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BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Public Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2025

Board Members Present: Robert Carey, Jr., Ph.D., Chair
Vicky Anderson, Psy.D., Vice Chair
Jeffrey Brown, Psy.D.
Antonia Seligowski, Ph.D.
Jessica Edwards George, Ph.D.

Staff Present: Brian Bialas, Executive Director
Judith Bromley, Board Counsel
Lauren McShane, Investigator Supervisor
Doris Lugo, Investigator
Anastasia Bouikidis, Investigative Intern

All Board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

At 9:06 a.m., the meeting was called to order by Dr. Carey.

Board Business

- **Roll Call for Attendance:** Mr. Bialas called the roll of Board members. Robert Carey, Vicky Anderson, Jeffrey Brown, Antonia Seligowski, and Jessica Edwards George were in attendance.
- **Public Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2025:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Seligowski, seconded by Dr. Brown, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2025. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, with Dr. Edwards George abstaining.
- **Executive Session Minutes of February 14, 2025:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Seligowski, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 14, 2025. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, with Dr. Edwards George abstaining.

Emergency Amendments to Regulations to Implement Shield Law

- **251 CMR 1.00: Ethical Standards, Professional Conduct, and Disciplinary Procedures and 251 CMR 3.00: Registration of Psychologists:** Heather Engman, Chief Board Counsel, and Lauren Nelson, Deputy Director, from the Bureau of Health Professions License discussed the current procedural posture of the emergency regulations.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Seligowski, to, provided the Board does not receive any public comments on the emergency amendments on or before March 21, 2025, file a notice of compliance with the Secretary of State's Office to make the emergency amendments to 251 CMR 1.00 and 251 CMR 3.00 permanent. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote, with Dr. Brown abstaining.

Discussion

- **Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP):** Edmund Taglieri and Mark Waksmonski from URAMP discussed the Operational Policy and Practice Restrictions to initiate the program.
 - **Operational Policy:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Seligowski, seconded by Dr. Edwards George, to approve URAMP Operational Policy 24-08. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
 - **Practice Restrictions:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Brown, to approve URAMP Practice Restrictions inclusive of supervisory qualifications. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Application Review – Education

- **Albert Hyer:** The Board reviewed Dr. Hyer's education, specifically his inability to obtain a signed Academic Program Director Form because his school closed. Dr. Hyer offered a letter from the APA confirming that the school was APA accredited at the time he received his doctorate.

After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to accept the APA letter for Dr. Hyer's Academic Program Director Form.

Application Review – Experience

- **Alan Behrman:** The Board reviewed Dr. Behrman's experience documentation. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Bialas to request the following from Dr. Behrman:

- the APA internship accreditation standards at the time he completed his internship;
- copies of his license applications to Alabama and Louisiana; and
- a signed Internship Program Director Form, and if that is not available, an Internship Program Director Form completed by Dr. Behrman himself.

Monitoring

- **Emil Chiauzzi, Conditional Licensure Agreement, 3rd Quarterly Consulting Report:** The Board reviewed the report. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Edwards George, to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Executive Session (closed under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, § 1B – adhering to the public records law and to preserve the confidentiality of medical record information)

At 10:05 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Edwards George, to (1) exit the public meeting; (2) enter into executive session under G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) to comply with G.L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c) and G.L. c. 214, § 1B – adhering to the public records law and to preserve the confidentiality of medical record information, to discuss and evaluate a request for an extension to complete application experience not within 60 months that involves the review of medical records and information of patients; then (3) enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to review new cases; and (4) at the conclusion of the investigative conference, not return to the public meeting and adjourn. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered executive session at 10:05 a.m.

See separate executive session minutes.

Quasi-Judicial Session (closed under G.L. c. 30A, § 18)

The Board entered quasi-judicial session at 10:37 a.m.

During the quasi-judicial session, the Board took the following action:

Final Decision and Order

2022-000149-IT-ENF (MT):

Issue decision and final order

Investigative Conference (closed session under G.L. c. 112, § 65C)

At 10:42 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Seligowski, seconded by Dr. Edwards George, to exit quasi-judicial session and enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to review new cases. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board entered investigative conference at 10:42 a.m.

During the investigative conference, the Board took the following actions:

Cases

AMH-2024-0031 (MC):	Refer to the Office of Prosecutions
INV8507 (MS):	Dismiss
INV8605 (JD):	Dismiss
PSY-2024-0002 (KL):	Invite respondent to a meeting for an interview
PSY-2024-0015 (EN):	Invite respondent to a meeting for an interview
PSY-2024-0020 (JS):	Refer to the Office of Prosecutions
PSY-2024-0014 (JT):	Dismiss; open complaint for continuing education violation

Public Meeting

At 11:42 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Brown, seconded by Dr. Anderson, to exit investigative conference and return to the public meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Discussion

- **Remote Participation During In-Person Meetings:** Mr. Bialas explained that the statutory allowance to conduct public meetings by videoconference ends on March 31, 2025, but that the Board is permitted if it wishes to allow Board members to participate in Board meetings remotely if a quorum of members is physically present.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Edwards George, to allow Board members to participate in Board meetings remotely if a quorum of members is physically present. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Adjournment

At 11:57 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Brown, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Approval

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on April 11, 2025.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of March 14, 2025 Meeting
- Public Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2025
- Executive Session Minutes of February 14, 2025
- Emergency Amendments to 251 CMR 1.00: Ethical Standards, Professional Conduct, and Disciplinary Procedures and 251 CMR 3.00: Registration of Psychologists
- URAMP Operational Policy and Practice Restrictions
- Documents from Application of Albert Hyer
- Documents from Application of Alan Behrman
- Emil Chiauzzi, Conditional Licensure Agreement, 3rd Quarterly Consulting Report