

MINUTES OF A MEETING FOR  
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

DATE OF MEETING: Friday, August 14, 2015

Time: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 4505 S. Maryland Pkwy. System Computing Services, Room 306, Las Vegas, NV 89154  
and By video conference to Office of the Attorney General, 100 N. Carson Street, Mock Court Room, Carson City, NV 89701-4717

**1. Call to order/roll call to determine the presence of a quorum.**

Call to order at 9:37am.

**In Las Vegas:**

Gary Lenkeit, Ph.D., President

John Paglini, Psy.D., Member

**Others Present:**

Stephanie Holland, Psy.D., Exam Commissioner

Stephen Benning, Ph.D.

Allison Werlinger, MS

Cody Goodwin, Ph.D.

Raymond Trybus, Ph.D.

Steve Jupp

Jay Ginsbach

**In Reno:**

Sheila Young, Ph.D., Secretary/Treasurer

Yvonne Wood-Antonuccio, Ph.D., Member

Pam Becker, MA, Member

**Others Present:**

Morgan Alldredge, Executive Director

Pam Snyder, Executive Assistant

**2. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**3. Approval of minutes of previous meetings.**

Ms. Becker moved to approve the June 5, 2015 and July 16, 2015 minutes as written. Dr. Wood second. Board Vote 6-0-0.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Dr. Young updated the Board regarding the finances, as of August 14, 2015, the bank balance is \$173,078.87. It was reported that Ms. Alldredge's health insurance went up \$200.00 per month. Ms. Alldredge is looking into other insurance and will go to a broker and update the Board. Due to setting up of the testing room in the Board office, there has been an increase in the budgeted expense for Office Furniture. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Ms. Becker second. Board Vote 6-0-0.

**5. Review of complaints, disciplinary actions, and litigation pending.**

A. Complaint #14-1008 - Deferred until next meeting.

B. Complaint #15-0224 - Deferred until next meeting.

C. Complaint #15-0317 - Deferred until next meeting.

D. Complaint #15-0420A -Deferred until next meeting.

E. Complaint #15-0420B -Deferred until next meeting.

F. Complaint #15-0427 - Deferred until next meeting.

G. Complaint #15-0602 - Deferred until next meeting.

H. Complaint #15-0629A -To Board member for review - Deferred until next meeting.

I. Complaint #15-0629B -To Board member for review - Deferred until next meeting.

**6. Update regarding complaint for Injunctive Relief filed against David Hopper in the Eighth Judicial district Court.**

Ms. Alldredge reported that it had been submitted to the court to have costs redeemed. Legal expenses are over \$30,000.00, and Ms. Bradley, DAG, is working on finalizing the order from the Judge.

**7. Schedule of future Board meetings, hearings, and workshops.**

Board meetings are scheduled for October 16, 2015 and December 4, 2015. The October meeting will be held at the AG offices in Las Vegas and Carson City.

**8. Board needs, operations, and schedules.**

**A. Sub-Committee to evaluate NAC changes needed regarding APA equivalency changes.**

Dr. Paul explained to the Board that the APA has presented changes to the standards of accreditation for approved institutions. These changes will require changes to NAC 641 for the Board's requirements to remain up to date regarding educational requirements and equivalency standards. A committee should be established to evaluate the changes necessary. Dr. Paul volunteered to be the chair of the committee. Drs. Young and Paglini volunteered to sit on

the committee. A teleconference meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2015 at 3:30pm

**B. Discussion regarding BA State Exam**

To meet the requirements set forth in the past legislature the BA Licensing exam needs to be offered at least once every 60 days. Ms. Alldredge will contact the testing centers of the Universities in Reno and Las Vegas to see if they would be able to offer a computer version of the BA exam.

**C. Decision regarding attendance of ASPPB Annual Meeting in October**

The attendance of the October ASPPB annual meeting was opened to the entire Board. Dr. Young informed the Board that she will be attending, presenting, as well as running for Board of Directors at the meeting. Ms. Alldredge will be attending the meeting as well. No other Board members will be attending the October meeting. Expenses will be covered for both Ms. Alldredge and Dr. Young. Ms. Becker voted to approve attendees and expenses for the meeting. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board vote 6-0-0.

**D. Update regarding Psychological Intern application and registration.**

Ms. Alldredge updated the Board on the application process for Interns. Dr. Paul and Ms. Alldredge developed a form to be completed by Clinical Training Directors. This form will allow the Board to understand the accreditation level of the programs prior to the completion of the applicant's doctoral degrees. ASPPB has decreased the cost of the PLUS application in half for Psychological Interns. The Board office has yet to receive a completed intern application.

**E. Extend contract with Neena Laxalt through interim session**

Ms. Alldredge recommended to the Board to extend the agreement with Ms. Laxalt to provide Lobbyist duties for a 24 month period instead of the 6 months during the legislative session. The cost is the same for each; however it is paid over more time under the 24 month agreement. In this time Ms. Laxalt will be available for regulation changes and preparing for the future Legislative Session. Dr. Young moved to approve the 24 month agreement. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board Vote 6-0-0.

**9. Report from Psychology State Exam Commissioner**

Dr. Holland, in an update regarding changes to the state exam for Psychologists, reported there are now 2 sites in North Las Vegas and one in Reno, at the Board office to attempt the new Computer Based Test. Dr. Holland recommended changes to NAC 641 to limit the attempts for the Nevada State Exam, similar to the language change requested for EPPP. Dr. Holland recommended other changes to the state exam policies. Supervisors of examinees will be contacted by the Board if their supervisees have a high rate of failure. It is the responsibility of the Supervisor to guarantee the Supervisee is prepared to provide services in Nevada. Limitation of supervising ability may result after continued failures. Another policy introduced is to allow applicants prior to attestations of training as this can often hold up the progress of applicants. All policies will be added to the Candidate Guide.

**10. Presentation by AEQUO; regarding future of Non-APA evaluations.**

Dr. Cody Goodwin met with Dr. Paul, prior to the Board meeting, to discuss the needs of the evaluations. Dr. Goodwin, by way of 2013 CPA examination statistics, presented to the Board the difference in scores evaluated by age and accreditation in regards to passing score. He continued that if given the entire information he may be able to evaluate the Nevada State exam. However, AEQUO will not be able to assist with Non-APA equivalency evaluation process due to its complexities.

**11. Discussion and Decision on action regarding Unlicensed Activity**

Deferred until next meeting.

**12. Review/decision upon applications. (NRS 241.030)**

**PSYCHOLOGISTS/PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANTS/INTERNS**

- A. Ines Acevedo Lugo - No discussion warranted
- B. Sarah Adams - No discussion warranted
- C. Katheryn Allen - No discussion warranted
- D. John Barona - No discussion warranted
- E. Medina Baumgart - No discussion warranted
- F. Stephanie Bellusa - No discussion warranted
- G. Stephen Benning - Dr. Young motioned to approve post-doctoral supervision plan. Ms. Becker Second. Board Vote 5-0-1.
- H. Laura Birholtz - Dr. Young motioned to approve delaying licensure, per applicant request until

January 2016. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board Vote 6-0-0.

I. Ashley Bock - No discussion warranted  
J. Carolyn Bola - No discussion warranted  
K. Bruce Bongar - No discussion warranted  
L. Michael Borders - No discussion warranted  
M. Dustin Braun - No discussion warranted  
N. Lucas Broten - No discussion warranted  
O. Cory Brown - No discussion warranted  
P. Cynthia Cameron - No discussion warranted  
Q. Joseph Casciani - No discussion warranted  
R. Sylvia Chang - No discussion warranted  
S. Maria Cid - No discussion warranted  
T. Herbert Coard III - No discussion warranted  
U. Janet Cummings - No discussion warranted  
V. Rachel Davis - No discussion warranted  
W. Amanda Devillez - No discussion warranted  
X. John Dolores - No discussion warranted  
Y. Soseh Esmaeili - No discussion warranted  
Z. Nancy Farris - No discussion warranted  
AA. Brent Fladmo - No discussion warranted  
BB. Andrew Freeman - No discussion warranted  
CC. Jeremy Gallas - No discussion warranted  
DD. Jared Grant - No discussion warranted  
EE. Courtney Haight - No discussion warranted  
FF. Patricia Hanisee - No discussion warranted  
GG. Sandra Hawa - No discussion warranted  
HH. Mikaela Hildebrant - No discussion warranted  
II. David Holcomb - No discussion warranted  
JJ. Suzannia Holden - No discussion warranted  
KK. Roy Hookham - No discussion warranted  
LL. Sethlin Hookstra - No discussion warranted  
MM. Yue, Huang - No discussion warranted  
NN. Puja, Jaitly - No discussion warranted  
OO. Sophia Johnson - No discussion warranted  
PP. Karen Kampfner - No discussion warranted  
QQ. Deanna Khoshaba - No discussion warranted  
RR. Deborah Khoshaba - No discussion warranted  
SS. Janet Kraft - No discussion warranted  
TT. Andrew Krueger - No discussion warranted  
UU. Cianni Kwon - No discussion warranted  
VV. Denise Labelle - No discussion warranted  
WW. Nadia Samad Locey - No discussion warranted  
XX. Dustin Marsh - No discussion warranted  
YY. Christopher McBride - No discussion warranted  
ZZ. Eva Miller - No discussion warranted  
AAA. Farnaz Mizrahi - No discussion warranted  
BBB. Alexandra Montesi - No discussion warranted  
CCC. Brian Norensberg - No discussion warranted  
DDD. Nusha Nouhi - No discussion warranted  
EEE. Ana Olivares - No discussion warranted  
FFF. Yelena Oren - No discussion warranted  
GGG. Chauncey Parker - No discussion warranted  
HHH. Cathleen Piazza - No discussion warranted  
III. Eileen Proctor - No discussion warranted  
JJJ. Katherine Puceta - No discussion warranted  
KKK. Mary Pulido-Banner - No discussion warranted  
LLL. Deborah Purscell - No discussion warranted  
MMM. Rhiannon Rager - No discussion warranted  
NNN. Tara Raines - No discussion warranted  
OOO. Danielle Richards - No discussion warranted  
PPP. Luz Robles Gonzales - No discussion warranted  
QQQ. Judith Rosenthal - No discussion warranted  
RRR. Samantha Saucedo - No discussion warranted  
SSS. Jeff Schanowitz - No discussion warranted  
TTT. Bethany Schlinger - No discussion warranted  
UUU. Christine Schuster - No discussion warranted  
VVV. Halleh Seddighzadeh - No discussion warranted  
WWW. Prachi Sharma - No discussion warranted  
XXX. Shewta Sharma - No discussion warranted  
YYY. Mark Short - No discussion warranted  
ZZZ. DeAnn Smetana - No discussion warranted  
AAAA. Lynn Stadler - No discussion warranted

- BBBB. Lonnie Stapp - No discussion warranted
- CCCC. Laurel Stinar - No discussion warranted
- DDDD. Kathi Studden - No discussion warranted
- EEEE. Valerie Tolbert - No discussion warranted
- FFFF. Colette Valette - No discussion warranted
- GGGG. Michellane VenDivel-Mouton - No discussion warranted
- HHHH. James Wakefield - No discussion warranted
- IIII. Joseph Wallach - No discussion warranted
- JJJJ. Allison Werlinger - Dr. Young motioned to approve supervision plan. Dr. Wood Antonuccio second. Board Vote 6-0-0.
- KKKK. Georgia Yu - No discussion warranted

**BEHAVIOR ANALYST/ASSISTANT BEHAVIOR ANALYST/CABI**

- a) Kaylin Arnold - No discussion warranted
- b) Vince Asuncion - No discussion warranted
- c) Monica Avila - Dr. Young motioned to approve closure of file due to lack of response. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board Vote 6-0-0.
- d) Juliette Bacon - No discussion warranted
- e) Kaycee Bennett - Dr. Young motioned to approve closure of file due to lack of response. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second. Board Vote 6-0-0.
- f) Sarah Cho - No discussion warranted
- g) Shannon Crozier - No discussion warranted
- h) Katharine Gutshall - No discussion warranted
- i) Jessica Hinman - No discussion warranted
- j) Eric Kessler - Dr. Wood-Antonuccio motioned to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam and file completion. Dr. Young second. Board Vote 6-0-0.
- k) Evelyn Kung - No discussion warranted
- l) Jessica Love - No discussion warranted
- m) Cassandra McKenzie - No discussion warranted
- n) Randi Melvin - Dr. Wood-Antonuccio motioned to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam and file completion. Dr. Young second. Board Vote 6-0-0.
- o) Alexis Mutisya - No discussion warranted
- p) Rebecca Neuffer - No discussion warranted
- q) Angelo Oram - No discussion warranted
- r) Gabriela Ortega-Rios - No discussion warranted
- s) Joanna Raymundo - Dr. Wood-Antonuccio motioned to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam and file completion. Dr. Young second. Board Vote 6-0-0.
- t) Shea Redd - No discussion warranted
- u) Vicki Tam - No discussion warranted
- v) Susan Woods - No discussion warranted

**13. Review of LCB file R127-14, discuss how to proceed**

The Board made additional changes to R127-14 to include limitation on attempts of the state licensing exam as well as removing Certified Autism Behavior Interventionist in all forms from NAC 641. Dr. Young made a motion to approve changes. Dr. Paglini second. Board passed 6-0-0.

**14. Final Legislative report of tracked bills during 2015 session.**

The report will be reviewed and discussed at October Board meeting.

**15. Discussion Regarding Institutionally based pre-doctoral supervision.**

Dr. Paul requested clarification of NAC 641.390(1). After discussion Dr. Lenkeit recommended this be part of the sub-committee to evaluate NAC changes.

**16. Discussion and Decision of Policy and Procedure of Psychological Interns.**

This matter has already been discussed at the last meeting.

**17. Discussion of Psychological State Exam cutoff scores**

Dr. Wood-Antonuccio stated a concern that we are losing many highly qualified people, to the difficulty of the exam. She stated that looking at the "why" and "what" questions may be needed. Ms. Alldredge stated that now is the time to make the exam more state ethics codes and state regulations. Ms. Alldredge will work with Dr. Holland and Comira to come back with a game plan at a later date.

**18. Correspondence**

**A. Brian Lech; Requesting Board to request AG opinion regarding NRS 432B.040**

Dr. Lech is requesting an Attorney General opinion, due to the great lack of clarity in the reporting of previous child abuse in an adult client in the current statutes. It was decided that a formal request from the Board must be made to the Attorney General's office. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio motioned to approve the formal request. Dr. Paglini second. Board approved 6-0-0. Ms. Alldredge will write the letter on behalf of the Board.

**B. Stephen Benning; Request for approval of post-doctoral supervision plan.**

The Board reviewed the submitted plan and received clarification from Dr. Benning. Dr. Young motioned to approve. Ms. Becker second. Board Vote 5-0-1. Dr. Paul recused as she is Dr. Benning's Supervisor of record.

**C. Allison Winger; Approval of Supervision by Donald Blagg**

Upon review of Ms. Werlinger's request for alternative supervision, the Board stated that Donald Blagg would need to submit a supervision plan. Dr. Young motioned to approve. Dr. Wood Antonuccio second. Board Vote 6-0-0.

**D. Laura Birholtz; Request to delay activating licensure.**

This request was to defer activating license until January 2016. The pro-rate will be effective until January 2016. Dr. Young motioned to approve. Dr. Wood Antonuccio second. Board Vote 6-0-0.

**E. Elyse Kompaniez-Dunigan; Request for approval of Respecialization plan**

Ms. Kompaniez-Dunigan outlined her anticipated coursework entailing 36 credits. Due to the complexity of this request it will be reviewed and discussed at the October Board meeting.

**20. Public Comment.**

No public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Young moved to adjourn meeting. Dr. Wood-Antonuccio second at 11:54pm, with a 10 minute break at 11:10am. Board passed 6-0-0.