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BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Public Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2024

Board Members Present: Robert Carey, Jr., Ph.D., Chair
Vicky Anderson, Psy.D., Vice Chair (left the meeting at 10:21 a.m.)
William Hudgins, Ph.D., Secretary (left the meeting at 9:15 a.m., returned to the meeting at 10:25 a.m.)
Jeffrey Brown, Psy.D.
Jessica Edwards George, Ph.D.
Antonia Seligowski, Ph.D.
Michael O'Halloran

Staff Present: Brian Bialas, Executive Director
Sheila York, Board Counsel
Lauren McShane, Investigator Supervisor

All Board members and staff appeared by videoconference.

At 9:05 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, William Hudgins, Jeffrey Brown, Jessica Edwards George, Antonia Seligowski, and Michael O'Halloran were in attendance.
- **Public Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2024:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. O'Halloran, seconded by Dr. Brown, to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2024. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.
- **Board Counsel Report**
 - **Update on Status of Proposed Regulation Revisions to 251 CMR 3.00:** Ms. York reported that the Board's proposed revisions to its regulations are in queue for administrative review before a public hearing.

Dr. Hudgins left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Discussion

- **Presentation by Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) on the Examination in the Practice of Professional Psychology – Part 2 (EPPP-2)**
 - **Hao Song, Associate Executive Officer for Examinations Services and Mariann Burnetti-Atwell, Chief Executive Officer:** Dr. Hao and Dr. Burnetti-Atwell appeared to discuss the EPPP-2. They explained that part one of the EPPP assesses theory, and part two assesses knowledge and includes video scenarios. Dr. Hao explained that the EPPP-2 is valid to demonstrate minimal competency and is not biased. ASPPB has a process for item development and review and, out of over 2,000 items, only 57 items were flagged as possibly being biased, and out of those 57, only 8 were removed from the examination.

ASPPB is allowing a new option for candidates to take both parts within 30 days. The typical process is for candidates to take part one after they complete their education and part two after they complete their post-doctoral experience and are ready to be licensed. ASPPB is considering allowing candidates to take part one without applying for licensure first. ASPPB provides a sample examination for candidates and will provide a second sample this fall. Board members asked questions about the diversity of the item review committee and the number of questions in each part, and whether the examination is biased against minority candidates. Dr. Hao and Dr. Burnetti-Atwell explained that allegations that the EPPP is biased are not supported.

Dr. Anderson left the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Monitoring

- **Lisa Cohen, 2019-001356-IT-ENF, 4th Quarterly Monitoring Report:** The Board reviewed Dr. Cohen's report. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. O'Halloran, seconded by Dr. Seligowski, to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Board directed Mr. Bialas to inform Dr. Cohen that she may petition to terminate her probation, and the Board is not requesting an interview at this time.

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 10:25 a.m., a motion was made by Dr. Brown, seconded by Mr. O'Halloran, 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 monitoring report involving the review of medical records and information of patients; then (3) enter into investigative conference under G.L. c. 112, § 65C to conduct case interviews and review 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 10:25 a.m.

Dr. Hudgins returned to the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

See separate executive session minutes.

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

The Board entered investigative conference at 10:38 a.m.

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

Case Interviews

PSY-2023-0019 (MC):	Interviewed complainant and respondent separately; dismiss with advisory letter
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Cases

FPSY-2023-0002 (HR):	Refer to office of prosecutions
PSY-2024-0004 (EN):	Dismiss

Adjournment

At 12:46 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. O'Halloran, seconded by Dr. Seligowski, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Approval

The above minutes were approved at the public meeting held on September 13, 2024.



Brian Bialas, Executive Director

List of Documents Used During the Public Meeting

- Agenda of July 12, 2024 Meeting
- Public Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2024
- 7.12.14 ASPPB Presentation to Massachusetts Board of Registration of Psychologists, 5.10.24 Email from A. Barnes of Massachusetts Psychological Association re: EPPP-2, 7.1.24 Letter from ASPPB to Licensing Boards re: EPPP, 5.10.24 Email from V. Anderson re: EPPP-2
- Lisa Cohen, 2019-001356-IT-ENF, 4th Quarterly Monitoring Report