

MINUTES OF A MEETING FOR  
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

DATE OF MEETING:                      Friday, June 9, 2017                      Time: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: 555 E. Washington Ave #5100, Las Vegas, NV 89101, Room 4500  
And by Video conference to 100 N. Carson St, Carson City, NV, Mock Court Room

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

**In Las Vegas:**

Michelle Paul, Ph.D., President  
Whitney Owens, Psy.D., Member  
John Paglini, Psy.D., Member

**Others Present:**

Morgan Alldredge, Executive Director  
Gary Lenkeit, Ph.D., Board Investigator  
Brian Lech, JD, Ph.D.  
Jennifer Guttman  
Dorothy Parriott  
Dr. Karine Clay, Ph.D.

**In Reno:**

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

**Others Present:**

Pam Snyder, Executive Assistant  
Sarah Bradley, DAG  
Verne Lewis

**2. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**3. Approval of minutes of previous meetings; January 7, 2017 Board Training, May 5, 2017 Board Meeting.**

Dr. Wood motioned to approve both the January 7, 2017 and the May 5, 2017 minutes. Dr. Owens second. Board Vote 7-0-0.

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

Ms. Alldredge reported that effective January 1, 2019, the Behavior Analyst will no longer be part of the Board. There was a discussion in regard to the income that would affect the Board that came in from the Behavior Analyst. The BA application fee income was \$3400.00, the BA State Exam income was \$1,500.00, the BA Biennial fee income was \$44,729.77 and the LaBA Biennial fee was \$1925.00. Dr. Paul asked for a report on the actual net loss because of losing the BA's, for the next Board meeting. Dr. Wood motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Ms. Alldredge stated that our income was high in May because of the state exam and psychologists being licensed quickly. She reported that our net income is \$133,000.00 and that we are doing good at this time. Ms. Alldredge reported that our 7-month CD renewed for \$8.32. Dr. Wood motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Dr. Paglini second. Board Vote 7-0-0.

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

**A. Complaint #15-1123** - Deferred to next meeting, Ms. Bradley will reach out to psychologist.

**B. Complaint #16-0222** - Deferred to next meeting, Ms. Bradley to contact complainant to request how the Board should proceed. Ms. Bradley will reach out to DA to receive clarification on process and request assistance from AG investigations.

**C. Complaint #16-0328** - Deferred to September 8, 2017 meeting, Ms. Bradley states that a possible settlement may be reached.

**D. Complaint #16-0919** - Deferred to July 14, 2017 Board meeting, Ms. Bradley states that a possible partial settlement may be reached.

**E. Complaint #16-1005** - Deferred to July 14, 2017 Board meeting, Ms. Bradley states that a possible partial settlement may be reached.

**F. Complaint #16-1221** - Deferred to next meeting. Dr. Lenkeit requests to interview the complainant and the psychologist for clarification and more specifics.

**G. Complaint #17-0222** - Defer to next meeting, the complaint was just re-assigned to Dr. Young.

**H. Complaint #17-0522** - Defer to next meeting. Records subpoenaed from Psychologist.

## **6. Vote on Board Positions**

### **Current Positions:**

-**Board President** - Dr. Paul

-**Secretary/Treasurer** - Dr. Young will be terming out July 1, 2017.

-**CE Committee Chair** - Dr. Owens

-**BA Exam Chair** - Dr. Ghezzi

-New Board member will be coming on to replace Dr. Young's member position, Dr. John Krogh.

### **New Positions:**

-**Board President** - Dr. Paul will remain the Board President

-**Secretary/Treasurer** - Dr. Whitney Owens will become Secretary/Treasurer effective July 1, 2017.

-**CE Committee Chair** - Dr. John Krogh will become the CE Committee Chair effective July 1, 2017, with Dr. Wood becoming interim CE Committee Chair until Dr. Krogh is trained.

-**BA Exam Chair** - Dr. Ghezzi will remain the BA Exam Chair

Dr. Young motioned to accept the new positions. Ms. Becker second. Board Vote 7-0-0.

-It was stated that a formal Board orientation for new Board member is tentatively Scheduled for August of 2017.

## **7. Complaint #16-0115 Jennifer Highsmith Request from Supervisor-Regarding the sharing of redacted neurological reports to assist in report writing.**

Ms. Becker stated that it appears Dr. Highsmith is seeing her supervisor, Dr. Cavenagh as a mentor and wants to see her work to see how a seasoned person does her reports and it would be one more step to help her in her professional growth. Dr. Paul states that Dr. Cavenagh, as her supervisor, should work closely with Dr. Highsmith to ensure that she doesn't get into a habit of cutting and pasting on her reports, but learns to integrate and create her own report style and demonstrates an understanding of the concepts. Ms. Alldredge will re-share the order with the Board. Ms. Alldredge will draft a letter to Dr. Cavenagh stating that she can share redacted reports with Dr. Highsmith if she feels comfortable doing so, and to work with Dr. Highsmith to help her develop her own report style that helps her integrate and demonstrate her understanding and mastering of the concepts. It was stated that we also need to thank Dr. Cavenagh for the thorough reports she has been providing. Ms. Becker motioned the approval of the letter to Dr. Cavenagh. Dr. Wood second the motion. Board Vote 7-0-0.

Ms. Alldredge will draft a letter and send to Ms. Bradley.

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

The next Board meetings are scheduled for July 14, 2017, September 8, 2017, October 13, 2017, and November 17, 2017 all meeting at 9:30am. The Evaluation Equivalency Committee will be meeting at 8:30am one hour prior to each of the Board meetings. Ms. Bradley reminded the Board to start looking at regulations and if changes need to be made, now is the time to begin this process.

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

### **A. NSC 69454; 8<sup>th</sup> JD A-10-626745-C: David Hopper; Receipt of damages**

Ms. Bradley will send a demand letter.

### **B. Update from the Evaluation Committee**

The committee is coming up with a variety of tools to evaluate applicants coming from Non-APA accredited programs. Dr. Owens put together a worksheet that helps to see other states that have corresponding licenses which we call green light states, and then we have yellow light states that have some discrepancies and then red light states that do not meet our requirements. We currently have four applicants that we are looking at. Dr. Young has agreed to stay on the sub-committee as an employee of the Board with her job description to include being a part of this sub-committee as well as an investigator. Licensure by endorsement will require changes in the NAC which Dr. Young will also be working on.

## 10. 79<sup>th</sup> Legislative session

- AB429** - This bill was requested by the Board enacting the Interjurisdictional Psychology Compact, (Psypact). The bill passed on May 26, 2017. Nevada became the third state to join the Psypact. We are waiting for 4 more states to join for the compact to become active. There was a discussion in regard to tele-med and appropriate professional scenarios before and after the compact. It was suggested that we may put an article, in regard to this, in the newsletter.
- SB162** - This bill was introduced by the Nevada University training programs, and will allow the registration of currently enrolled graduate students and Psychological trainees. This will allow for the programs to charge for the services provided under supervision. The universities worked alongside the Board to guarantee the language met the requirements and needs of the community. The bill also placed the registration of interns and psychological assistants in the NRS and fingerprinting requirements.
- AB457** - This bill began as a consolidation bill but was changed to be an oversight bill. Dr. Paul updated the Board on the history of the bill and presented the final requirements for the Board. Each Board will be required to submit an annual report to the oversight commission, including complaint, licensing and application information. Ms. Becker requested that the timeline be developed to allow the Board time to review and edit the required report before submission. It was suggested that we add the oversight commission chair to our agenda meeting notices so that if they want to attend a meeting, they know they are welcome. Ms. Alldredge will be emailing DHS to set up a meeting to review the bill and provide the Board with final specific changes required by the bill in order to implement them on a timely basis. Ms. Becker asked that if this meeting is prior to the next Board meeting, that we put an overview of the meeting on the agenda. Dr. Paul asks that we have a standing item that states, "Implementation of Regulation Changes" so that we can monitor our progress. Ms. Becker offered her services to possibly find the most inexpensive route to begin accepting credit cards and further online information. Ms. Bradley recommended possibly looking at the Cosmetology Board and what they are currently using. Dr. Paul recommended using the Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counseling website to model the ideal setup. Ms. Bradley also recommended looking at the Nursing Board's website.
- SB286** - This bill was introduced by Aging and Disability Services. The Director of the department approached Ms. Alldredge who notified the Board in October 2016 of this suggested legislation. She also informed the Board, at that time and throughout the legislative session that the Board would react in the manner the profession requested. Throughout the session, Ms. Alldredge would communicate with the key players of the bill to explain that the lack of professionals is not the fault of the licensing Board, and the Board is just enforcing the requirements set forth in the original 2009 language. While Ms. Alldredge was in continued conversations with members of the licensing community, no professional explicitly requested the Board to attempt to intervene with the passage of the bill and the changing of the structure. As this bill was granted exempt status it was able to work past the deadlines set for standard bills and passed towards the end of the session. Effective January 1, 2019, the licensing of Behavior Analysts will be transferred to the Board developed by this bill. There are other intricacies to the bill that will be outlined at a later time.
- SB357** - This did not pass; it was to change the Licensure by Endorsement.
- SB201** - This did pass; Conversion Therapy is illegal in Nevada.
- AB105** - This did pass; Extends the CE Suicide Requirements to other professions and for a longer period.

-Ms. Becker asked if the Board felt that Neena Laxalt was a good expense of our Board. Ms. Alldredge shared that she was always available at meetings and that she could not have done what she did without Ms. Laxalt. Dr. Paul also shared that Ms. Laxalt's response time was always very prompt and that she did an excellent job.

**A. Legislative Issues that may affect the running of the Board**

AB10	AB429	SB192
AB14	AB457	SB201
AB18		SB218
AB19	SB04	SB274
AB42	SB14	SB286
AB46	SB23	SB290
AB47	SB27	SB305
AB76	SB50	SB325
AB105	SB55	SB348
AB160	SB69	SB354
AB214	SB71	SB367
AB264	SB79	SB374
AB304	SB121	
AB308	SB137	
AB318	SB160	
AB325	SB162	
AB328	SB163	
AB332	SB170	
AB353	SB177	
AB366	SB186	
AB373		
AB403		

**11. Review/decision upon applications (NRS 241.030) PSYCHOLOGISTS/PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANTS/PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERNS**

- A. Kamaar Abulsaad - No discussion warranted
- B. Ines Acevedo Lugo - No discussion warranted
- C. Carolina Morales Alicea - No discussion warranted
- D. Crystal Allen - No discussion warranted
- E. Elham Aminigohar - No discussion warranted
- F. Gera Anderson - No discussion warranted
- G. Brian Andres - No discussion warranted
- H. Gretchen Arian - Dr. Wood motioned to approve for temporary license and state exam contingent upon file completion and approval. Dr. Owens second. Board Vote 7-0-0.
- I. Denese Arvelo - No discussion warranted
- J. Hope Bagley - No discussion warranted
- K. John Barona - No discussion warranted
- L. Stephanie Bellusa - No discussion warranted
- M. Steven Benning - No discussion warranted
- N. Ashley McCabe Bock - Dr. Wood motioned to close file due to applicant's request. Dr. Ghezzi second. Board Vote 7-0-0.
- O. Matthew Boland - No discussion warranted
- P. Tara Boswell - No discussion warranted
- Q. Adam Bradford - No discussion warranted
- R. James Bryan - No discussion warranted
- S. Sonja Burke - No discussion warranted
- T. Cynthia Cameron - No discussion warranted
- U. Rachel Cappuro - No discussion warranted
- V. Rita Carlson - No discussion warranted
- W. Sylvia Chang - No discussion warranted
- X. Daniel Chatel - No discussion warranted
- Y. Lara Conrad - No discussion warranted
- Z. John Crum - No discussion warranted
- AA. Allison Deatherage - No discussion warranted
- BB. Melissa Depa - No discussion warranted
- CC. Amanda DeVillez - No discussion warranted
- EE. Nicole Dionsio - No discussion warranted
- FF. Margaret Dixon - No discussion warranted
- GG. Shawn Emmons - No discussion warranted
- HH. James English - Dr. Wood motioned to approve for temporary license and state exam contingent upon file completion and approval. Dr. Owens second. Board Vote 7-0-0.
- II. Brent Fladmo - No discussion warranted
- JJ. Andrew Freeman - No discussion warranted
- KK. William Gallego - No discussion warranted
- LL. Karesha Gayles - No discussion warranted
- MM. Rucsandra Georgescu - No discussion warranted
- NN. Kim Goldman - No discussion warranted
- OO. Sandra Gray - No discussion warranted
- PP. Cindy Greenslade - No discussion warranted
- QQ. Jennifer Grimes-Vawters - No discussion warranted
- RR. Amanda Grovert - No discussion warranted
- SS. Johanna Gruen - No discussion warranted

TT. Patricia Hanisee - No discussion warranted  
UU. John Hanson - No discussion warranted  
VV. Mary Harrison - No discussion warranted  
WW. Bernadette Hinojos - No discussion warranted  
XX. Rebecca Holczer - No discussion warranted  
YY. Roy Hookham - No discussion warranted  
ZZ. Josette Iribarne-Cazcano - No discussion warranted  
AAA. Puja Jaitly - No discussion warranted  
BBB. Tami Jeffcoat - No discussion warranted  
CCC. Dasa Jenrusakova - No discussion warranted  
DDD. Luke Jensen - No discussion warranted  
EEE. James Jobe - No discussion warranted  
FFF. Davina Johnston - No discussion warranted  
GGG. Timi Jordison - No discussion warranted  
HHH. Amoreena Juarez - No discussion warranted  
III. Sharon Jung - Dr. Wood motioned to approve for temporary license and state exam contingent upon file completion and approval. Dr. Owens second. Board Vote 7-0-0.  
JJJ. Johana Kang - No discussion warranted  
KKK. Alexia Kevonian - No discussion warranted  
LLL. Anosheh Khalifeh - No discussion warranted  
MMM. Janet Kraft - No discussion warranted  
NNN. Andrew Krueger - No discussion warranted  
OOO. Denise LaBelle - No discussion warranted  
PPP. Amy Lansing - No discussion warranted  
QQQ. Katherine Lee - No discussion warranted  
RRR. Lauren Logan - No discussion warranted  
SSS. Quinten Lynn - No discussion warranted  
TTT. Debra Maddox - No discussion warranted  
UUU. Camille Malcherzyk - No discussion warranted  
VVV. Dustin Marsh - No discussion warranted  
WWW. Mark McDonough - No discussion warranted  
XXX. Stephanie McLaughlin - No discussion warranted  
YYY. Claudia Mejia - No discussion warranted  
ZZZ. Alexandria Moorer - No discussion warranted  
AAAA. Amy Mouanoutoua - No discussion warranted  
BBBB. Nusha Nouhi - Dr. Wood motioned to close file due to non-response. Dr. Owens second. Board Vote 7-0-0  
CCCC. Yelena Oren - No discussion warranted  
DDDD. Dorothy Parriott - No discussion warranted  
EEEE. Dylena Pierce - No discussion warranted  
FFFF. Brian Potts - No discussion warranted  
GGGG. Elizabeth Pritchard - No discussion warranted  
HHHH. Mary Pulido-Banner - No discussion warranted  
IIII. Deborah Purscell - No discussion warranted  
JJJJ. Tara Raines - No discussion warranted  
KKKK. Reshma Rampersad - No discussion warranted  
LLLL. Jennifer Ries - No discussion warranted  
MMMM. Luz Robles-Gonzalez - No discussion warranted  
NNNN. Brian Sackett - No discussion warranted  
OOOO. Melody Samuelson - No discussion warranted  
PPPP. Samantha Saucedo - No discussion warranted  
QQQQ. Jeff Schanowitz - No discussion warranted  
RRRR. Avraham Schweiger - No discussion warranted  
SSSS. Shamecca Scott - No discussion warranted  
TTTT. Halleh Seddighzadeh - No discussion warranted  
UUUU. Kevin Seid - No discussion warranted  
VVVV. Prachi Sharma - No discussion warranted  
WWWW. Shewta Sharma - No discussion warranted  
XXXX. Leigh Silverton - No discussion warranted  
YYYY. DeAnn Smetana - No discussion warranted  
ZZZZ. Michelle Snipes - No discussion warranted  
AAAAA. Samuel Song - No discussion warranted  
BBBBB. Jordan Soper - No discussion warranted  
CCCCC. Richard Starrett - No discussion warranted  
DDDDD. Ellie Sternquist - No discussion warranted  
EEEEE. Nicole Stoughton - No discussion warranted  
FFFFF. Marilyn Strada - No discussion warranted  
GGGGG. Valerie Tolbert - No discussion warranted  
HHHHH. Jeremy Trimble - No discussion warranted  
IIIII. Lennon Tyler - No discussion warranted  
JJJJJ. Lynelle Tyler - No discussion warranted  
KKKKK. Joyce Ulofoshio - No discussion warranted  
LLLLL. Michellane Vendivel-Mouton - No discussion warranted  
MMMMM. Liliet Wagner - Dr. Wood motioned to close file per applicant's request. Dr. Ghezzi second. Board Vote 7-0-0.  
NNNNN. James Wakefield - No discussion warranted  
OOOOO. Allison Werlinger - No discussion warranted  
PPPPP. Stephen Willis - No discussion warranted  
QQQQQ. Tela Wilson - No discussion warranted

## BEHAVIOR ANALYST/ASSISTANT BEHAVIOR ANALYST

- a) **Brittany Bates** - No discussion warranted
- b) **Jessica Barrett** - No discussion warranted
- c) **Thomas Brown** - No discussion warranted
- d) **Shannon Burress** - No discussion warranted
- e) **Mariela Castro** - Dr. Young motioned to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam. Dr. Wood second. Board Vote 7-0-0.
- f) **Jillian DeFreitas** - Dr. Young motioned to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam. Dr. Wood second. Board Vote 7-0-0.
- g) **Darla Dion** - Dr. Young motioned to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam. Dr. Wood second. Board Vote 7-0-0.
- h) **Jonelle Dumayas** - Dr. Young motioned to approve for temporary licensure and state exam contingent upon file completion and approval. Dr. Wood second. Board Vote 7-0-0.
- i) **Traci Fenton** - No discussion warranted
- j) **Rachel Field** - No discussion warranted
- k) **Lauren Jones** - No discussion warranted
- l) **Hylary Kovitz** - Dr. Young motioned to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam. Dr. Wood second. Board Vote 7-0-0.
- m) **Ramella Lee** - Dr. Young motioned to approve for temporary licensure and state exam contingent upon file completion and approval. Dr. Wood second. Board Vote 7-0-0.
- n) **Michael Mazzone** - No discussion warranted
- o) **Megan McGrew** - No discussion warranted
- p) **Carrie Myers** - No discussion warranted
- q) **Chantel Rainford** - No discussion warranted
- r) **Sierra Rainwater** - No discussion warranted
- s) **Stephanie Rasbach** - No discussion warranted
- t) **Benjamin Reynolds** - No discussion warranted
- u) **Diana Richardson** - Dr. Owens motioned to close file due to non-response. Ms. Becker second. Board Vote 7-0-0
- v) **Misty Shoffner** - No discussion warranted
- w) **Darnell Thomkins** - No discussion warranted
- x) **Brandon Umphrey** - Dr. Young motioned to approve for licensure contingent upon passing state exam. Dr. Wood second. Board Vote 7-0-0.
- y) **Desirae Wingerter** - Dr. Owens motioned to close file due to non-response. Ms. Becker second. Board Vote 7-0-0

## 12. Correspondence

### A. Letter from Verne Lewis - Request on whether to proceed with application.

1. Dr. Lewis wrote to the Board to request some guidance and clarification regarding his application as a psychologist. Dr. Lewis surrendered his license in Wisconsin due to a dual relationship issue. Dr. Young asks for the paperwork from Wisconsin. Dr. Lewis shares that the stipulation for surrender can be found on the Wisconsin Board site and that Wisconsin reported to the National Data base. Dr. Paul states that the Board will consider the application.

2. Dr. Paul encouraged Dr. Lewis to complete his PLUS system fully, to allow the Board to review his training, education and work experience. Ms. Bradley stated a case similar and does not foresee a denial. Dr. Paglini asks if there have been any other complaints from the time of the incident to the current and asks for letters of recommendation so that the Board can establish proper and ethical conduct since then. Dr. Paul requests that Dr. Young be the main point person in investigating. Ms. Becker asked for the expected time-line for resolution. The time-line will be determined by how quick Dr. Lewis inputs the PLUS. The hope is to be able to determine by the September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Board meeting. Ms. Alldredge will work with ASPPB to get information from NRHSPP.

### B. Letter from Brook Madden - Request on how to handle possible misfiled insurance billings by company. (Letter with redacted names of professionals involved)

The Board reviewed Ms. Madden's letter. They encouraged her to speak with a lawyer regarding the insurance issues raised. They also thanked Ms. Madden for being open and honest with the Board. This information will be placed in her licensing file in case legal action is taken.

## 13. Approve for Transition:

A. **Rebecca Weber - LaBA to LBA** - Dr. Young motioned to approve. Dr. Ghezzi second. Board Vote 7-0-0.

B. **Alan Hopewell Inactive to Active Psychologist** - Dr. Paul looked at file recommended approval. Board Vote 7-0-0.

## 14. Public Comment

No public comment.

## 15. Adjournment

Dr. Paglini motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:45pm with a ten-minute break occurring at 10:47am. Dr. Wood second. Board Vote 7-0-0.