

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
REGULATORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2021**

- TIME AND PLACE:** Consistent with Amendment 28 to HB29 (the Budget Bill for 2018-2020) and the applicable provisions of § 2.2-3708.2 in the Freedom of Information Act, the Committee convened the meeting virtually to consider such regulatory and business matters as are presented on the agenda necessary for the committee to discharge its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.
- PRESIDING OFFICER:** J.D. Ball, Ph.D., ABPP, Regulatory Committee Chair
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Christine Payne, BSN, MBA
Herbert Stewart, Ph.D.
James Werth, Jr. Ph.D., ABPP
- STAFF PRESENT:** Deborah Harris, Licensing Manager
Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Charlotte Lenart, Deputy Executive Director – Licensing
Jared McDonough, Administrative Assistant
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst
- CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Ball called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.
- After completing a roll call of Board members and staff, Ms. Hoyle indicated that a quorum was established.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dr. Stewart made a motion, which was properly seconded, to approve the October 26, 2020 Regulatory Committee Meeting minutes with minor edits. The motion carried unanimously.
- ORDERING OF AGENDA:** Dr. Ball proceeded with the Agenda with no changes.
- PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** There was no public comment.
- CHAIR REPORT:** Dr. Ball thanked staff for all their help and assistance to the Board.
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** **Guidance Document on Psychologists’ Use of Social Media**
Dr. Ball created a rough draft guidance document for the Committee members to review. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee agreed that a taskforce or workgroup should be established to receive feedback from other Board members, professional psychology organizations, and psychologists on this issue.

Planning for a Stakeholder Meeting to Include Discussion on EPPP and Accreditation Issues

Dr. Ball discussed the need for a virtual stakeholders' meeting to discuss the possible requirement of the EPPP (Part-2 Skills) examination and an accrediting discussion, which would include APA master's level accreditation and additional accrediting bodies. Dr. Stewart will contact representatives from ASPPB to present at the meeting. Dr. Ball will talk to Dr. Sheras about the accreditation components during the April 13 Board meeting. The Committee suggested a mid-summer (mid-July) meeting. Board staff will send out a Doodle poll to establish a date.

Adopt Proposed Regulations for the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) - Elaine Yeatts

Ms. Yeatts provided background information on the proposed regulations. The proposed regulations for PSYPACT simply replace the Emergency Regulations that are currently in effect.

Dr. Stewart made a motion, which was properly seconded, to recommend the proposed PYPACT regulations as presented to the full Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Regulatory Update

Ms. Yeatts gave a brief update on the proposed Regulations resulting from the Periodic Review. Ms. Yeatts informed the Committee that the regulations are in the final stages and have been in the Governor's office for 300 days.

Ms. Yeatts advised that the Regulations Governing the Certification of Sex Offender Treatment Providers were proposed as a fast-track action and are currently awaiting the Secretary's approval.

Ms. Yeatts advised that the Regulations related to Conversion Therapy are awaiting approval by the Governor.

Ms. Yeatts indicated that the guidance document for closing a practice is posted on Virginia Regulatory Town hall and open for public comment. Dr. Ball requested that the title of the guidance document be amended and Ms. Yeatts stated that she should be able to make the changes to the title without Board action.

PSYPACT Update

Dr. Stewart advised that there are currently 35 states that either have current regulations adopting PSYPACT or have pending legislation. Ms. Hoyle indicated that she was appointed to the PSYPACT Finance Committee. She looks forward to representing the Board in her new role.

NEXT MEETING: The next Regulatory Committee meeting is scheduled for August 30, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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J.D. Ball, Ph.D., ABPP, Chair

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Jaime Hoyle, J.D., Executive Director

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