
Megan Sutsko, Psy.D.  
Jonathan Cordell, Psy.D. – (approved at LP – Provisional level; HSP cert. denied)

**INFORMATION ITEMS/STAFF ACTIONS**  
**May 9, 2019**

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

Kyle Barnes, M.A.-3  
Alison Ivancic, M.S.-2  
Nicole Merrigan, M.A.-3  
Charles Mautz, M.A.-3  
Rachel Petrosky, M.A.-3

**File Review**

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

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**Admit to Both Exam**

Ball, Sydney - PA ()  
Bickett, Allison - PP ()  
Campbell, Bryanna - LP ()  
Ellison, Jenna - PP ()  
Hernandez, Cesiah - LP ()  
Jackson, Akua - PP ()  
Jackson Medley, Veronica - PA ()  
Levi, Jason - PA ()  
Libman, Craig - PP ()  
Mercado, Jerry - LP (ReApp)  
Ross, Katherine - LP ()  
Senior, Melissa - PP ()  
Shah, Mona - PP ()  
Smigelsky, Melissa - PP ()  
Winbourne, Haleigh - PA ()

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**Admit to State Exam**

Accornero, Veronica - LP (Senior)  
Bettoli, Frank - LP ()  
Chookolingo, Galana - LP (Mobility)  
Davis, Cindy - LP (Mobility)  
Donewar, Crista - LP ()  
Ewert, Peter - LP ()  
Gullette, Elizabeth - LP ()  
Hoover, Diana - LP ()  
Hubbard, Catherine - LP (Military)  
Jardin, Charles - PP ()  
Keenan, Lucille - LP ()  
LeVine, Elaine - LP (Mobility)  
Linke, Lance - LP ()

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MacQueen, David - LP ()  
Sam, Thomandra - LP ()  
Smith, Christin - LP (Mobility)

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**Admit to EPPP**

Barker, Cierra - LP ()  
Chancey, Leigh - PP ()  
Ettigi, Sarini - LP ()  
Piechocinski, Erin - LP ()  
Yegge, Elizabeth - PA (ReApp)



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Daniel P. Collins  
Executive Director

*May 9, 2019*