

**Virginia Board of Psychology
Quarterly Board Meeting
Minutes
May 8, 2018**

The Virginia Board of Psychology (“Board”) meeting convened at 10:05 a.m. on Tuesday, May 8, 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
J.D. Ball, Ph.D. ABPP
Peter L. Sheras, Ph.D., ABPP
Rebecca Vauter, Ph.D., ABPP
Jennifer Little, Citizen Member

Board Members Absent:

Susan Brown Wallace, Ph.D.

DHP Staff Present:

Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Deborah Harris, Licensing Manager
David E. Brown, DC, DHP Director
Barbara Allison, 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 as written.

Public Comment

Jennifer Morgan of the Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists (VACP) thanked the members that attended the Conversation Hour with the Board that was held at Hotel Roanoke in April. Dr. Morgan also stated that the VACP has delayed making a decision regarding PSYPACT at this time.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of the February meeting as presented.

Tiffany Anderson, a Capella University student, attended the board meeting to learn more about the proposed regulations.

Agency Director's Report

Dr. Brown updated the Board on the new appointees within the Administration. Dr. Brown confirmed that he was re-appointed as Director of DHP and that Lisa Hahn, former Chief Deputy Director, is the new Chief Operations Officer. He also introduced Dr. Barbara Allison-Bryan as the new Chief Deputy Director of DHP. He stated that she has been a pediatrician for 20 years, and as a former member of the Board of Medicine, she convened two regulatory advisory panels relating to opioids. He also mentioned that DHP has a new logo, that the agency has migrated from Outlook to Google email, and that the Business and IT Departments have relocated to the new office space on the first floor of the building. Dr. Allison-Brown spoke about the Opioid crisis and the new laws regarding restricting the number of Opioid prescriptions. She stated that it appears to be working because the numbers are down about 27 %.

Board Counsel's Report

Mr. Rutkowski had nothing to report.

Chairperson Report

Dr. Stewart updated the Board regarding his attendance at the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) Mid- Year meeting in Savannah this past April. He mentioned that plans to run for the Board of Directors of ASPPB. He gave a presentation on the use of sanction reference points that was well received. He indicated that Ms. Hoyle is on the planning committee for the next mid-year meeting, as well as the Committee on Model Laws. He stated that Alex Seigel agreed to participate in a question and answer session regarding PSYPACT later in the meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Hoyle thanked Dr. Brown, Lisa Hahn and Dr. Allison-Bryan for initiating the move. She stated our financials are in good order. Renewals are beginning in the next month and will bring more revenue to the Board. Ms. Hoyle stated that the Board of Psychology customer satisfaction survey percentages went back up to 92% for this quarter.

Deputy Executive Director's Report:

Jennifer Lang reported that the Formal Hearing was continued until July's board meeting date. She thanked Dr. Ball for all his help reviewing cases while he was immobile recovering from surgery. She informed the Board that the discipline statistics are available in the agenda packet.

Licensing Manager's Report

Ms. Harris reported the licensing statistics since the last Board meeting in February. She reported there were a total of 5,602 licensees at this time. Ms. Harris reminded that renewal notices were being sent via email in an effort to "Go Green". See included the licensing statistics in the agenda packet.

Committee Reports

Board of Health Professions Report

Dr. Stewart indicated that the Board heard discussions and updates from the other Boards and that he informed the Board that Psychology is reviewing its Regulations and looking into adopting PSYPACT. He asked that each Board include information on Workforce and the PMP with their respective Boards.

Regulatory Report

Dr. Werth indicated that the Committee went through the Regulations line-by-line, and made suggestions to present later in the meeting. Dr. Werth stated that Ms. Hoyle would present the updates on Joint Assessment Guidance Document and PSYPACT. He also indicated that the Telepsychology guidance document has been put on hold until the Board finishes with the periodic review.

Ms. Hoyle reported that the Board sent a letter to the stakeholders asking for input regarding PSYPACT and holding a meeting with the Board regarding PSYPACT in advance of this Board meeting. The VACP, Conversation with the Board, allowed for input from stakeholders. Alex Siegel from the ASPPB presented information on PSYPACT to the VACP and answered questions. The VACP determined they were not ready to make a statement regarding PSYPACT.

Ms. Hoyle also informed the Board that the Board of Counseling decided not to move forward with the Joint Guidance Document on Assessment Titles and Signatures. The Board of Psychology will need to determine if it wants to move forward on its own or attempt more collaboration with the other Boards and that discussion will be take place at future Regulatory Committee meetings once the periodic review is complete.

Unfinished Business

Consideration of PSYPACT

The Board members took the opportunity to ask Dr. Siegel additional questions. Dr. Siegel, from ASPPB, participated via telephone. The Board expressed concern regarding the potential for PSYPACT to allow Masters level licensees to practice in Virginia when Virginia only allows Doctorate level licensees to provide services. The Board members wanted clarification as to which state will adjudicate complaints against licensees, the home state of the licensee or the state in which the client was in or will the ASPPB or Commission adjudicate the licensee.

Upon a motion that was properly seconded, the Board voted to table a vote on PSYPACT until the July meeting.

New Business

Ms. Yeatts walked the Board through the proposed changes to the Regulations. Upon a motion, that was properly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Proposed Regulations as recommended.

Upon a motion, that was properly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to recommend legislation to change the requirement that one of the Board seats be filled by an Applied Psychologist. Since there are only 31 Applied Psychologists licensed in the Commonwealth, the board seat has remained vacant. The legislative change would allow the seat to be filled by any license type under the Board.


Ms. Yeatts updated the Board on the legislative session.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on July 10, 2018.


Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:00p.m.

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Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director

*The minutes were approved during the July 10, 2018
Board of Psychology meeting, as written.*

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