



**Virginia Board of Psychology  
Full Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.  
9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233  
Board Room 4**

- PRESIDING OFFICER:** Susan Brown Wallace, Ph.D.
- BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** J.D. Ball, Ph.D. (*virtually from Virginia Beach, VA – Dr. Ball was not in physical attendance for health reasons*)  
Aliya Chapman, Ph.D.  
William Hathaway, Ph.D.  
Christine Payne, BSN, MBA  
Gary Sibcy, Ph.D.  
Cheryl Snyder
- BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Norma Murdock-Kitt, Ph.D  
Kathryn Zeanah, Ph. D
- BOARD STAFF PRESENT:** Christy Evans, Discipline and Compliance Case Manager  
Deborah Harris, Licensing Manager (virtual attendance via WebEx)  
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director  
Cheyenne Upshaw, Administrative Assistant  
Sharniece Vaughan, Licensing Specialist
- DHP STAFF PRESENT:** Erin Barrett, Director of Legislative Affairs and Policy, DHP  
James Jenkins, Deputy Director, DHP  
Matt Novak, Policy and Economic Analyst, DHP  
Arne Owens, Director, DHP
- BOARD COUNSEL PRESENT:** James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General
- CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Wallace called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.
- MISSION STATEMENT:** Ms. Lang read the mission statement of the Department of Health Professions, and also read the emergency egress procedures.
- ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:** Following a roll call of Board members and staff, Ms. Lang indicated a quorum was established.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** The agenda was adopted as presented.
- PUBLIC ATTENDEES:** None
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the September 27, 2022 Quarterly Board meeting were approved as presented.

**AGENCY DIRECTOR REPORT:** Mr. Owens introduced himself as the new agency Director and thanked David Brown for his service and leadership at DHP. He advised that DHP's focus is on the healthcare workforce and gave a brief overview of the Governor's Transformation Plan, "Right Help. Right Now."

Mr. Owens introduced James Jenkins as the new Deputy Director of DHP and noted that Mr. Jenkins is the Special Advisor for the Healthcare Workforce.

**BOARD CHAIR REPORT:**

Dr. Wallace reported that she attended a meeting of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board (ASPPB) with a focus on workforce for school psychology.

**LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY REPORT:**

Ms. Barrett provided an update of pending regulatory action as well as the status of Bills of interest in the General Assembly. Dr. Ball enquired about the status of the board's request to include a proposed legislative change that will give the board the authority to designate specific continuing education topics per renewal cycle. Ms. Barrett advised that the previous discussion occurred after the deadline for the current General Assembly session. However, she noted that it is something the agency may consider for the 2024 session.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Petition for Rulemaking:**

The board considered a petition requesting a new registration to allow telehealth from non-compact states. Dr. Ball moved to take no action on the petition because it is beyond the board's legal authority to create a new registration that is not allowed in legislation. The motion was seconded and passed with a unanimous vote.

**Discussion of School Psychologist Shortage**

Dr. Wallace discussed the workforce shortage of school psychologists and noted that, while the Bill in the General Assembly, allowing clinical psychologists to work in schools, can help short-term, there is also a shortage of clinical psychologists specifically in child psychology. Dr. Wallace opined that Virginia's separation of clinical and school psychologists creates a barrier to licensure and noted that often the professors who teach in the school psychology programs do not get licensed in Virginia because there is no value in obtaining the license. Therefore, they are not encouraging students to obtain the license. Ms. Wallace stated that she was concerned that the license is viewed as having little value. She feels that the board legislation/regulations need to be clearer about the scope of practice for school psychologists.

Dr. Ball noted that current pending changes to regulations will help to address some of the issues. Ms. Barrett advised that, if a private organization is currently working on legislation to address these concerns, they are welcome to contact her to provide feedback on their proposed language.

**Discussion of Master's Level Psychologists**

Dr. Ball provided feedback he received regarding the board's initial discussion of master's level psychology practice and the board members discussed the matter. Mr. Jenkins noted that this issue is directly related to mental health workforce, where Virginia currently ranks 34<sup>th</sup> in the country. The board requested that Jaime Hoyle,

Executive Director, send a letter to organizations advising that they can submit a Section 1 Bill to the 2024 General Assembly to request DHP complete a study on this topic for review and/or action at the 2025 session.

#### **Discussion of Medical Prescription Privileges for Qualified Psychologists**

Dr. Ball advised that, although the board has no authority to take action, he wanted to make board members aware of this initiative.

### **BOARD OFFICE REPORTS:**

#### **Licensing Report**

Ms. Lang referred board members to the licensing report in the agenda and gave a brief explanation of the BOT. She noted that it will take some time to determine if this technology has a significant impact on the licensure process.

#### **Discipline Report**

Ms. Lang referred board members to the discipline report in the agenda and advised that for 2022, the Board of Psychology received 127 complete investigations, a decrease of 3.8% from the previous year. Additionally, the board closed 101 cases in 2022, an increase of 11% from the previous year.

Ms. Lang provided an update on the review process and advised that the part-time licensed discipline reviewer has completed 36 case reviews. She noted that this is a huge accomplishment since psychology cases are extremely detailed and often require a thorough review of assessment data. There are still a lot of older cases in the process but we are moving in a positive direction.

Ms. Lang reported that the CE audit is complete and there are three licensees who may be in violation. Those cases will move along through the disciplinary process.

Ms. Lang advised board members that the ASPPB Midyear Meeting will be held in Denver, Colorado from April 27 – 30, 2023. If any board members are interested in attending, especially new appointees, they should contact Jaime Hoyle.

#### **EPPP Part 2 Update**

Ms. Lang referred board members to the updated information in the agenda. Board members discussed their concerns regarding the requirement for a 2-part exam, as well as the 2026 deadline. At this time, the board does not need to make any changes to the exam requirements in regulations.

#### **PSYPACT 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Newsletter**

Ms. Lang referred board members to the newsletter in the agenda packet.

#### **PSYPACT 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Compliance Report**

Ms. Lang referred board members to the compliance report in the agenda packet and noted that this board remains in compliance.

#### **PSYPACT Commission Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Lang referred board members to the meeting minutes in the agenda packet.

**Board Financials**

Ms. Lang referred board members to the board’s budget in the agenda packet.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Working Draft of Proposed Statutory Changes**

**Working Draft of Proposed Regulatory Changes**

These matters were addressed during the master’s level practice discussion. No further discussion was necessary.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:**

The next Full Board Meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Wallace adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

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*Susan Wallace*

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Susan Brown Wallace, Ph.D., Chair Chairperson

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*Jaime Hoyle*

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Jaime Hoyle, JD, Executive Director

Date