

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
QUARTERLY FULL BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 13, 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:** James Werth, Jr. Ph.D., ABPP, Chair

**MEMBERS PRESENT;** J.D. Ball, Ph.D., ABPP, Vice-Chair  
Aliya Chapman, Ph.D., Board Member  
Christine Payne, BSN, MBA, Citizen Member  
Peter Sheras, Ph.D., ABPP, Board Member  
Herbert Stewart, Ph.D., Board Member  
Stephanie Valentine, Citizen Member (joined the meeting at 10:35 a.m.)  
Susan Brown Wallace, Ph.D., Board Member

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** Sally Brodsky, Ph.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:** David Brown, DC, DHP Director  
Christy Evans, Discipline Case Specialist  
Deborah Harris, Licensing Manager  
Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director  
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director  
Charlotte Lenart, Deputy Executive Director – Licensing  
Jared McDonough, Administrative Assistant  
Jim Rutkowski, JD, Assistant Attorney General  
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst/Agency Regulatory Coordinator

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Werth welcomed the Board members and staff and called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m.

After completing a roll call of Board members and staff, Ms. Hoyle indicated that a quorum was established.

**ORDERING OF AGENDA:** The Board adopted the agenda as written.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jennifer Morgan, Clinical Psychologist and member of Virginia Academy of Clinical Psychologists (VACP) reminded the Board that the VACP will hold its Board Conversation Hour on Friday, April 16, 2021 from 2:15pm to 3:15pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dr. Sheras made a motion, which Dr. Ball properly seconded, to approve the February 9, 2021 Quarterly meeting minutes with edits. The motion carried unanimously.

**AGENCY DIRECTOR REPORT:** Dr. Brown discussed the creation of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Council at DHP. He stated that DHP has expanded outreach efforts for positions of leadership within the agency and has continued in-house sessions for additional training. He also stated that DHP will include this type of training in the Board Member training and will continue to work with national associations regarding diversity opportunities.

Dr. Brown provided an update on state-level activities related to adult and medical use of marijuana. He stated that the General Assembly Legislative Session was finished and that the Governor introduced a bill to legalize marijuana in Virginia. Dr. Brown provided an update on the Board of Pharmacy program related to cannabis oils and the flower of the marijuana plant. He stated that the regulation of marijuana would likely be through a different state agency in Virginia.

Dr. Brown discussed COVID-19 vaccines. He reported that vaccinations will be available to all adults starting on April 18, 2021 for Phase Two of the Commonwealth's COVID vaccination plan. He reported on Virginia's efforts to vaccinate adults and provided an update on the Virginia Department of Health statistics.

Ms. Payne gave a brief update on the issues with the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

**CHAIR REPORT:**

Dr. Werth thanked staff for their continued hard work.

Dr. Werth indicated that Dr. Stewart will be rotating off of the Board. Dr. Werth wanted to thank Dr. Stewart for his dedication to the Board and profession. Dr. Werth highlighted several of Dr. Stewart's accomplishments and thanked him again for all his efforts and guidance to the Board. Dr. Werth indicated that Dr. Chapman's term is expiring but hopes that she will be reappointed to the Board. Since Dr. Stewart will no longer be able to represent the Board on the Department of Health Professions Board, he encouraged Board members to consider serving in this capacity.

Dr. Werth provided highlights on the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) mid-year meeting.

Dr. Werth, Dr. Ball, Dr. Stewart, Dr. Sheras, Ms. Lang, Ms. Lenart will attend the VACP Conversation Hour Meeting to give an update on Board related issues.

**LEGISLATION AND REGULATORY ACTIONS:**

**Legislative and Regulatory Actions Report- Ms. Yeatts**  
Regulatory Actions

Ms. Yeatts updated the Board on the current regulatory actions that were included in the agenda packet.

Chart of Regulatory Actions:  
18VAC125-20 Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology –  
Implementation of Psychology Interstate Compact (Action 5567)  
Emergency/NOIRA-Registered  
Dated: 2/1/2021  
Comments ended: 3/3/2021

18VAC125-20 Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology –  
Unprofessional conduct/conversion therapy (Action 5218)  
Final – At secretary's office for 22 days

18VAC125-20 Regulations Governing the Practice of Psychology –  
Results of Periodic Review (Action 4897)  
Final - At Governor's Office for 300 days

18VAC125-30 Regulations Governing the Certification of Sex Offender  
Treatment Providers – Amendment resulting from a periodic review  
(Action 5660)  
Fast-Track – At Secretary's Office for 48 days

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### **Regulatory Committee Report – Dr. Ball**

#### Stakeholders Meeting Discussion

The Board again discussed the need for a stakeholders meeting to discuss the possible requirement of the EPPP (Part-2 Skills) examination as well as an accrediting discussion that includes considering licensing master's level psychologists and additional accrediting bodies. Staff will look into possible meeting dates for the summer.

#### Development of Social Media Guidance Document Discussion

Dr. Ball reported that the Regulatory Committee has started working on updating a guidance document. Dr. Ball presented a preliminary document to get the discussion started. It was suggested that a taskforce be formed to help with developing the guidance document.

Dr. Brown stated that the Board needs to focus on what is appropriate and what is in the Board's authority. Mr. Rutkowski stated that there could be some unforeseen issues related to a guidance document that addresses standard of care issues. Guidance documents typically provide administrative/process guidance.

#### Adoption of Proposed Regulations for PSYPACT

Ms. Yeatts provided information on the recommendation from the Regulatory Committee for the adoption of proposed regulations replacing the Emergency Regulations on PSYPACT. Ms. Yeatts explained that there were no public comments and no changes have been made to the Emergency Regulations. After a roll call was conducted, the recommendation of the Regulatory Committee to adopt the regulations as written passed unanimously.

Dr. Stewart indicated there are 35 states participating or who have introduced legislation to pass PSYPACT.

Dr. Chapman asked if there was any guidance from PSYPACT or the Board on how licensees should identify themselves when using PPSYACT. Ms. Hoyle stated that she will reach out to her contacts at ASPPB to find out the answers to the Board's questions related to PSYPACT.

**Board of Health Professions Report:**

Dr. Stewart provided a summary of the last Board of Health Professions Meeting. A copy of the minutes from that meeting was included in the agenda packet. Dr. Stewart stated that his time on the DHP Board has been very rewarding.

**BOARD COUNSEL REPORT:** Mr. Rutkowski had nothing to report.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Executive Director Report:**

Ms. Hoyle briefly discussed the financials. Ms. Hoyle thanked Dr. Stewart for his time on the Board and his dedication to the Board and Commonwealth. Dr. Stewart has been instrumental to the Board's efforts for many years.

**Discipline Report:**

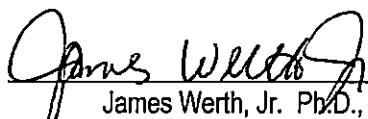
Ms. Lang referenced the discipline report in the agenda packet on page 32. Ms. Lang stated that if any Board members can help with, or has questions regarding, discipline or hearings, please reach out to her. Ms. Lang indicated that she is looking for a Board member to volunteer to fill a position on the Special Conference Committee.

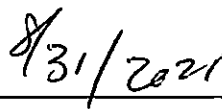
**Licensing Report:**

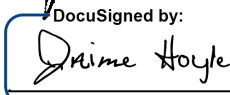
Ms. Lenart referenced her report on page 34 of the agenda packet. Ms. Lenart indicated that renewal notices will be emailed to licensees in May. Staff has updated the renewal FAQs and created a renewal explanation chart to help provide licensees with information on the renewal requirements. Ms. Lenart indicated that the Board has one full time staff member dedicated to the Board. Ms. Harris, Board of Psychology Licensing Manager, responds to emails within 48 hours and processes applications within 30 days.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

  
James Werth, Jr. Ph.D., ABPP, Chair

  
Date

DocuSigned by:  
  
Jaime Hoyle, J.D., Executive Director

9/3/2021 | 10:58 PM EDT  
Date