

MINUTES OF A MEETING FOR  
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday November 9, 2016 Time: 9:00 a.m.  
PLACE: University of Nevada, 4505 S. Maryland Pkwy. System Computing Services Room 306, Las Vegas, NV 89101  
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 9:15am**

**In Las Vegas:**

Michelle Paul, Ph.D., President  
Whitney Owens, Psy, D., Member  
Brian Lech, Ph.D., JD  
Lyudmyla Pyankovska  
Nick Donath

**In Carson City:**

Sheila Young, Ph.D., Secretary/Treasurer  
Yvonne Wood, Ph.D. Member  
Patrick Ghezzi, Ph.D., Member

**Others Present:**

Morgan Alldredge, Executive Director  
Pam Snyder, Executive Assistant  
Sarah Bradley, DAG  
Peter Keegan, DAG  
Hal Taylor  
Anthony Edwards, Ph.D.  
John Krogh, Ph.D  
Joanna Jacob  
Lea Cartwright

**2. Public Comment**

Ms. Pyankovska began providing comment. Ms. Bradley informed Ms. Pyankovska could not make comment on an open complaint.

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

Dr. Ghezzi motioned to approve the Friday, September 9, 2016 minutes, Dr. Wood second the motion. Board Vote 5-0-0.

**4. Treasurer's report for F/Y 2015-2016, since previous meetings.**

The Board checking account is at **\$53,399.32**. Dr. Young reported that the Board has begun renewal process, the time the Board receives the majority of our income. To get renewals out there is an increased cost in copying, postage and office staff time. The office hired the temporary person, approved at the September Board meeting, she started November 7, 2016. Her final week will be after the Board member training in January. The 7 month CD renewed in October @ .05%. We made \$8.30 with a current balance of \$28,296.47. Will reopen in May 2017. The 9 month CD will renew November 13, 2016.

There was an increase in Exam Development with Comira. Ms. Alldredge is working with the exam commissioner, Dr. Holland to address this issue.

Otherwise, the Board office has been successful at running between \$9000.00 and \$12,000.00 per month. Dr. Young reminded the Board that all members' attendance at the October ASPPB meeting in Hawaii cannot be sponsored by the Board, due to budget constraints, it is encouraged to attend April's meeting in Memphis.

After research into the Bank of America fee charges, it was found that the extra charges only pertain to cash deposits inside the bank, it does not apply to the office's current deposit method and therefore there is no reason to change banks.

The additional director and officer insurance requested by Ms. Becker, may be a very high expense for the Board. Ms. Alldredge will call around and see what it would be for our Board to get insurance and report back at a future meeting. Dr. Paul brought up the need for a Hospitality Budget to be established and proposed \$1000.00 annually. Dr. Wood motioned to approve this budget and Dr. Ghezzi second. Board Vote 5-0-0. Dr. Ghezzi motioned to approve entire Treasurer's report. Dr. Wood second. Board Vote 5-0-0.

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

- A. Complaint #15-0317** - Ms. Bradley presented a settlement agreement as approved by Mr. Donath and Mr. Taylor, Dr. Pratt's attorneys. Upon review the Board made a few additions to the settlement agreement. Dr. Pratt has agreed to limit his practice such that he will not participate in or otherwise provide recommendations or evaluations for child custody or visitation matters; Dr. Pratt agrees to take a six-hour continuing education course on communication and cooperation with others, including professionals, within 3 months from the date of the Board's Order approving this agreement. Dr. Pratt shall provide the Board with a summary of what he learned in this course, within three months from the date of the Board's Order approving this agreement. Dr. Pratt agrees to not supervise any psychological interns, psychological assistants, or otherwise take responsibility for any other supervisees engaging in mental health services, unless he first requests and receives approval from the Board to do so; Dr. Pratt must take and pass all five

topic areas of the EBAS - Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services within 1 year from the date of the Board's Order approving this agreement. Dr. Pratt agrees to reimburse the Board for its' costs expended in this matter in an amount not to exceed \$3500.00. The Board will provide Respondent with an exact tally of its costs expended within fifteen days of the date of the Board's Order approving this agreement. The costs may be paid in payments to the Board office, provided that the total amount due is paid within 1 year from the date of the Board's Order approving this agreement. The Board added the addition that Dr. Pratt needs to submit Quarterly Affidavits to verify he is meeting all the settlement requirements with an affidavit in 2108 upon renewal of his license. Dr. Ghezzi motioned to approve settlement with the addition of Quarterly affidavits for 1 year with another affidavit upon 2018 renewal. Dr. Wood second. Board Vote 4-0-1. Dr. Owen recused.

- B. **Complaint #15-0928** -Deferred to the next Board meeting. Ms. Bradley looking at different options.
- C. **Complaint #15-1123** - Upon review, Dr. Wood recommends forwarding to the Attorney General's office for further review and possible action. Dr. Young motioned to forward the complaint to the Attorney General's office. Dr. Ghezzi second. Board Vote 4-0-1. Dr. Wood recused.
- D. **Complaint #15-1130** - A settlement agreement was made. Dr. Edwards drafted a proper informed consent form and waived his right to hearing. Dr. Young motioned to approve the settlement. Dr. Owens second. Board Vote 4-0-1. Dr. Wood recused.
- E. **Complaint #16-0115** -Deferred to the next meeting. Ms. Bradley working on settlement.
- F. **Complaint #16-0222** - Awaiting police investigation results. Ms. Bradley requests to remain on agenda until future notice.
- G. **Complaint #16-0328** -Deferred to next meeting.
- H. **Complaint #16-0606** - Deferred to next meeting.
- I. **Complaint #16-0613** - Dr. Ghezzi, the reviewing Board member recommended dismissal of the complaint. Dr. Wood motioned to dismiss the complaint. Dr. Young second. Board Vote 4-0-1. Dr. Ghezzi recused as the reviewing Board member.
- J. **Complaint #16-0705** - Deferred to next meeting.
- K. **Complaint #16-0706** - Awaiting further information from psychologist. Deferred until next meeting.
- L. **Complaint #16-0818** - Deferred until next meeting.
- M. **Complaint #16-0919** - Deferred until next meeting.

#### **6. Discussion and Decision regarding Unlicensed Activity**

- A. **Update regarding complaint for Injunctive Relief filed against David Hopper in the Eighth Judicial District Court** - Case was sent back to Court of Appeals from the Supreme Court. Court of Appeals is bound by the Webb case and the Board should hear a response from the Court of Appeals in a reasonable time.
- B. **UL2015001** - This case reviewed by Dr. Paglini, last year. Action by the Board was delay as another State Agency filed suit against the same person. The Board has been waiting for the results of the civil complaint but due to delays in court there has been no action. Ms. Bradley and Ms. Alldredge are encouraging the Board to move forward on our complaint without waiting. It was recommended to schedule hearing for 2017.

#### **7. Update from meeting with Executive Director and Board President**

**-Observations** - A Handout was given showing the statistics of APA verses Non-APA score results, along with the number of attempts for both EPPP and state exams. The Non-APA scores were noticeably lower and the number of attempts was noticeably higher. This is information based on the past 100 licenses given by the Board.

**-Recommendations to expedite and streamline the application and licensure process for psychologists** - A handout of the application timeline/process was distributed. There were recommendations made to streamline the process.

- 1) A Board Member does not need to review APA accredited applicants.
- 2) State Exam test results should be released by the next Monday.
- 3) When an applicant fails, they can take the next exam, no longer having to wait out one exam. - This will need to be discussed with Comira and the Exam Commissioner to alter the order of the exams offered.
- 4) The wall licenses will go to e-signatures

Dr. Young made a motion to accept all streamlining recommendations and to change any policies to accept these changes. Dr. Wood second. Board Vote 5-0-0.

#### **8. 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session**

Bill not assigned a number - Bill Draft Requests (BDR) was submitted to consolidate behavioral health Boards. These Boards will be overseen by a State of Nevada Agency. Ms. Alldredge, Ms. Laxalt and Ms. Bradley had a meeting with Cody Phinney to discuss the consolidation Board. Ms. Phinney requested a response to why we should remain autonomous. Ms. Alldredge requested some assistance from the Board of the topics that should be covered. It was noted that the Board is currently able to cover our own costs. Ms. Bradley noted the following questions should be answered: 1) Are we investigating complaints? 2) Are we able to fund them? 3) Are we licensing professionals that are qualified in a quick and efficient

manner? 4) Are we monitoring that current licensees are acting appropriately? To the best of the Board's ability the answer to all the above questions is yes. Furthermore, it was noted that the Board already uses an on-line system PLUS/ASSPB helps support the streamlining of the application process, as well as an independent database. It was noted that it should be stated that the Board values regulations and credentials.

Ms. Alldredge noted in the discussion to streamline applicants, and increase licensee numbers, there could be a possible elimination of post-doctoral hours requirement.

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

The next Board meetings are as follows: December 2, 2016 and January 6, 2017 via Video Conference. Dr. Paul requested that at the December 2, 2016 Board meeting to plan the 2017 calendar. A Board member training is scheduled for Saturday January 7, 2017. A meeting with Board President Dr. Paul and Executive Director Morgan Alldredge was set for Monday, January 9, 2017, 10am in conference room with members of the other professions effected by the consolidation. The next ASSPB meeting is April 27-30<sup>th</sup> in Memphis Tennessee.

#### **10. Board needs, operations, and schedules.**

Debra Scott completed an evaluation of the Board as requested by Department of Health and Human Services. She made some recommendations for our Board. 1) On-Line Renewals 2) Small Board Executive Directors need to meet on a regular basis. Ms. Scott felt that the Work Force analysis was a good thing.

A. Discussion and Development of Evaluation committee - There was no discussion at this meeting.

#### **11. Update regarding changes to NAC 641.**

- A. R128-14 - Waiting to be heard by the Legislative Commission
- B. R131-15 - Scheduled for Public Hearing at the December 2, 2016 Board meeting.
- C. R038-16 - Scheduled for Public Hearing at the December 2, 2016 Board meeting.

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

##### **PSYCHOLOGISTS/PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANTS/PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERN**

- A. Kamaar Abulsaad - No discussion warranted.
- A. Ines Acevedo Lugo - No discussion warranted.
- B. Crystal Allen - No discussion warranted.
- C. Elham Aminigohar - No discussion warranted.
- D. Gera Anderson - No discussion warranted.
- E. Christopher Awosika - No discussion warranted.
- F. Hope Bagley - No discussion warranted.
- G. John Barona - No discussion warranted.
- H. Stephanie Bellusa - No discussion warranted.
- I. Steven Benning - No discussion warranted.
- J. Ashley McCabe Bock - No discussion warranted.
- K. Matthew Boland - No discussion warranted.
- L. Tara Boswell - No discussion warranted.
- M. Adam Bradford - No discussion warranted.
- N. Cory Brown - No discussion warranted.
- O. Sonja Burke - No discussion warranted.
- P. Cynthia Cameron - Motion to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam
- Q. Rachel Cappuro - No discussion warranted.
- R. Rita Carlson - No discussion warranted.
- S. Joseph Casciani - No discussion warranted.
- T. Sylvia Chang - Motion to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam
- U. Daniel Chatel - No discussion warranted.
- V. Maria Cid - No discussion warranted.
- W. Sunshine Collins - No discussion warranted.
- X. Lara Conrad - Motion to approve for temporary license and state exam contingent upon file completion and approval
- Y. John Crum - No discussion warranted.
- Z. Kristen Culbert - Motion to approve for temporary license and state exam contingent upon file completion and approval
- AA. Allison Deatherage - No discussion warranted.
- BB. Melissa Depa - No discussion warranted.
- CC. Amanda DeVillez - No discussion warranted.
- DD. Margaret Dixon - No discussion warranted.
- EE. Melanie Duckworth - No discussion warranted.
- FF. Brent Fladmo - No discussion warranted.
- GG. Andrew Freeman - Motion to approve for state exam contingent upon file completion and approval
- HH. Karesha Gayles - No discussion warranted.
- II. Rucsandra Georgescu - Motion to approve for temporary license and state exam contingent upon file completion and approval
- JJ. Jared Grant - Motion to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam
- KK. Sandra Gray - No discussion warranted.
- LL. Cindy Greenslade - No discussion warranted.
- MM. Patricia Hanisee - No discussion warranted.
- NN. John Hanson - No discussion warranted.
- OO. Mary Harrison - No discussion warranted.
- PP. John Hecker - Motion to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam
- QQ. Bernadette Hinojos - No discussion warranted.
- RR. Greg Hirokawa - Motion to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam

SS. Rebecca Holczer - No discussion warranted.  
 TT. Roy Hookham - No discussion warranted.  
 UU. Yue Huang - Motion to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam  
 VV. Josette Iribarne-Cazcano - No discussion warranted.  
 WW. Puja Jaitly - No discussion warranted.  
 XX. Tami Jeffcoat - No discussion warranted.  
 YY. Luke Jensen - No discussion warranted.  
 ZZ. James Jobe - No discussion warranted.  
 AAA. Sophia Johnson - Motion to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam  
 BBB. Davina Johnston - No discussion warranted.  
 CCC. Amoreena Juarez - No discussion warranted.  
 DDD. Johana Kang - No discussion warranted.  
 EEE. Alexia Kevonian - No discussion warranted.  
 FFF. Deborah Khoshaba - No discussion warranted.  
 GGG. Janet Kraft - No discussion warranted.  
 HHH. Andrew Krueger - No discussion warranted.  
 III. Denise LaBelle - No discussion warranted.  
 JJJ. Salvatore Maddi - No discussion warranted.  
 KKK. Camille Malcherzyk - No discussion warranted.  
 LLL. Dustin Marsh - No discussion warranted.  
 MMM. Lynn Marshall - No discussion warranted.  
 NNN. Wayne McClellan - Motion to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam  
 OOO. Mark McDonough - No discussion warranted.  
 PPP. Stephanie McLaughlin - No discussion warranted.  
 QQQ. Claudia Mejia - No discussion warranted.  
 RRR. Farnaz Mizrahi - No discussion warranted.  
 SSS. Alexandria Moorer - No discussion warranted.  
 TTT. Amy Mouanoutoua - No discussion warranted.  
 UUU. Jason Mouritsen - No discussion warranted.  
 VVV. Nusha Nouhi - No discussion warranted.  
 WWW. Yelena Oren - No discussion warranted.  
 XXX. Dorothy Parriott - No discussion warranted.  
 YYY. Dylena Pierce - No discussion warranted.  
 ZZZ. Brian Potts - No discussion warranted.  
 AAAA. Elizabeth Pritchard - No discussion warranted.  
 BBBB. Mary Pulido-Banner - No discussion warranted.  
 CCCC. Deborah Purscell - No discussion warranted.  
 DDDD. Tara Raines - No discussion warranted.  
 EEEE. Reshma Rampersad - No discussion warranted.  
 FFFF. Tanisha Ranger - Motion to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam  
 GGGG. Jamie Rehmael - No discussion warranted.  
 HHHH. Luz Robles-Gonzalez - No discussion warranted.  
 IIII. Brian Sackett - No discussion warranted.  
 JJJJ. Samantha Saucedo - No discussion warranted.  
 KKKK. Jeff Schanowitz - No discussion warranted.  
 LLLL. Shamecca Scott - Motion to approve for temporary license and state exam contingent upon file completion and approval  
 MMMM. Halleh Seddighzadeh - No discussion warranted.  
 NNNN. Kevin Seid - No discussion warranted.  
 OOOO. Prachi Sharma - No discussion warranted.  
 PPPP. Shewta Sharma - No discussion warranted.  
 QQQQ. Leigh Silverton - No discussion warranted.  
 RRRR. DeAnn Smetana - No discussion warranted.  
 SSSS. Jordan Soper - Motion to approve for temporary license and state exam contingent upon file completion and approval  
 TTTT. Richard Starrett - No discussion warranted.  
 UUUU. Ellie Sternquist - Motion to approve for temporary license and state exam contingent upon file completion and approval.  
 VVVV. Nicole Stoughton - No discussion warranted.  
 WWWW. James Sunbury - No discussion warranted.  
 XXXX. Jodi Thomas - No discussion warranted.  
 YYYY. Valerie Tolbert - No discussion warranted.  
 ZZZZ. Lennon Tyler - No discussion warranted.  
 AAAAA. Lynelle Tyler - No discussion warranted.  
 BBBBB. Joyce Ulofoshio - No discussion warranted.  
 CCCCC. Michellane Vendivel-Mouton - No discussion warranted.  
 DDDDD. James Wakefield - No discussion warranted.  
 EEEEE. Betty Waldheim - No discussion warranted.  
 FFFFF. Joseph Walloch - Motion to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam  
 GGGGG. Allison Werlinger - No discussion warranted.  
 - Tela Wilson - No discussion warranted.

**BEHAVIOR ANALYST/ASSISTANT BEHAVIOR ANALYST**

- a) Rebecca Click - No discussion warranted.
- b) Jamie Goodrich - Motion to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam
- c) Kathryn Mahan - Motion to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam
- d) Kerry Milyko - Motion to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam
- e) Sierra Rainwater - No discussion warranted.
- f) Stephanie Rasbach - Motion to approve for temporary licensure and state exam
- g) Sarah Richling - No discussion warranted.
- h) Kimberly Rowley - Motion to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam
- i) Cynthia Skocypec - Motion to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam
- j) Amber Suarez-Santiago - No discussion warranted.

**13. Update regarding requested Attorney General Opinion for clarification of NRS 432B.040.**

Discussion deferred to further Board Meeting.

**14. Update regarding 2016 Renewal**

**A. Discussion and Decision on whether or not to accept DBT CEU's for Suicide CEU**

**Requirement.** - After a discussion it was decided that Didactic Behavior Testing would be acceptable as long as the content is submitted to show that coverage of suicide was included. Dr. Young motioned that the submission of content of the DBT training needs to show coverage of actual suicide training. Dr. Owens second. Board Vote 5-0-0.

**15. Discussion and Decision regarding Office Staff salaries**

Ms. Alldredge Executive Director and Ms. Snyder Executive Assistant were asked to step out of the room. After discussion of Ms. Alldredge's evaluation the Board recommended that Ms. Alldredge receive a 15% increase and enroll in PERS, at 14.25% contribution by both the Board and Ms. Alldredge. As Ms. Alldredge also uses her personal cell phone to continue Board business the Board will pay half of her phone bill, amounting to \$50.00. Ms. Snyder raise will be discussed at the December Board meeting. Dr. Ghezzi motioned to increase Ms. Alldredge's salary 15%, pay \$50.00 of her cell phone and enroll her in PERS and tabled Ms. Snyder's salary increase until the December Board meeting. Dr. Owens second. Board Vote 4-0-0.

**16. Approve for Transition**

**A. C.Y. Roby: Inactive to Active Psychologist** - Dr. Young motioned to approve the transition. Dr. Ghezzi second. Board Vote 4-0-0.

**B. Brook Madden: LaBA to LBA** - Dr. Young motioned to approve the transition. Dr. Ghezzi second. Board Vote 4-0-0.

**17. Correspondence**

. Deferred to next meeting.

**18. Public Comment**

Dr. Paul motioned that a Discipline Sub-Committee be put on the next agenda. Dr. Lenkeit to attend the meeting to share what he learned at the CLEAR Training.

**19. Adjournment**

Dr. Young motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:52 with a 5 minute break. Dr. Ghezzi second. Board Vote 4-0-0.