

NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
Open Session Minutes
August 2, 2018
Raleigh, NC

The North Carolina Psychology Board met in a regularly scheduled meeting on August 2, 2018, at the LaQuinta Hotel, Raleigh, NC.

Members present for all or part of the meeting: Robert Hill, Ph.D., ABPP, Chair; Helen Brantley, Ph.D., 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 May 10, 2018, meeting were approved.
2. The financial report for the period ending June 30, 2018 was reviewed.
3. The Board discussed establishing a reserve account and instructed staff to pursue the matter with the relevant state agencies.
4. The Board reviewed and approved the Annual Report.
5. The Board reviewed and approved as amended the Board handbook and instructed staff to post a copy on the Board website.
6. Sally Cameron of NCPA provided an update on legislative matters.
7. Dr. Hill updated the Board on development of new state exam questions.
8. Staff provided updates on:
 - a. development of EPPP 2;
 - b. development of online supervision report system;
 - c. upcoming license renewal process;
 - d. rules review process;

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- e. implementation of PLUS online application system; and
 - f. electronic scanning of licensee files.
9. The Board discussed data from UNC Sheps Center on the aging of the psychology workforce in North Carolina.
 10. The Board was informed of the ASPPB Annual Meeting will be held October 17-21, 2018 in Salt Lake City.
 11. The Board elected Dr. Hill as Chair and Dr. Brantley as Vice-Chair for the 2018-2019 fiscal year pursuant to G.S 90-270.9.
 12. The Board discussed the remaining Board meeting date for 2018 and set meeting dates for 2019.
 13. The Board reviewed members' ethics training due dates.
 14. The Board discussed ideas for future newsletter articles and possibly outsourcing production.
 15. The Board discussed conducting a SWOT analysis and developing a strategic plan.
 16. The attached Information Items/Staff Actions were accepted.

Legal/Ethical

17. Case #051811 Sutton, Joe P., Ph.D. (unlic.) – At the May 2018 meeting, 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. The Board determined that it appeared Ph.D. was psychology without a license and instructed staff to write a warning letter to Ph.D. Following review of Ph.D.’s response and discussion, the Board determined that Ph.D. was no longer practicing psychology without a license and closed the case.

18. Case #051813 Thomas, John B., M.Ed. (unlic) - At the May 2018 meeting, the Board was informed that CPT alleged that JT, who is not a licensed psychologist, 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. Following review of Ph.D.’s response and discussion, the Board determined that Ph.D. was no longer practicing psychology without a license and closed the case.

19. Case #081807 Lachow-Blumberg, Sharon, M.A. (unlic) – The Board was informed that CPT indicated that SLB, who is not licensed as a psychologist, was referring to herself as a provider of “psychological coaching”. Upon doing an internet search, it was found that SLB listed herself as a “psychological coach” in multiple instances on her personal website as well as
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on her social media, including LinkedIn, Twitter, and Instagram. SLB was also identified as a “psychological coach” on third party websites, including Zoom Info and ContactOut as well as a posting about a previous event on the Mint Museum website. Based SLB’s clarification of the service she provides as well as the removal of the improper uses of the term psychology and its derivatives, the Board closed the case.

20. Case #081808 Titcomb, Richards L., Ph.D. (unlic) – The Board was informed that CPT alleged that she began seeing Ph.D. for therapy and he presented her with a business card that stated he was a psychologist and provided the name of his practice. CPT also alleged that she met with Ph.D. for several individual therapy sessions completed “in the cabana of the pool house at his condominium complex” and that Ph.D. gave her keys to his condo, “encouraging me to ask him to use it as part of our therapy”. CPT further alleged that Ph.D. provided marriage therapy to herself and her husband and also completed FMLA paperwork for her absence from work. The Board determined that it appeared Ph.D. was psychology without a license and instructed staff to write a warning letter to Ph.D.

21. Case #081809 South, Shannon, Th.D. (unlic) – The Board was informed that CPT emailed the Board with contact information for LPC and stating “I think someone is pretending to be a psychologist” and that LPC advertises herself as a “spiritual psychologist”. LPC was identified as a “transpersonal psychologist” or a “spiritual psychologist” on her website, www.drshannonsouth.com, as well as her Psychology Today listing, and her LinkedIn profile. LPC was also identified as a “spiritual psychologist” in a video and description by WLOS News and in numerous YouTube videos. Based LPC’s removal of the improper uses of the term psychology and its derivatives, the Board closed the case.

22. Case #081810 Castaños, Carolina, Ph.D. (unlic) – The Board was informed that CPT contacted the Board with website information for LMFT and stated that this information “indicates that she provides psychological services. I cannot find her listed with the NC Psychology Board as licensed.” The Board was informed that LFMT was no longer working in North Carolina and that she had removed all references to providing psychological references from websites. Following discussion, the Board closed the case.

23. The Board reviewed Board Rule .2701 and instructed staff to draft revisions to the rule in order to clarify what activities constitute the practice of psychology, but are not considered health service activities.

24. The Board reviewed a proposed statutory authorization for impaired professional entity and instructed staff to invite representatives of the NC Physicians Health Program to attend the next Board meeting.

Other

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

- a. 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
- b. 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. Following discussion, the Board instructed staff to draft a proposed rule change.

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:

Alternative Supervision

26. Hoekstra, Stephanie, M.A. – Ms. Hoekstra submitted two contracts for the same work setting. One contract is for supervision by an LP, Candrice Thul. The second contract submitted by Ms. Hoekstra for the same work setting is for alternative supervision by an LPA, Tawney Sankey. Typically, an alternative supervision plan is only approved if an LP is unavailable to provide supervision, which does not appear to be the case here as Ms. Hoekstra submitted a contract for Dr. Thul to provide supervision. In addition, under the proposed alternative supervision, Dr. Thul would assume overall responsibility for the alternative supervision plan. However, Ms. Sankey's contract supervisor is Elizabeth Condor. Typically, it is required that the same LP who supervises the proposed alternative LPA supervisor also assumes overall responsibility for alternative supervision plan, so that only LP is providing supervision. That would not be the case under the proposed arrangement. Following discussion, the Board denied the proposed arrangement.

Legal/Ethical

27. Morrison, Blaise, Ph.D. - At the February 2018 meeting, the Board reviewed Dr. Morrison's application for licensure. Following discussion, the Board determined to request Dr. Morrison submit to a fitness to practice evaluation due to his prior DWI and drug-related convictions. The Board reviewed the fitness to practice evaluation completed by Jeanne Peters Anderson, Psy.D. Following discussion, the Board accepted the report and approved Dr. Morrison's application.

28. Sloan, Jerry, Ph.D. – The Board reviewed and accepted the tutorial report from Michael Jones, M.A.

29. Speziale, Paul, M.A. – The Board reviewed and accepted the tutorial report from William Burlingame, Ph.D.

30. Bartleson, Jan, Ph.D. – Dr. Bartleson is requesting a waiver of the requirement that she sit for EPPP to obtain licensure in North Carolina. Dr. Bartleson previously took the EPPP in 1992 for licensure in another state and obtained a score of 140. The passing point in North Carolina at that time was 146. Following discussion, the Board denied the request.

31. Butt, Aamir – Mr. Butt has not yet applied for licensure, but has stated that he only has 36 credit hours in psychology courses. He is requesting that the Board waive the requirement under Board Rule 1802(b) that applicants must have a minimum of 39 credit hours in order to be allowed to take additional course work in order to meet the minimum requirement of 45 hours for licensure. Following discussion, the Board denied the request.

32. Leeper, Amy, Ph.D. – Dr. Leeper is planning to change her legal name following her marriage later this year. She is requesting to be allowed to continue practicing psychology under her maiden name. Following discussion, the Board approved the request.

33. Lowe, Barbara, Ph.D. – Dr. Lowe had questions regarding what constituted practice of psychology in regards to services she wanted to offer. Following discussion, the Board instructed staff to respond to Dr. Lowe's questions.

34. Edelman, Steven, M.A. – Mr. Edelman requested that the Board convene a state-wide meeting regarding the prescribing of certain medications to patients with mental health issues. Following a review of a letter from the NC Department of Health and Human Services that the department was reviewing the matter and discussion regarding the proper entities to address the matter, the Board declined the request.

File Review

Admit to Both Exams

Jane Floyd
Gretchen Hernandez Lopez
Rachel Hodge
Tara Laymon
Brena McSwain
Robert Stroker

Proposed Denial

John Reed
Tammi Wynn

Additional information to be requested

Megan Graham
William Korotitsch

INFORMATION ITEMS/STAFF ACTIONS

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

- a) Magdalena Bonk, M.A.-2
- b) Thomas Dempster, M.A.-3
- c) Zakiyah Jones, M.A.-2
- d) Megan Henichsen, M.A.-3
- e) Meredith Peters, M.A.-3
- f) Megan Schlude, M.A.-3

File Review

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

Admit to Both Exams

Allotey, Lindsay – LP (PA to LP)
Amedoro, Sarah – LP (PROV)
Bartleson, Janice – LP (REAPP)
Blalock, Daniel – LP (PROV)
Blefari, Adam – LP (PROV)
Cates, Nicole – PA
Colon, Ivan – LP (PROV)
Fleuriet, Heather – PA
Funaro, Jennifer – PA
Gibson, Amanda – PA
Gonzalez, Michelle – LP (PROV)
Hatcher, Lillian – PA
Haznadar, Adisa – LP (PROV)
Kolesnikova, Olga – PA
Malandrino, Rigby – LP (PROV)
Marraccini, Marisa – LP
May, Casey – PA
Patterson, Kaitlyn – PA
Penzel, Ian – PA
Sapuram, Vaibhav – PA
Stewart, Sarah – LP (PROV / ReApp)
Tillery, Anna – PA

Admit to State Exam

Austin, Kristin – LP
Broustovetskaia, Alexandra – LP
Carter, Ashlee – LP
Crowder, Don – LP (SEN)
Dawn, Heidi – LP

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Erklin, Shannon – LP
Futtersak, Marvin – LP (MOB)
Griffith, Brooke – LP (MOB)
Groat, Michael – LP (MOB)
Haag, Ian – LP
Haimes, Sara – LP (MOB)
Hecht, Amy – LP (MOB)
Hedges, Anne – LP (SEN)
Henley, Aimee – LP (SEN)
Higgins, Brittany – LP
Holgerson, Allison – LP
Hoover-Thompson, Alysia – LP
Hughes, Hayley – LP (PROV)
Jackson, Melissa – LP (PROV)
Klein, Robert – LP
Labrie, David – LP (SEN / Military)
Laguna, Louis – LP (SEN)
Laurent, Dawn – LP (SEN)
Messer, Stephen – LP
Osbeck, Safrona – LP (Military)
Perez-Lopez, Mark – LP (SEN)
Prokopchak, Adam – LP
Resnick, Anna – LP (SEN)
Steffen, Jeanne – LP
Stubenrauch, Scott – LP (MOB)
Tenenbaum, Elena – LP (PROV)
Thakur, Elyse – LP (MOB)

Admit to EPPP

Green, Tiarra – PA (ReAPP)
Okoniewski, Katherine – LP (PA to LP / PROV)



Daniel P. Collins
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