STATE OF NEVADA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2021

1. Call to Order/Roll Call to Determine the Presence of a Quorum.

Call to Order: The meeting of the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners was called to order by President Whitney Owens, PsyD, at 8:30 a.m. at the office of the Board of Psychological Examiners, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Ste B-116, Reno, Nevada 89502. Due to COVID-19 and Governor Sisolak's Emergency Mandate to Stay at Home for Nevada, this meeting was also conducted online via "Zoom."

Roll Call: Board President Whitney Owens, PsyD, Secretary/Treasurer Stephanie Woodard, Psy.D., and members Monique Abarca, LCSW, Stephanie Holland, PsyD, and Soseh Esmaeili, PsyD, were present.

Also present were Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General, Dr. Gary Lenkeit, Board Investigator, Dr. Sheila Young, Board Investigator, Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, and members of the public: Michelle Zochowski, Sara Hunt, Stephanie Bellusa, Donald Hoier, and Sarah Ahmad.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time. Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, stated no public comment had been received by the Board Office as of the start of the meeting.

3. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of the State of Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners from September 10, 2021.

There were no comments nor proposed changes to the minutes.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Stephanie Holland, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the meeting minutes from September 10, 2021. (Yea: Whitney Owens, Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, Monique Abarca, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries: 5-0

4. Financial Report

A. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021, Through June 30, 2022).

Secretary/Treasurer Stephanie Woodard and Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, presented the financial report.

Dr. Woodard explained that the revenues are currently reading as greater than the budgeted amount through the first quarter. She added that as licensure fees will reduce throughout the fiscal year, as they are prorated, revenues are expected to fall but still be within what was projected.

Regarding expenses, Dr. Woodard explained the line items that are running over the budgeted amount for the first quarter. This is due to the fact that items, such as office supplies, are bought at the beginning of the year and expected to last for at least six months. The legal expenses continue to be above the budgeted amount as there are several pending legal matters and complaints.

Lastly, it was explained that the accounting firm conducting the annual external audit have recommended that the revenues brought in during the renewal period (referred to as "deferred revenue") should be indicated differently financial records. As a result, beginning with the November report, a new line item will appear showing those funds. This should present a more accurate representation of the finances available through the fiscal year and into the next fiscal year.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Monique Abarca, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2022. (Yea: Whitney Owens, Stephanie Woodard, Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, and Monique Abarca) Motion Carries: 5-0

B. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Budget Reconciliation and Final Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020, Through June 30, 2021).

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, explained that the reconciliation would be presented at the November meeting. She added that she been working with the bookkeeper and the auditors on improved accounting procedures and making necessary adjustments in the accounting software.

5. Board Needs and Operations

A. Update and Report from the Nevada Psychological Association (NPA)

Sara Hunt, past President of the NPA, provided an preview of the upcoming budget meeting of that organization. The organization relies on income from continuing education events but, as it is a non-renewal year, they have not conducted many events. She added that they hope to begin conducting the events in person again in the coming months.

President Owens inquired if the recordings of continuing education events are available to licensees after the date of the event. Dr. Hunt responded that NPA does keep a library of recorded events.

There was some discussion about NPA's intent to prepare trainings to meet the new continuing education requirement in diversity issues. Dr. Hunt indicated she would bring some information about those efforts to the next Board meeting.

B. Report From the Executive Director on Board Office Operations

Ms. Scurry provided the Board with information as to the number of applications received and licenses issued by the Board office in the past month. Other categories reported included registrations issued, complaints received, and continuing education applications received and approved.

6. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Provide Guidance on Matters Related to the Covid-19 Pandemic and Governor Sisolak's Directive 011. Discussion May Include Options for Temporary Licensure to Ensure Continuity of Care for Patients Being Seen by Out-Of-State Providers when the Provisions of Directive 011 Expire, Licensure Renewal, Continuing Education Credits, Supervision Concerns, Obtaining Clinical Hours for Licensure, and the Use of Telepsychology and Interjurisdictional Practice.

Dr. Woodard stated that a survey is being developed by the State for those individuals who have received temporary registration under Directive 011. The goal of the survey will be to gather information about their licensure, the reasons they sought the temporary registration, and the needs of the individuals who sought a mental health professional from outside Nevada. All licensing boards have been encouraged to engage those registrants in hopes of beginning the pathway to permanent licensure.

7. (For Possible Action) Discussion, and Possible Action on Pending Consumer Complaints:

Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General, reviewed items A through D below.

- A. Complaint #19-0626 This is an active litigation, and the status is pending.
- B. Complaint #19-0709 This is an active litigation, and the status is pending.
- C. Complaint #19-1106 This item is being monitored, and the status is pending.
- D. Complaint #19-1223 This item is being monitored, and the status is pending.
- E. Complaint #20-0501 This item is pending.
- F. Complaint #20-0818 This item is pending.
- G. Complaint #20-0819 This item is pending.
- H. Complaint #21-0524 This item is pending.
- I. Complaint #21-0702

Dr. Gary Lenkeit, Board investigator, provided a summary of Complaint 21-0702 and his recommendation. The complaint alleged that the Respondent published patient/client identities and testimonials on the business website promoting work as a sports psychologist. The complaint alleged this violated the American Psychological Association Code of Ethics, Section 5.05, which prohibits testimonials from clients.

The Respondent stated he was not promoting the business but providing an educational service. Following conversation with the Board's investigator, the testimonials were removed although the Respondent admitted to no wrongdoing. As the situation has been resolved, Dr. Lenkeit recommended dismissal of the matter.

On motion by Soseh Esmaeili, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners dismissed Complaint 21-0702 with no further action. (Yea: Whitney Owens, Stephanie Woodard, Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, and Monique Abarca) Motion Carries: 5-0

This item will be removed from future agendas.

- J. Complaint #21-0726 This item is pending.
- K. Complaint #21-0810 This item is pending.
- L. Complaint #21-0816 This item is pending.
- 8. (For Possible Action) Review and Possible Action on Applications for Licensure as a Psychologist or Registration as a Psychological Assistant, Intern or Trainee. The Board May Convene in Closed Session to Receive Information Regarding Applicants, Which May Involve Considering the Character, Alleged Misconduct, Professional Competence or Physical or Mental Health of the Applicant (NRS 241.030). All Deliberation and Action Will Occur in an Open Session.

President Owens proposed the following candidates be considered for licensure contingent upon satisfactory completion of all licensure requirements: Georgia Dalto, Mary Dinerman, Nancy Grau, Nnenna Nwanko, Gabriela Olavarrieta, Elke Rechberger, and Mariah Schwan.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Monique Abarca, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the following candidates for licensure contingent upon satisfactory completion of all licensure requirements: Georgia Dalto, Mary Dinerman, Nancy Grau, Nnenna Nwanko, Gabriela Olavarrieta, Elke Rechberger, and Mariah Schwan. (Yea: Whitney Owens, Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, Monique Abarca, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries: 5-0

A. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Issue a License to Practice Psychology to Applicant Nicholas Carfagno Under the Supervision

of a Licensed Psychologist until he obtains a passing score on the EPPP Part-2 and contingent upon completion of all other licensure requirements

Dr. Nicholas Carfagno has completed his training hours as a psychological assistant, passed the Nevada state exam, and submitted the final PLUS report. He submitted a request to be considered for provisional licensure contingent upon passing the EPPP Part-2. Although he is scheduled to take the EPPP Part-2 in the next few weeks, he requested the provisional license in order to begin a new position as a licensed psychologist at the end of October.

Dr. Christina Aranda has stated she will continue to serve as Dr. Carfagno's supervisor while under a provisional license. In accordance with past practice, if approved, provisional licensure will be good until he receives a passing score on the exam but not to extend beyond October 7, 2022.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Stephanie Holland, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved Nicholas Carfagno to be license eligible with the caveat that he remains under the supervision of Dr. Christina Aranda until he receives a passing score on the EPPP Part-2, contingent upon satisfactory completion of all other licensure requirements, and not to extend beyond October 7, 2022, without further approval of the Board. (Yea: Whitney Owens, Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, Monique Abarca, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries: 5-0

B. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action on the Status of the Provisional License of Michelle Zochowski

(This item was taken out of order.)

Dr. Michelle Zochowski was previously granted a provisional license in order to take and pass the EPPP Part-2. She reported to the Board that she failed the exam. There are not currently any study materials available, but she is developing a study plan to help prepare to take the exam again.

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, stated that, although the original action did not state a time limit on completing the exam, the Board has set a precedent with other applicants in providing one year to pass the EPPP Part-2. If she fails the exam a third time, she would need to report to the Board and follow the adopted process for anyone needing to take an exam a 4th time, including the development and approval of a study plan.

At Dr. Holland's inquiry, there was discussion regarding the ways in which provisional licensees should identify themselves in items such as email signature lines. It was recommended that the term "provisional license" should be indicated and the name of the supervisor should be included.

This was an informational report and no action was taken.

C. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve an Extension of the Registration of Stephanie Bellusa as a Psychological Assistant for one year or until she passes the EPPP Part-1, whichever is first

Dr. Stephanie Bellusa submitted a request for an additional year of registration as a psychological assistant in order to take the EPPP Part-1. The Board agreed to provide a 6-month extension.

In addition, as Dr. Bellusa had changed work locations, the Board requested to review the new Supervised Practice Plan, employment agreement, and contract between the supervisor, Dr. Alvarez, and the agency for which Dr. Bellusa would be working. As the letter submitted by the agency did not specifically state that Dr. Alvarez would have access to the records of patients seen by Dr. Bellusa, registration was extended contingent upon submission of the appropriate documentation.

Member Dr. Holland volunteered to review the documentation for the Board office to ensure it satisfied the registration requirements.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Soseh Esmaeili, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved an extension of the registration of Dr. Stephanie Bellusa for six months (April 7, 2022), contingent upon submission of the contractual agreement between the employment site and the supervisor. (Yea: Whitney Owens, Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, Monique Abarca, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries: 5-0

D. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Licensure of Michael Stein as Recommended by the ATEAM Committee, contingent upon satisfactory completion of all other licensure requirements

Dr. Michael Stein applied for licensure by endorsement. Following review, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee recommended approval based on NAC 641.151(4), which allows for consideration of the training and experience of an applicant licensed in another jurisdiction.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Stephanie Holland, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the application for licensure of Dr. Michael Stein, as recommended by the ATEAM Committee, contingent upon satisfactory completion of all licensure requirements. (Yea: Whitney Owens, Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, Monique Abarca, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries: 5-0

E. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Licensure of Jennifer Berg as Recommended by the ATEAM Committee, contingent upon satisfactory completion of all other licensure requirements

Dr. Jennifer Berg applied for licensure by endorsement. Following review, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee recommended approval based on NAC 641.151(4), which allows for consideration of the training and experience of an applicant licensed in another jurisdiction.

On motion by Soseh Esmaeili, second by Monique Abarca, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the application for licensure of Dr. Jennifer Berg, as recommended by the ATEAM Committee, contingent upon satisfactory completion of all licensure requirements. (Yea: Whitney Owens, Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, Monique Abarca, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries: 5-0

F. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Licensure of Karima Shagaga as Recommended by the ATEAM Committee, contingent upon satisfactory completion of all other licensure requirements

Dr. Karima Shagaga applied for licensure by endorsement. Following review, the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee recommended approval based on NAC 641.151(4), which allows for consideration of the training and experience of an applicant licensed in another jurisdiction.

On motion by Monique Abarca, second by Stephanie Holland, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the application for licensure of Dr. Karima Shagaga, as recommended by the ATEAM Committee, contingent upon satisfactory completion of all licensure requirements. (Yea: Whitney Owens, Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, Monique Abarca, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries: 5-0

G. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to approve a oneyear extension of the registration of Dorota Krotkiewicz as a psychological intern through October 7, 2022, or until her degree is conferred qualifying her to apply for registration as a psychological assistant, whichever comes first

Dorota Krotkiewicz submitted a request for an extension to her registration as a psychological intern. Although she completed the required training hours, she had not completed her dissertation for conferral of the doctoral degree. As she could not be at the meeting, Ms. Krotkiewicz explained to Board staff prior to the meeting that completion of the degree was delayed due to the Covid pandemic in 2020.

Dr. Esmaeili, who has served as the supervisor, explained some of the reasons for the delay and added that she will continue to serve as the internship supervisor, if approved by the Board.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the extension of the registration of Dorota Krotkiewicz as a psychological intern through June 1, 2022 or until her degree is conferred qualifying her to apply for registration as a psychological assistant, whichever comes first. (Yea: Whitney Owens, Stephanie Holland, Monique Abarca, and Stephanie Woodard. Abstain: Soseh Esmaeili) Motion Carries: 4-0

9. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible on a Request by Dr. Sarah Ahmad for a Waiver of NAC 641.158 to allow for the Supervision of a Total of Six (6) Supervisees (Psychological Assistants and Psychological Interns) on a Temporary Basis Through January 2022

Dr. Sarah Ahmad submitted a request for a waiver of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 641.158, to allow for the supervision of a combined 6 trainees, interns and post-doctoral students through January 2022. NAC 641.158 allows for a combined 5 supervisees. Dr. Ahmad stated that the request was in preparation for a psychological trainee who was scheduled to join her practice. As the trainee's start date was delayed, however, Dr. Ahmad withdrew the request.

There was brief discussion about the language in the NAC and concern that it is confusing as to the number of allowable supervisees per supervisor, particularly when there is a combination of trainees, interns, and post-doctoral students. Discussion of NAC 641.158 will return on a future meeting agenda. President Owens also suggested placing the item as part of the Strategic Plan as it could result in a regulation change.

10. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Utilize the PLUS Application Process as administered by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) for Licensure and Registration Records Verification

The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) has informed the Board office that it will no longer be conducting primary source verifications through the PLUS application process for states who do not use the service for all applicants. PLUS allows applicants to input information about their education and training, as well as associated information, for verification by the educational institution(s) and supervisors.

In the past, Nevada has only utilized the PLUS for certain applicants – those with less than 20 years of experience and/or those from certain states whose licensure requirements are substantially different from Nevada.

Director Scurry explained that it would be difficult for her, as the lone staff member, to conduct verifications of applicants' education and experience in addition to her other duties. She recommended having all applicants use the PLUS application, adding that this would require payment of an additional fee by applicants as there is a cost to use PLUS. Without using PLUS, though, licensee fees would likely need to increase as additional staff would be needed in the office. Ms. Scurry stated her opinion that the better option would be having all applicants utilize PLUS versus increasing renewal fees which would impact all licensees. She added that there is a benefit to applicants using the PLUS as it is a credentials databank that will preserve information for future applications, such as for PsyPact.

It was estimated that one-quarter of all applications for licensure have not been required to be referred to PLUS. Referral would continue to include applicants for registration as a psychological intern and psychological assistant.

Member Dr. Woodard, a member of the ATEAM Committee, stated there is value to moving all applications to PLUS as the format lends itself to ease of review and provides the information needed to evaluate applications. Additionally, there has been extensive work to convert the online application to a more useable format. Moving to a standardized process provides clarity and transparency in the review of applications. The other members of the ATEAM Committee, Dr. Holland and Dr. Esmaeili, agreed.

Ms. Scurry stated that she would work on creating a transition plan for the ATEAM Committee to review. The transition would include various versions of the PLUS application based on applicants' years of experience and the state in which they are currently licensed. Applicants who have 20 years' experience, for example, will utilize the PLUS but may not be required to have their education and training verified.

On motion by Soseh Esmaeili, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved a change to the application and review process to require all applicants for licensure and registration, excluding psychological trainees, to use the PLUS application process as administered by ASPPB. (Yea: Whitney Owens, Stephanie Holland, Monique Abarca, Soseh Esmaeili and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carries: 5-0

11. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action on the Nevada State Examination for Licensure as a Psychologist, including data related to the administration and proctoring of the exam. Possible action may include consideration of entering into an agreement with a psychometrician for evaluation based on 50 or more administrations of the three versions of the exam in a contracted amount of not more than \$5,000

Director Scurry explained that review of the state exam administration process is ongoing. This item will return on a future meeting agenda.

12. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt Policies on the Registration and Supervision Procedures for Psychological Interns and Psychological Trainees in accordance with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 641

Draft versions of policies for the registration and supervision of psychological interns and psychological trainees were presented and reviewed at the last meeting of the Board. The documents returned for a final review and proposed adoption.

Director Scurry stated that the policy for psychological interns mirrored, to a large degree, that of the previously adopted policy on psychological assistants. The policy included references to internships that are accredited by the American Psychological Association and/or complaint with the Association of Psychological Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC). Additionally, the policy outlined information related to fees, referrals to the ATEAM for non-APA accredited educational programs, and fingerprinting/background check requirements. The policy also included language related to supervisory requirements.

Member Dr. Woodard inquired about the process of completing the application process and the approval of registration. The policy was written to allow for the start of registration if referral to the ATEAM will not be necessary but all other documents are received by the Board office, including proof of fingerprinting. If referral to ATEAM will be necessary, generally due to attendance at a non-APA accredited institution, registration will be held until review occurs. If registration is granted but a concern is raised when either the PLUS application or background check is returned, approval of registration may be withdrawn.

President Owens added that intern registration includes completion of a training program verification form from the educational institution, as well as the supervised practice plan form from the supervisor.

Member Dr. Holland inquired about why all psychological interns are not required to register with the Board. Dr. Lenkeit responded that mandatory registration was considered by the Board several years ago. Concerns were expressed at that time by potential supervisory sites about conflicts that could arise. Dr. Young added that public agencies may not need interns to be registered while private practices do in order to bill Medicaid.

Member Dr. Esmaeili asked what would prevent an unregistered intern to work beyond the required 2,000 training hours. President Owens responded that if an intern works

without a supervisor, it could be considered unlicensed practice. She also stated that if an intern works under a supervisor beyond the allowable hours, the supervisor could be subject to a complaint for a violation of ethical practices and subject to disciplinary action.

There was discussion about the whether or not mandatory registration of interns should be revisited. Director Scurry pointed out that adoption of the policy sets down the process for review and approval of applications and the registration process as currently set forth in state laws and regulations. Discussion of any potential changes regarding mandatory registration of interns would need to occur at a future meeting as it may require either a change to NRS and/or NAC.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Stephanie Holland, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners adopted the policy on the Registration and Supervision Procedures of Psychological Trainees. (Yea: Whitney Owens, Stephanie Holland, Monique Abarca, Soseh Esmaeili and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carries: 5-0

Director Scurry explained that the policy for psychological trainee registration and supervision mirrors that of the policy for psychological interns. The main difference between the two application processes is that trainees are not referred to the PLUS application system because they do not yet have training to be verified, nor are they generally far enough along in the educational program to require review. The policy does state that transcripts, course guides, etc., may be requested as necessary, particularly when it is known the applicant is not attending an APA-accredited institution.

An error was noted in section 3(3)(ii) and the document will be revised to read that trainee pay is not mandatory.

On motion by Stephanie Woodard, second by Soseh Esmaeili, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners adopted the policy on the Registration and Supervision Procedures of Psychological Trainees, with one revision. (Yea: Whitney Owens, Stephanie Holland, Monique Abarca, Soseh Esmaeili and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carries: 5-0

13. Legislative Update

A. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action on the Proposed Revision of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 641.390, Representation or Practice Without License or Registration Prohibited, During the 2023 Session of the Nevada State Legislature

The Board has proposed a change to Nevada Revised Statutes that would require psychologists employed by a public agency to be licensed. As this could impact the Nevada Department of Corrections, conversations with their staff have been ongoing.

Member Dr. Woodard described the steps already taken by the Department of Corrections in preparation for the potential change, adding that they have been very proactive.

President Owens added that meeting with Corrections staff has made her aware of the challenges faced by that department in having enough psychologists on staff. She also stated her appreciation for their support.

The next meeting will include both the Board lobbyist and also human resources staff that support the Corrections Department.

14. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action on Regulations Proposing Changes to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 641 in Accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 233B

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, provided an update on the status of the following regulations / proposed changes to the Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 641. Items A and G are in various stages of the adoption process with the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB). Public hearings and/or workshops will be scheduled for the remaining items once received from the LCB.

- A. R057-19: Fees
- B. R058-19: Endorsement Language
- C. R114-19: Foreign Graduates
- D. R115-19: Supervision, payment of psychological assistant, Closure of a Practice
- E. R173-20 (Previously R131-15): Requires those teaching or engaging in research to be licensed if providing supervision in a university setting.
- F. R174-20: Code of Conduct
- G. R175-20: Removal of "Moral"
- H. Removal of "Behavior Analyst" ...
- I. Regulations related to Assembly Bill 327 (2021)

President Owens stated it may be necessary to conduct an additional workshop for the regulation to implement Assembly Bill 327. That bill requires licensees to complete at least 2 hours of continuing education each renewal period on diversity and cultural competency.

It recently came to the attention of the Board office that the intent of the bill may be that the training must "address persons on different cultural backgrounds" and those persons are described in 7 individual categories, including gender, race, religion, LGBTQ, children, senior citizens, veterans, and persons with a mental illness. To cover all of the listed areas, such a training would likely require more than 2 hours.

Dr. Sara Hunt, Nevada Psychological Association. stated she would take the concern back to that group and would bring additional information to the next Board meeting.

- J. Regulations related to Assembly Bill 366 (2021)
- K. Regulations related to Senate Bill 44 (2021)

15. (For Possible Action) Discussion of U.S. District Court Case 2:20-CV-00651-KJD-VCF Where the State of Nevada Board Psychological Examiners is a Named Defendant.

Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General, provided an update on the status of the case, Walter vs the Board. The discovery phase in the matter is ongoing and depositions will be occurring.

16. (For Possible Action) Schedule of Future Board Meetings, Hearings, and Workshops. The Board May Discuss and Decide Future Meeting Dates, Hearing Dates, and Workshop Dates

There were no questions nor proposed changes to the schedule of upcoming meetings as described below.

- A. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners is Friday, November 12, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.
- B. A Strategic Planning Work Session is scheduled for Friday, November 12 following the regularly scheduled Board meetings on that date.
- C. The ASPPB 61st Annual Meeting of Delegates "Public Protection Through Prevention" is scheduled for October 15 16, 2021. This will be a virtual meeting.

17. Requests for Future Board Meeting Agenda Items (No Discussion Among the Members will Take Place on this Item)

There were no additional suggested agenda items for future Board meetings.

18. Public Comment

Dr. Sara Hunt made comment to respond to an earlier inquiry. She stated that Nevada Psychological Association continuing education recordings are generally placed in their library within 7-10 days of the event.

19. (For Possible Action) Adjournment

There being no further business, President Owens adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.