

**Virginia Board of Psychology
Quarterly Board Meeting
Minutes
February 6, 2018**

The Virginia Board of Psychology (“Board”) meeting convened at 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 in Board Room 4 at the Department of Health Professions (“DHP”), 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia. Dr. Herbert Stewart, Ph.D., Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present:

Herbert Stewart, Ph.D., Chair
James Werth, Ph.D., ABPP
Susan Brown Wallace, Ph.D.
Peter L. Sheras, Ph.D., ABPP
Rebecca Vauter, Ph.D., ABPP

Board Members Absent:

J.D. Ball, Ph.D. ABPP
Deja Lee, Citizen Member
Jennifer Little, Citizen Member

DHP Staff Present:

Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Deborah Harris, Licensing Manager
Ms. Lisa Hahn, DHP Chief Deputy Director

Board Counsel:

Jim Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order:

Dr. Stewart called the meeting to order and read the Emergency Egress procedures.

Adoption of Agenda:

The Board adopted the agenda with the change that Elaine Yeatts, not Charles Giles, will present the Fee Reduction information.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 31, 2017 meeting were approved as presented.

Public Comment

Jennifer Morgan of the Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists (VACP) reminded the Board that the Conversation Hour with the Board would again take place at the VACP's Spring Conference in Roanoke at the Hotel Roanoke in April. This year the conversation hour will be three hours. She encouraged all the Board and staff to sign up to participate at the upcoming meeting. Alex Siegel will be presenting Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) information.

Lawrence Sutton from the Virginia Association of School Psychologists (VASP) thanked the Board for working on the Joint Guidance Document on Assessment Titles and Signatures.

Director's Report

Lisa Hahn discussed some of the changes in the administration that will affect DHP and the Board.

Legislative & Regulatory Update

Elaine Yeatts provided further information on the bills DHP is following during the current General Assembly session. They are as follows:

- House Bill (HB) 226: Patients medically or ethically inappropriate care not required.
- HB 363: Sexual orientation change efforts; prohibited as training for certain health care providers
- HB 456: Health professions, Dept. of suspension of license, nonpayment of student loans.
- HB 614: Social work: practice
- HB 697: Professional Counselors; requirements for licensure; supervision.
- HB 842: Controlled paraphernalia; possession or distribution, hypodermic needles and syringes, naloxone.
- HB 880: Professional and occupational regulatory analyst; establishes position within DLS
- HB 1071: Health regulatory boards; electronic notice of license renewal
- HB 1114: Professional and occupational regulation; authority to suspend or revoke licenses, certificates
- HB 1383: Marriage and family therapy; clarifies definition, adds appraisal.
- HB 1510: Professions and occupations; recognizing licenses/certificates issued by Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
- SB 245: Conversion therapy; prohibited by certain health care providers.
- SB 258: Subpoenas; issuance by Director of DHP or his designee.
- SB 417: Community health worker; VDH to approve one or more entities to certify workers in the Commonwealth
- SB 497: Marijuana; possession or distribution for medical purposes
- SB 762: BHDS, Board of; definition of "licensed mental health professional".
- SB 795: Cannabidiol oil and THC-A oil; certification for use, dispensing.

Chairperson's Report:

Dr. Herb Stewart presented a video on Conversion Therapy and the Board discussed SB 245. Upon a motion by Dr. Stewart, that was properly seconded, the Board voted to request an Interdisciplinary Workgroup on Conversion Therapy, in collaboration with Delegate Hope, be convened to create regulations to address Conversion Therapy.

Fee Reduction – Ms. Yeatts stated that staff recommends the Board adopt the renewal fee reduction identical to the renewal fee reduction adopted in 2016. Dr. Sheras made a motion, which was properly seconded, to adopt the recommended fee reduction. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Counsel Report

Mr. Rutkowski had no report.

Discipline Report:

Jennifer Lang reported the following information for current cases:

Psychology Discipline Report 10-6-17 through 1-11-18

Cases Rec'd	Open Investigations	Consent Orders Entered	Probable Cause reviews	Scheduled for Formal Hearing
21	25	2	11	1

Cases in APD for processing	Upcoming Hearings	Cases Closed 20	Average Case Processing 176 days
7	IFC's 2-27-18	No violation 18	Enforcement 71.3 days
	6-5-18	Undetermined 1	APD 50 days
	7-24-18	Violation 1	Board 102 days
	FH 5-8-18		

Board Office Update

Deborah Harris reported information on Psychology licensing activity

Clinical Psychologist by examination	37
Clinical Psychologist by endorsement	14
Clinical Psychologist Reinstatements	5
School Psychologist Limited	19
School Psychologist Limited Reinstatements	2
Sex Offender Treatment Provider	9
Sex Offender Treatment Provider Reinstatements	1
Resident in Training	27
Total Issued from 10-17-17 through 1-22-18	114

Virginia Current Active	4199
Virginia Current Inactive	56
Out of State Current Active	1135
Out of State Current Inactive	98

Probation – Current Active	5
Total as of 1-22-2018	5493

Committee Reports

Regulatory Report

Dr. Werth stated there was no quorum for the Regulatory Committee meeting so they had a workgroup discussion. The attendees made suggestions for changes to the Regulations pursuant to the periodic review of the Regulations currently underway. The public comment period for the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) ended on January 10, 2018. The Board has 180 days to consider the public comment and adopt proposed regulations. Dr. Werth stated that the only public comment received in response to the NOIRA was from Capella University, who made two recommendations for the Board to consider as an alternative to requiring graduation from an American Psychological Association (APA) or Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) doctoral program. The first recommendation was to allow the Board to evaluate individual programs. The second recommendation was to allow a grandfather period to protect current Virginia students.

Unfinished Business

Dr. Werth stated that Ms. Hoyle would update the Board on Joint Assessment Guidance Document and PSYPACT. He also indicated the Board would address the Telepsychology guidance document after the periodic review of the Regulations is complete.

Executive Director's Report

PSYPACT

Jaime Hoyle reported that the Board sent a letter to the stakeholders indicating that the Board is contemplating moving forward with PSYPACT and would like the stakeholders to review PSYPACT and then meet with the Board in the spring to discuss further. It is the hope that any meeting would occur on the same date as the Board's Regulatory Committee or Board meeting on May 7 or eighth. At the VACP's Conversation with the Board Hour at the Spring Conference in April at the Hotel Roanoke, Alex Siegel from ASPPB will present on PSYPACT.

JOINT ASSESSMENT GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

Ms. Hoyle read a letter from the Board of Social Work regarding the Joint Guidance Document on Title Assessments and Signatures. The Board of Social Work declined to adopt a joint guidance document. The Board of Counseling will review the proposal at the next Board meeting.

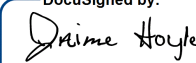
BOARD SEATS

Ms. Hoyle stated there still is no news on filling an Applied Psychologist Board member seat. She stated that the Board member who has not been attending likely would resign this week.

Ms. Hoyle stated that the ASPPB appointed her to two committees this year: The Mid-year Meeting Committee and the Committee on Model Laws. The ASPPB will hold its Spring Conference in Savannah, Georgia on April 12-15.

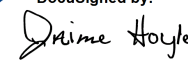
Adjourn:

The meeting adjourned at 4:00p.m.

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Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director

*The minutes were approved during the May 8, 2018
Board of Psychology meeting, as written.*

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Herb Stewart, Ph.D., Chair of the Board