

MINUTES OF A MEETING FOR
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

DATE OF MEETING: Friday, January 6, 2017

Time: 9:00 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 University of Nevada, Reno System Computing Services room 47, , Reno, Nevada 89557

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:10am

In Las Vegas:

John Paglini, Psy.D., Member

Others Present:

Noelle Lefforge, Ph.D.

Lyudmyla Pyankovska

In Reno:

Michelle Paul, Ph.D., President

Sheila Young, Ph.D., Secretary/Treasurer

Yvonne Wood, Ph.D., Member

Patrick Ghezzi, Ph.D., Member

Pam Becker, Member

Whitney Owens, Psy.D., Member

Others Present:

Morgan Alldredge, Executive Director

Pam Snyder, Executive Assistant

Sarah Bradley, DAG

Neena Laxalt, Lobbyist

Alex Tanchek, Lobbyist Assistant

2. Public Comment

-Dr. Noelle Lefforge read into record the letter from Nevada Psychological Association (Attachment A)

-Lyudmyla Pyankova, asked, "Is there a regulation in regard to a child interview and questioning a child behind closed doors". She shared that she felt what had happened in regards to her complaint filed with the Board is a violation of due process.

3. Approval of minutes of previous meetings

Dr. Ghezzi motioned to approve the Friday, December 2, 2016 minutes. Ms. Becker second the motion. Board Vote 6-0-1. (Dr. Paglini out of the room).

4. Treasurer's report for F/Y 2016-2017.

Dr. Young reported that we have received over \$160,000.00 dollars and will meet our budget for the next 2 years. Expenses in December included a temporary employee to help with renewal. ASPPB membership was paid for which is \$1769.00 annually. Increased expenses in January for Board training which include lodging and food for the weekend for the Board. Ms. Becker motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Dr. Wood second. Board Vote 6-0-1. (Dr. Paglini out of the room).

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

A. Complaint #15-0928 - Deferred until next meeting, investigator still working on.

B. Complaint #15-1123 - Deferred until next meeting for further discussion, possible settlement.

C. Complaint #16-0222 - Deferred until next meeting, still waiting for information.

D. Complaint #16-0328 - Deferred until next meeting, possible settlement.

E. Complaint #16-0818 - Dr. Owens, the reviewing Board member read the following summary in regard to this complaint, (See attachment B). After a lengthy discussion and hearing the summary Dr. Wood motioned to dismiss the complaint, Dr. Young second. Board Voted 5-0-2 to dismiss. (Dr. Owens and Dr. Paglini recusing).

F. Complaint #16-0919 - Deferred until next meeting, investigator still working on.

G. Complaint #16-1005 - Deferred until next meeting, investigator still working on.

H. Complaint #16-1115 - Dr. Ghezzi, the reviewing Board member recommends there be further investigation and possible punishment. Dr. Owens motioned to go forward to DAG. Dr. Wood second. Board Vote 6-0-1 (Dr. Ghezzi recusing).

I. Complaint #16-1221 - Deferred until next meeting, not assigned yet.

J. Complaint #16-1222 - Deferred until next meeting, needs to be reassigned.

6. Discussion and Decision regarding Unlicensed Activity

- A. Update regarding complaint for Injunctive Relief filed against David Hopper in the Eighth Judicial district Court.** Ms. Bradley did not have an update at this time, waiting to hear from Nevada Supreme Court.
- B. UL20150001** - Ms. Bradley says there may be a hearing at the next meeting on February 10, 2017; most likely postponed to April Board meeting.

7. Discussion and Decision regarding Office Staff salaries

-Discussion and decision regarding Executive Assistant Salary

It was decided that Executive Assistant Salary does not need Board approval. The Board approves the budget for the office salary. A review/evaluation should be made and then the Executive Director can decide to give raises to office staff.

8. Review of 2016 Psychology State Exam Score

-Update from Exam Commissioner

The exam commissioner had an emergency and could not attend the meeting. She will attend the February 10, 2017 Board meeting and give an update at that time.

Per Dr. Paul, questions to ask:

- 1- Items that they miss - State Ethics -vs- Practice
- 2- Pros and cons regarding open book exam
- 3- Difficulty level of items

9. Schedule of future Board meetings, hearings, and workshops

Board training is scheduled for January 7, 2017 at 10:00am at the Board office meeting room. February 10, 2017 is the next Board meeting that could include a hearing. April 7, 2017 and May 5, 2017 are future Board meetings. The ASPPB meeting in Memphis Tennessee, will be April 26-30th. It was decided that the following members would be attending: Sheila Young, Whitney Owens, Michelle Paul and Executive Director Morgan Alldredge. Dr. Young's travel and lodging is covered by ASPPB as she is a current member of their Board of Directors.

10. Board needs, operations, and schedules.

A. Discussion and Development of Evaluation committee

-This will be discussed at the Board Training January 7, 2017

B. Discussion and Development of Disciplinary Committee

-This will be discussed at the Board Training January 7, 2017

C. Update regarding 2017-2018 license renewal

-There was a discussion about the problem of Face to Face credits that were not being met, during this renewal. Ms. Bradley was asked to write a letter stating that until these psychologists meet NRC 641.132 they will be on an expired status. They will need to complete their requirements by March 1, 2017. Ms. Snyder to get the names and addresses to Ms. Bradley to write the letters.

11. 79th Legislative session

A. BDRs or Future Legislative actions that may affect the Board.

Nenna Laxalt informed the Board that BDR's change daily. She shared there is an online legislative tracking system called PLT for those interested in following progress daily.

Ms. Laxalt introduced what may be the most important bills to the Board as of the date of the meeting.

-BDR-157 - This bill is in regard to a "Super Board Bill". This would be a bill that takes all the Boards and combine them under one roof. The North Carolina State Dental Board decision, is the impetus for these "super Boards". Ms. Laxalt explained how it might affect the Board.

-SB69 - This is the Governor's bill. It clarifies the Governor's ability in regard to interaction with regulatory Boards and Commissions. The Bill allows for the Governor to encourage progress on qualified applicants and to enforce term limits on Board members. Ms. Laxalt will watch for changing language.

-BDR-351 - This is the combined compact that focuses on State licensing and the oversight of State licensing. An addition was made for a special license outside of the compact that would include our Non-Resident Consultant licenses.

-BDR-410 - This is the Mental Health Consolidation bill. Dr. Paul shared what she had read in regard to this bill. She shared that the legislative committee on Health Care would transfer responsibility to the State Board of Health where they would have on the Board one psychologist or one BCBA, one MFT or one CPC, and one Social Worker and one

member of the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Board. Then she shared that there would be sub-committees under the State Board of Health representing the current existing Boards that would consist of 3 members (1 one of which would be the psychologist or Behavior Analyst that sits on the State Board of Health), at least one member but not more than two, who is licensed in the professional area for more than 5 years, and at least one member, but not more than two having served in the last 10 years as a core or full time faculty member at a regionally accredited university, and not a regionally accredited program.

The concern that Dr. Paul expressed was that there is a big difference between an accredited college and an accredited program. Dr. Paul explained that we will be simultaneously doing two things as a Board. The first, arguing for our independence as our own Board and the second making sure that language changes that are made we can remain comfortable with.

Ms. Becker shared that a major absence is the public view. Her concern was that a public member is not even being considered.

Health Care Quality Control will be responsible for the disciplining and may establish peer review panels to evaluate complaints with against similarly licensed Behavioral Health professionals.

Ms. Bradley shared that other Boards have done this and have created sub-committees that are not Board members and in this capacity they can only review and make recommendations to the Board.

Dr. Paul shared that one of the issues that Senator Oscarson brought up was that the need for a super Board will help with the general lack of oversight and accountability that is now happening. Ms. Bradley shared that some of that may be that the process is not monitored. She shared that when the DAG is the one offering the advice, it is different than a private attorney who is actually getting paid by the Board. The Attorney General or deputies give the advice and provide the accountability that keeps the Boards out of trouble and keeps the Boards doing the right thing.

Dr. Paul stated that in reading the BDR's there does not seem to be a mechanism that would allow the Board to maintain its' ASPPB membership. If we lose our membership we lose access to the portal, access to EPPP, our mobility.

Ms. Becker states that if we go under a Board that doesn't understand all the nuisances, in the psychology field of licensing, the ability to protect the public will be lost.

Dr. Paul and Ms. Alldredge are the Legislative committee. They are planning on meeting with other Boards on Monday, January 9th. A meeting on January 12th from 1pm to 3pm in Carson City with Cody Phinney is planned, in regard to some of this legislation. Ms. Alldredge will send the call in information if anyone wants to hear.

Ms. Becker asks a question to Noelle Lefforge from Nevada Psychological Association if she feels the need for both the Board and the Association. Ms. Lefforge shared that yes she believes there is a need for both as the Board's responsibility is to protect the public and the Association's responsibility is to protect the psychologist. Ms. Bradley shares that the relationship between the NPA and the Board appears to be very healthy and professional.

Dr. Ghezzi asked about BDR-363 revising provisions relating to autism. It was clarified to Dr. Ghezzi that it didn't have to do with any of the other changes we were discussing.

Dr. Paul closed sharing who Debra Scott is, that she came from the Nursing Board as the past Executive Director and was asked by Richard Whitley to come to each of the Board offices to give her recommendations. For our Board it was suggested that we make an effort to go on-line with our renewals and to provide the ability to pay by credit card.

Ms. Laxalt will go into more length at the Board training tomorrow.

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

PSYCHOLOGISTS/PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANTS/PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERN

- A. Kamaar Abulsaad - No discussion warranted
- B. Ines Acevedo Lugo - No discussion warranted
- C. Crystal Allen - No discussion warranted
- D. Elham Aminigohar - No discussion warranted
- E. Gera Anderson - No discussion warranted
- F. Denese Arvelo - No discussion warranted
- G. Hope Bagley - No discussion warranted
- H. John Barona - Dr. Owens motioned to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam. Dr. Young second. Board Vote 5-0-0.
- I. Stephanie Bellusa - No discussion warranted
- J. Steven Banning - No discussion warranted
- K. Ashley McCabe Bock - No discussion warranted
- L. Matthew Boland - No discussion warranted
- M. Tara Boswell - No discussion warranted
- N. Adam Bradford - No discussion warranted
- O. Cory Brown - No discussion warranted
- P. Sonja Burke - No discussion warranted
- Q. Cynthia Cameron - No discussion warranted
- R. Rachel Cappuro - No discussion warranted
- S. Rita Carlson - No discussion warranted
- T. Joseph Casciani - No discussion warranted
- U. Sylvia Chang - No discussion warranted
- V. Daniel Chatel - No discussion warranted
- W. Maria Cid - No discussion warranted
- X. Lara Conrad - No discussion warranted
- Y. John Crum - No discussion warranted
- Z. Allison Deatherage - Dr. Owens motioned to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam. Dr. Young second. Board Vote 5-0-0.
- AA. Melissa Depa - No discussion warranted
- BB. Amanda DeVillez - No discussion warranted
- CC. Nicole Dionsio - No discussion warranted
- DD. Margaret Dixon - No discussion warranted
- EE. Melanie Duckworth - No discussion warranted
- FF. Brent Fladmo - Dr. Owens motioned to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam. Dr. Young second. Board Vote 5-0-0.
- GG. Andrew Freeman - No discussion warranted
- HH. William Gallego - No discussion warranted
- II. Karesha Gayles - No discussion warranted
- JJ. Rucsandra GEorgescu - No discussion warranted
- KK. Kim Goldman - Dr. wood motioned to approve for temporary license and state exam contingent upon file completion and approval. Dr. Young second. Board Vote 5-0-0.
- LL. Sandra Gray - No discussion warranted
- MM. Cindy Greenslade - Dr. Owens motioned to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam. Dr. Young second. Board Vote 5-0-0.
- NN. Jennifer Grimes-Vawters - No discussion warranted
- OO. Amanda Grovert - Dr. Wood motioned to approve for temporary license and state exam contingent upon file completion and approval. Dr. Young second. Board Vote 5-0-0.
- PP. Steve Guevera - No discussion warranted
- QQ. Patricia Hanisee - No discussion warranted
- RR. John Hanson - Dr. Owens motioned to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam. Dr. Young second. Board Vote 5-0-0.
- SS. Mary Harrison - No discussion warranted
- TT. Bernadette Hinojos - No discussion warranted
- UU. Greg Hirokawa - No discussion warranted
- VV. Rebecca Holczer - No discussion warranted
- WW. Roy Hookham - No discussion warranted
- XX. Josette Iribarne-Cazcano - No discussion warranted
- YY. Puja Jaitly - No discussion warranted
- ZZ. Tami Jeffcoat - No discussion warranted
- AAA. Luke Jensen - No discussion warranted
- BBB. James Jobe - No discussion warranted No discussion warranted
- CCC. Davina Johnston - No discussion warranted
- DDD. Timi Jordison - No discussion warranted
- EEE. Amoreena Juarez - No discussion warranted
- FFF. Johanna Kang - No discussion warranted
- GGG. Alexia Kevonian - No discussion warranted
- HHH. Deborah Khoshaba - No discussion warranted
- III. Janet Kraft - No discussion warranted
- JJJ. Andrew Krueger - No discussion warranted
- KKK. Denise LaBelle - No discussion warranted
- LLL. Quinten Lynn - Dr. Wood motioned to approve for temporary license and state exam contingent upon file completion and

approval. Dr. Young second. Board Vote 5-0-0.

MMM. Salvatore Maddi - No discussion warranted

NNN. Camille Malcherzyk - No discussion warranted

OOO. Dustin Marsh - No discussion warranted

PPP. Lynn Marshall - Dr. Wood motioned to close file due to non-response. Dr. Owens second. Board Vote 5-0-0.

QQQ. Wayne McClellan - No discussion warranted

RRR. Mark McDonough - No discussion warranted

SSS. Stephanie McLaughlin - No discussion warranted

TTT. Claudia Mejia - No discussion warranted

UUU. Farnza Mizrahi - Dr. Wood motioned to close file due to non-response. Dr. Owens second. Board Vote 5-0-0.

VVV. Alexandria Moorer - No discussion warranted

WWW. Amy Mouanoutoua - No discussion warranted

XXX. Nusha Nouhi - No discussion warranted

YYY. Yelena Oren - No discussion warranted

ZZZ. Dorothy Parriott - No discussion warranted

AAAA. Dylena Pierce - No discussion warranted

BBBB. Brian Potts - No discussion warranted

CCCC. Elizabeth Pritchard - No discussion warranted

DDDD. Mary Pulido-Banner - No discussion warranted

EEEE. Deborah Purscell - No discussion warranted

FFFF. Tara Raines - No discussion warranted

GGGG. Reshma Rampersad - No discussion warranted

HHHH. Jamie Rehmel - No discussion warranted

IIII. Luz Robles-Gonzalez - No discussion warranted

JJJJ. Brian Sackett - No discussion warranted

KKKK. Samantha Saucedo - No discussion warranted

LLLL. Jeff Schanowitz - No discussion warranted

MMMM. Avraham Schweiger - No discussion warranted

NNNN. Shamecca Scott - No discussion warranted

OOOO. Halleh Seddighzadeh - No discussion warranted

PPPP. Devin Seid - No discussion warranted

QQQQ. Prachi Sharma - No discussion warranted

RRRR. Shweta Sharma - No discussion warranted

SSSS. Leigh Silverton - No discussion warranted

TTTT. DeAnn Smetana - No discussion warranted

UUUU. Jordan Soper - No discussion warranted

VVVV. Richard Starrett - No discussion warranted

WWWW. Ellie Sternquist - No discussion warranted

XXXX. Nicole Stoupton - No discussion warranted

YYYY. Marilyn Strada - No discussion warranted

ZZZZ. Valerie Tolbert - No discussion warranted

AAAAA. Lennon Tyler - No discussion warranted

BBBBB. Lynelle Tyler - No discussion warranted

CCCCC. Joyce Ulofoshio - No discussion warranted

DDDDD. Michellane Vendivel-Mouton - No discussion warranted

EEEEE. James Wakefield - No discussion warranted

FFFFF. Betty Waldheim - Dr. Wood motioned to close file due to non-response. Dr. Owens second. Board Vote 5-0-0.

GGGGG. Allison Werlinger - No discussion warranted

HHHHH. Tela Wilson - No discussion warranted

BEHAVIOR ANALYST/ASSISTANT BEHAVIOR ANALYST

A. Thomas Brown - No discussion warranted

B. Rebecca Click - No discussion warranted

C. Jamie Goodrich - No discussion warranted

D. Sierra Rainwater - No discussion warranted

E. Stephanie Rasbach - No discussion warranted

F. Diana Richardson - Dr. Young motioned to approve for temporary licensure and state exam contingent upon file completion and approval. Dr. Wood second. Board Vote 5-0-0.

G. Sarah Richling - No discussion warranted

H. Amber Suarez-Santiago - No discussion warranted

I. Desirae Wingerter - Dr. Young motioned to approve for temporary licensure and state exam contingent upon file completion and approval. Dr. Wood second. Board Vote 5-0-0.

13. Update regarding changes to NAC 641.

Dr. Paul stated that there was a commission meeting that Ms. Alldredge attended. Senator Hardy and Senator Oscarson pulled all changes for discussion stating that there should not be any language changes because of the Board consolidation that will occur. Assemblywomen Teresa Benitez-Thompson stated that we cannot assume this will happen and cannot stop the Boards from going forward and doing their business.

A. R128-14 - This was not approved at the Commission meeting. As there were concerns about the Board overstepping its' bounds. Dr. Paul asks that Ms. Bradley provide a letter to help with the rational and history to help support this.

B. R131-15 - Clarification of language in regard to the intent of this bill in regard to licensing requirements for faculty who are teaching psychology or researching, verses when supervision and therapy is involved. There were many questions and it was apparent they did not understand the intent of the language changes. This needs to be explained at the next commission

meeting. The hope to have a meeting with Senator Hardy, Senator Oscarson, Assembly Women Benitez-Thompson before the next commission meeting.

C. R038-16 - Walden University came to the table and shared that they have no problems with this bill now that the language has been changed and this bill was the only one passed and approved.

14. Approve for Transition

A. Casey Hayden; LaBA to LBA

B. Rebecca Weber; LaBa to LBA

-Dr. Owens motioned to approve both transitions. Dr. Wood second. Board approved 5-0-0.

15. Public Comment.

Ms. Pyankovska was asked to leave during the discussion of item 5(E). She was asked multiple times to follow the protocol of the Board. After continuing she was escorted out of the room.

Dr. Paul - In regard to public comment when there are complaints that are being disputed, where can Ms. Alldredge direct them. It was suggested possibly the State Bar Attorney number. It was also suggested that we develop a better statement to the public in regard to public meetings and what is allowed and not allowed.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Owens second. Board Vote 5-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.