

NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
Open Session Minutes
August 3, 2017
Raleigh, NC

The North Carolina Psychology Board met in a regularly scheduled meeting on August 3-4, 2017, at the LaQuinta Inn & Suites in Raleigh, 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 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 May 12, 2017, meeting were approved.
2. The financial report for the period of time ending June 30, 2017 was reviewed.
3. The auditor report for the audit of FY 2015-2016 financials was reviewed.
4. Annual Report for FY 2016-2017 was reviewed and approved.
5. Staff provided an update of legislative activity related to Occupational Licensing Boards.
6. Staff provided an update on the status of the rules review process.
7. Development of new state exam questions was discussed.
8. Staff provided an update on implementation of the PLUS online application system.
9. Staff provided an update on the electronic scanning of licensee files.
10. Staff informed the Board that the annual certification of internal controls had been filed.
11. The Board was informed that the NC health work force data was available online.
12. Proposed meeting dates for 2018 were discussed and set.

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13. The Board discussed the upcoming ASPPB Annual Meeting in Waikoloa, HI.
14. Robert Hill and Kristine Herfkens were elected as Chair & Vice-Chair, respectively, for the 2017-2018 fiscal year pursuant to G.S 90-270.9.
15. The Board discussed the IRS Advisory Opinion requiring Board members to be Board employees for purposes of per diem payments and workers' compensation.
16. Ideas for future newsletter articles were discussed.
17. The attached Information Items/Staff Actions were accepted.

Legal/Ethical

18. Case #051703 Isaac, Lisa, Ph.D. (applicant for licensure) ADDENDUM – At its May 2017 meeting, the Board reviewed the complainant's allegation that LP, who is not licensed in North Carolina, issued a letter "purporting to diagnose a NC resident with a handicap or disability within the meaning of federal law" for purposes of obtaining an Emotional Support Animal. Following discussion at the May 2017 meeting, the Board instructed staff to investigate for additional instances of LP issuing similar letters to NC residents. At this meeting, following review of the Addendum to the original case report and discussion, the Board determined Dr. Isaac was practicing psychology incompetently and unlicensed in North Carolina. As Dr. Isaac's application for licensure was currently under review, the Board determined to propose to deny Dr. Isaac's application.
19. Case #051717 Patricia Maggio – The Board was informed that Ms. Maggio was engaged in the unlicensed practice of psychology and was illegally referring to herself as a psychologist. Following review of the Ms. Maggio's response, the Board determined that Ms. Maggio had practiced psychology without a license by providing a psychoeducational evaluation for a student at a private school. The Board directed staff to remind Ms. Maggio and the public school system employing her that individuals licensed by the DPI are exempt from licensure *only* to perform the duties for which they serve DPI and that any practice of psychology outside of the duties for DPI would require licensure by the Board.
20. Case #051716 Laura L. Greenlee, Ph.D., LPCS - CPT alleges that LPCS is a licensed counselor not a psychologist, but presents herself as a psychologist and as performing psychological evaluations. Following a review of Dr. Greenlee's affidavit and reviews of her business website and Psychology today listing, the Board determined that Dr. Greenlee was operating in compliance with the Psychology Practice Act.
21. Howarth, Elizabeth, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed questions from Dr. Howarth at the Hefner VA Medical Center regarding supervision of peer support services. Following discussion, the Board determined that the supervision scenarios provided by Dr. Howarth for the areas in question all appeared to meet the requirements set forth in the Board's ancillary services rule.

22. Board Projects - The Board reviewed and discussed the following list of ongoing/future projects as indicated below:

- a. develop online state exam.
- b. develop online application system.
- c. revision of the Board's rules
- d. electronic scanning of all records
- e. explore adding an "inactive" status to the statute
- f. 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
- g. 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 Issues

23. Michelle Hughes – applicant for alternate supervision. Ms. Hughes began receiving alternate supervision prior to receiving written approval from the Board which is a violation of Board Rules. She and her LPA supervisor were ordered to cease supervision until the Board approved the alternate supervision plan and she is currently under the supervision of a doctoral level psychologist. In addition, it is not clear if the proposed alternate supervision plan provides for superior supervision as required under Board Rule 21 NCAC 54 .2005(1). Following discussion, the Board determined to deny the application.

24. Melissa Parnell, Ph.D. – applicant for permanent licensure. Dr. Parnell is currently a provisionally licensed psychologist. Her former Supervisor, Ray Newnam, Ph.D., unexpectedly passed away and, as a result, no one can submit a Provisional to Permanent Supervision Report for the supervised hours/time under the deceased supervisor. Per a Supervision Report submitted by Dr. Newman prior to his death as part of Dr. Parnell's license renewal in 2016, he documented 64.5 hours of supervised post-doc practice and health services from 4/14/16-9/20/16 (approximately 5 months); however, there is no documentation of supervision from 9/21/16-12/1/16. Following discussion, the Board determined to waive the requirement for documentation of supervision for that period.

25. Noguera, Anna M., .Psy.D. (applicant) – The Board reviewed and granted Dr. Noguera's request for a waiver of the Board's policy that a licensee is licensed under the full legal name as shown on a driver's license or Social Security card.

26. Clements, Caroline, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed and accepted the tutorial report from Bill Burlingame, Ph.D.

27. Rigby, Ben, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed and accepted tutorial report from Jane Perrin, Ph.D.

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28. Floyd, Jane M., Psy.D. (applicant) – The Board reviewed and accepted in part and denied in part Dr. Floyd’s request for special testing accommodations due to Traumatic Brain Injury.

29. Darkwa, Seth (applicant) – The Board reviewed Mr. Darkwa’s application for licensure at its February 2017 Board meeting and proposed to deny the application for lacking ethics coursework and for a lack of a sufficient number of program hours. The Board gave Mr. Darkwa until August 1st to submit evidence that he completed additional course work in order to meet the licensure requirements. The Board reviewed and denied Mr. Darkwa’s request for an extension until May 2018 to complete additional course work.

30. Silva de Souza, Thea, Ph.D. (re-applicant) – Dr. Silva de Souza is currently working in an exempt post-doc program which was originally scheduled to end on September 8, 2017. Given the status of her application, Dr. Silva de Souza will not be licensed by the time her post-doc is scheduled to end, which would require her to cease practicing psychology. The Board reviewed and granted the post-doc program’s request to extend the length of the post-doc to the maximum exemption period allowed by the Board rules.

File Review

Proposed Denial

Raggio, Alyssa
Tamayo, Ralph

Admit to Both Exams

Brown, Laura
Overton, Heather

Admit to State Exam

Alvarez, Michelle
Ford, Jessica
Hedrick, Glenna
Hilemon, Allison
Zechella, Anusha



Daniel P. Collins
Executive Director

INFORMATION ITEMS/STAFF ACTIONS

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

- a. Cooper, Kimberly, M.A.-2
- b. Evans, Angela, M.S.-3
- c. Hernandez, Ana Maria.-2
- d. Jones-Tunstall, Miyoshi, M.A.-3
- e. McIntyre, Jerica, M.A.-2
- f. Waters, Mary, M.A.-3

File Review

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

Admit to Both Exams

Ainger, Timothy – LP
Corning, Kendra – LP (PROV)
Crusen, Lea – PA
Eaves, Dorianne – PA
Edwards, Carmen – LP (PROV)
Eisenlohr-Moul, Tory – LP (PROV)
Hewitt, Allen – PA
Houp, Dara – PA
Jones, Brittany – PA
Lamphere, Jess – PA
Mejia, Yesenia – PA
Miller, Jamie – LP (PROV)
Pearlson, Rebecca – LP (PROV)
Ramsdell, Katherine – LP (PROV)
Rose, Christine – LP (PROV)
Salmen, Kelsie – LP (PROV)
Sanchez Ohep, Jesus – PA
Schumacher, Lindsey – PA
Tolleson, Sara – PA
Trotta, Kathleen – PA

Admit to State Exam

Beeghly, Jennifer – LP
Braun, Laura – LP
Boyd, Kayla – LP (PROV)
Brady, Chris – LP (MOB)
Cameron, Jennifer – LP
Cariveau, Thomas – LP (PROV)
Cohen, Paul – LP

Del Valle, Patricia – LP (PROV / ReAPP)
Denny, Ellen – LP
Edmundson, Maryanne – LP
Freudenthal, Gary – LP (SEN)
Hammonds, Michael – LP (PROV)
Hassenfeldt, Tyler – LP (PROV)
Huang, Kristin – LP
Kirby, Andrea – LP (MOB)
Luiggi, Domingo – LP (SEN)
Marsh, Alexis – LP
Noguera, Anna – LP (PROV)
O’Neil, Rochelle – LP
Panagakis, Panagiotis – LP
Penzien, David – LP (SEN)
Rauch, Amy – LP (PROV)
Romero, LeLaina – LP
Stanton, Susan – LP
Wilson, Ashley – LP

Admit to EPPP Exam

Jhaveri-Mehta, Sachi – LP
Link, Monique – LP (PROV)
Thompson, Kristie – LP (ReAPP)