

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS

Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2020

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. Due to COVID-19 and Governor Sisolak's Emergency Mandate to *Stay at Home for Nevada*, this meeting was conducted online via *Zoom*.

Roll Call: Board President Whitney Owens, PsyD, Secretary/Treasurer John Krogh, PhD, and Members Stephanie Holland, PsyD, Monique McCoy, LCSW, Tony Papa, PhD, and Stephanie Woodard, PsyD, were present at roll call.

Also present were Harry B. Ward, JD, Deputy Attorney General, Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, Gary Lenkeit, PhD, Board Investigator, and members of the public: Luke Cylke, Corey Kuhn, Amanda DeVillez, James Tenney, Bree Mullin, Noelle Lefforge, Michelle Heffner Macera, Hal Taylor, and Krisann Alvarez.

2. Public Comment

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, stated that one written public comment had been received via email in the Board office related to the State Exam.

Luke Cylke, psychological assistant applicant, made comment about the registration process. He expressed concern about the length of time between becoming registered as an assistant and when he can begin seeing patients and accruing hours due to delays in the online application process.

3. (For Possible Action) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS FROM JULY 10, 2020, AND JULY 17, 2020.

There was no discussion or proposed changes to the minutes.

On motion by Tony Papa, second by John Krogh, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the minutes of the meetings of July 10, 2020, and July 17, 2020. (Yea: Whitney Owens, John Krogh, Stephanie Holland, Monique McCoy, Tony Papa, Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries: 6-0

4. (For Possible Action) DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND GOVERNOR SISOLAK'S DIRECTIVE 011. DISCUSSION MAY INCLUDE LICENSURE RENEWAL, CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS, TEMPORARY LICENSURE, SUPERVISION CONCERNS, OBTAINING CLINICAL HOURS FOR LICENSURE, AND THE USE OF TELEPSYCHOLOGY AND INTERJURISDICTIONAL PRACTICE.

This item is part of an ongoing discussion about the impact of COVID-19 and the Governor's Directive 011 related to health care.

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, stated over 180 individuals have registered under Directive 011. She added that checks of the registrant licenses is occurring with the appropriate jurisdictions to try to ensure their licenses are in good standing.

Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General, stated that the Governor extended the Directives, extending the time they are active. He added that the extension by the Governor includes the directive to hold meetings online versus in-person. President Owens reminded the public that accommodations will be made for someone needing a place to view the meeting.

Board member Stephanie Woodard stated that she provided information to the Board Office related to medical records and the impact on contact tracing and other COVID related issues.

5. (For Possible Action) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER POTENTIAL CHANGE TO CURRENT LICENSURE PROCESS TO ALLOW FOR TEMPORARY LICENSURE.

As there was nothing new to report, President Owens stated this item would return at a future meeting. She added that Directive 011 and PsyPact are currently filling the gap for temporary licensure.

6. (For Possible Action) FINANCIAL REPORT

A. (For Possible Action) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR F/Y 2021 (JULY 1, 2020, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021).

Secretary/Treasurer John Krogh presented the treasurer's report explaining that the finances are steady. He added that the big income months will come at the end of the year. Until then, the expenses are being tracked.

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, added that Dr. Krogh had the opportunity to meet the bookkeeper and review the process being followed to maintain and monitor the finances.

On motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners accepted the Treasurer's Report for the current fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020. (Yea: Whitney Owens, John Krogh, Stephanie Holland, Monique McCoy, Tony Papa, Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries: 6-0

B. (For Possible Action) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE APPROVAL TO THE BIENNIEL BUDGET OF FISCAL YEAR (F/Y) 2021 (JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021) AND F/Y 2022 (JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022).

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, explained that since the last meeting when the proposed budget was first presented some adjustments were made, including an increase for the Board's investigators from 4 hours per month to 6.

The travel budget was adjusted to reduce both the in-state and out-of-state travel items. She added that the in-state travel should be low as there is no longer the need for the executive director to go to Las Vegas to proctor the state exam. The annual ASPPB conference will be online in 2020 so the out-of-state travel budget was reduced as well.

On motion by John Krogh, second by Monique McCoy, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners the proposed budget for fiscal years 2021 and 2022. (Yea: Whitney Owens, John Krogh, Stephanie Holland, Monique McCoy, Tony Papa, Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries: 6-0

C. (For Possible Action) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE BOARD OFFICE REGARDING THE STATUS OF RECOUPING OUTSTANDING LEGAL FEES OWED TO THE BOARD FROM DISCIPLINARY AND UNLICENSED PRACTICE CASES.

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, informed the Board that she has been researching who owes legal fees. Access to the state collection's process has been granted by the Controller's office.

Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General, stated he is assisting the Board office in researching those outstanding legal matters.

7. (For Possible Action) UPDATE REGARDING BOARD OFFICE OPERATIONS

A. (For Possible Action) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RELATED TO PSYPACT, INCLUDING AN UPDATE FROM THE PSYPACT COMMISSIONER

Dr. Gary Lenkeit, PsyPact Commissioner, provided an update on the status of the implementation of PsyPact. To date, approximately 1,050 applications have been submitted to ASPPB. He added that the fee to apply for the e-passport has been waived through December 2020.

There was discussion related to encouraging individuals who are registered to practice pursuant to Directive 011 to apply for temporary licensure through PsyPact, if they are eligible. This would ensure some continuity of care after the directive ends.

Board member Stephanie Woodard made comment about trends nationwide and acknowledged that Nevada's Board has been forward thinking regarding best practices, continuity of care, etc.

8. (For Possible Action) REVIEW OF PENDING CONSUMER COMPLAINTS:

Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General, informed the Board there is no update on the matters below. He added that in the event any of the matters advance, an administrative hearing can take 2-5 hours. He suggested conducting hearings on a date outside of a regularly scheduled board meeting. Mr. Ward provided a brief summary of the process for hearings.

President Owens stated that many of the current members have had experience with conducting hearings. She added that they are typically on the same date as a regular meeting but that they are calendared early enough to accommodate schedules.

Dr. Gary Lenkeit, Board Investigator, stated he had no update on the matters he has been working on. He inquired as to (F), Complaint #20-0327, below as the Respondent is also an applicant for licensure. Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, stated that the Respondent has not provided a response to the complaint. Mr. Ward suggested the Board can move forward on that matter. An update will be provided in a future meeting.

President Owens inquired about the status of the matters from 2019. Mr. Ward responded that many of them are pending responses from attorneys. Several are likely headed toward a hearing and additional information would be available at a future meeting.

- A.** Complaint #19-0514
- B.** Complaint #19-0626
- C.** Complaint #19-0709
- D.** Complaint #19-1106
- E.** Complaint #19-1223
- F.** Complaint #20-0327
- G.** Complaint #20-0501
- H.** Complaint #20-0624
- I.** Complaint #20-0709
- J.** Complaint #20-0728

9. (For Possible Action) UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF REGULATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU (LCB) FOR CHANGES TO NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (NAC) CHAPTER 641

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, informed the Board there was no update on the status of the pending regulations. She added that she has been in contact with the Legislative Counsel Bureau regarding next steps, particularly for (D) and the removal of the term "moral character" from the text.

- A. R131-15: Requires those teaching or engaging in research to be licensed if providing supervision in a university setting.
- B. R057-19: Fees
- C. R058-19: Endorsement Language
- D. R114-19: Foreign Graduates
- E. R115-19: Supervision, payment of psychological assistant

10. (For Possible Action) DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND/OR REVISION OF LANGUAGE RELATED TO USE OF THE WORD "MORAL" WITHIN CHAPTER 641 OF NEVADA REVISED STATUTES AND NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, presented a list of the instances within Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) where the word "moral" appears. Ms. Scurry described the instances where the term is used: NRS 641.170 refers to qualifications of applicants and that an applicant must be of good moral character. There are an additional five similar references within NAC.

President Owens asked for clarification on the action taken at the July meeting. Ms. Scurry explained that the Board struck the term from two passages. The first referred to the applicant's moral character related to professional competence; and the second referred to an applicant being brought before the Board to discuss his/her moral character. In both instances the words "moral character" were stricken with the remainder of the text unchanged. She added that the references that are currently in NAC are similar as they were likely copied related to different types of applicants.

Board Member Stephanie Holland stated she has noticed similar language in certain applicant forms, particularly where a supervisor or reference is asked to attest to the moral character of the applicant.

Mr. Ward suggested the Board strike the word "moral" as being ambiguous and a gray area. He added that the word "character" could be left.

Neena Laxalt, Board Lobbyist, commented that there has been discussion by the Nevada Legislature to remove the term "moral character" from other areas of NRS. She added that the Board could direct her to find a sponsor for the removal from Chapter 641 of the NRS or wait and try to add on to other proposed legislation, particularly if a bill is proposed to remove the term from elsewhere in the law.

President Owens stated, based on previous discussion, that the "moral character" references should be removed and that there is sufficient language in both the NRS and NAC to ensure qualified individuals are seeking and receiving licensure.

Ms. Scurry will discuss next steps with the Legislative Counsel Bureau to move forward with revisions to Chapter 641 of the NAC.

11. (For Possible Action) DISCUSSION OF EPPP2

- A.** Discussion regarding information received from ASPPB, that the BETA testing date has been moved back to November 2020. The Board will address this change of testing and discuss how to contact and forward the information to individuals affected by this change.

President Owens opened discussion related to implementation of the EPPP2, currently scheduled to launch on November 1, 2020. As Nevada is an early adopter of the exam, discussion centered on which applicants will be required to take the exam. She suggested that the Board selected a date, such as October 1 or November 1, at which any individual who has not yet applied for licensure will be subject to the new exam.

Board member Krogh suggested November 1 as the earliest date for the requirement, and not selecting a date prior to the launch of the exam.

There was discussion about whether ASPPB could potentially move the exam's start date being moved again to a date later than November 1 as it had previously been moved twice. Board member Holland stated concern that movement of the launch of the EPPP2 has had an impact on the Nevada State Examination.

President Owens informed that the Board that through conversations with ASPPB, it remains their intention to launch the exam on November 1. However, if that date is moved due to COVID concerns, for example, the date selected by the Board could be re-evaluated as well.

It was added that individuals will not be allowed to apply prior to November 1, 2020 for the purpose of avoiding the EPPP2. An applicant must meet the requirements for application.

On motion by Tony Papa, second by John Krogh, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners established that applications for licensure by qualified individuals received by the Board office prior to November 1, 2020 shall not be subject to the EPPP2; and applications for licensure received by the Board office on or after November 1, 2020 shall be subject to the EPPP2.

(Yea: Whitney Owens, John Krogh, Stephanie Holland, Monique McCoy, Tony Papa, Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries: 6-0

12. DISCUSSION OF BOARD NEEDS AND OPERATIONS

- A.** Update/Report from Nevada Psychological Association Representative.

Dr. Noelle Lefforge, Nevada Psychological Association Representative, thanked the Board for their flexibility with the EPPP2. Additionally, she mentioned a bill draft

request (BDR) related to cultural competency for mental health professionals that is being tracked by the association.

B. Update on Status of State Examination

(This item was taken out of order)

Board member John Krogh provided an update from the exam review group. He explained that the group reviewed the state exam questions to ensure they were correct and appropriate. Some questions were revised with 2-3 being deleted from the exam. He added that the Board, in a previous meeting, adjusted the passing score from a 94 to an 85%.

Lisa Scurry, Executive Director, provided an update on the administration of the exam stating that an additional four applicants have taken the exam since the review. The exam is being offered bi-weekly to give applicants the best opportunity to take it. She added that there is not a large enough pool of individuals who have taken the test to review any statistical information related to the exam such as pass/fail rates.

Public Comment: Corey Kuhn made comment about her experience with the exam, stating that the exam has become a barrier to licensure. She added that the \$200 fee assessed each time an applicant re-takes the exam is also a barrier.

C. Future Board meeting agenda items (No discussion among the members will take place on this item)

There were no suggestions for future agenda items.

13. (For Possible Action) REVIEW/DECISION UPON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE OR REGISTRATION. 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 recommended the following applicants for approval by the Board upon completion of their application files: Amanda Borlenghi, Lauren Chapple-Love, Huong Diep, Miriam Funtowicz, Dana Gionta, Janella Street Jones, Dale Watson, Eric Zhou, Davor Zink Papik. The applicants must meet established requirements prior to receiving a license to practice psychology in the State of Nevada.

On motion by Monique McCoy, second by John Krogh, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved licensure of the following individuals upon completion of their application files: Amanda Borlenghi, Lauren Chapple-Love, Huong Diep, Miriam Funtowicz, Dana Gionta, Janella Street Jones, Dale Watson, Eric Zhou, Davor Zink Papik. (Yea: Whitney Owens,

Tony Papa, John Krogh, Monique McCoy, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard)
Motion Carries Unanimously: 6-0

14. (For Possible Action) CORRESPONDENCE – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CORRESPONDENCE RELATED TO LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION APPLICANTS

A. JAMIE WONG, PH.D.

In accordance with state administrative code, candidates for licensure who fail the national examination (EPPP) three times must request permission to take the test a fourth time. Such requests must include submission of a study plan for review by the Board.

The Board reviewed Dr. Wong’s study plan and found it sufficient to aid her in studying to pass the EPPP.

On motion by John Krogh, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the request of Dr. Jamie Wong to take the EPPP a fourth time, in accordance with NAC 641.112(4). (Yea: Whitney Owens, Tony Papa, John Krogh, Monique McCoy, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries Unanimously: 6-0

B. MICHELLE HEFFNER MACERA

Dr. Michelle Heffner Macera submitted an application for reinstatement of her license. Documentation showing that she has taken the required 30 continuing education credits was presented and reviewed by the Board.

On motion by Tony Papa, second by John Krogh, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the reactivation of the license of Michelle Heffner Macera. (Yea: Whitney Owens, Tony Papa, John Krogh, Monique McCoy, Stephanie Holland, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries Unanimously: 6-0

15. (For Possible Action) CORRESPONDENCE - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER A WAIVER OF NAC 641.1519 RELATED TO SUPERVISION OF A PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANT, PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERN, OR PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAINEE.

There was discussion about provisions within Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) related to supervision of administrative interns. NAC 641.1519 states that a supervisor of a psychological assistant must have been licensed for 3 years or more. NAC 641.152 states that a supervisor of a psychological intern must meet the requirements stated in NAC 641.1519.

President Owens inquired if any Board members had historical knowledge of the intent of the supervision requirement, particularly that supervisors of both assistants and

interns must have three years of experience. She added that the Board only recently began registering interns.

Board Member Papa stated that oftentimes it is a psychological assistant who works closest with a psychological intern.

Board Member Holland stated that once the Board began formally registering interns, there was a need to establish guidelines related to supervision. She added that past discussion was that interns, who have less experience, should be supervised by more seasoned clinicians.

Board Member Woodard made comment about the discussion that occurred at the past Board meeting and instances where special considerations may be considered.

A. ANTRICE HRONEK, PSY.D.

On motion by Tony Papa, second by Stephanie Holland, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners denied Dr. Antrice Hronek's requested waiver of NAC 641.1519 to allow for supervision of a psychological intern.

(Yea: Whitney Owens, John Krogh, Stephanie Holland, Monique McCoy, Tony Papa, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries Unanimously: 6-0

B. IVAN HRONEK, PSY.D.

On motion by Tony Papa, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners denied Dr. Ivan Hronek's requested waiver of NAC 641.1519 to allow for supervision of a psychological intern. (Yea:

Whitney Owens, John Krogh, Stephanie Holland, Monique McCoy, Tony Papa, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries Unanimously: 6-0

C. CHRISTINA PATTERSON, PH.D.

On motion by Tony Papa, second by John Krogh, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners denied Dr. Christina Patterson's requested waiver of NAC 641.1519 to allow for supervision of a psychological intern. (Yea: John

Krogh, Stephanie Holland, Monique McCoy, Tony Papa, and Stephanie Woodard.

Abstain: Whitney Owens) Motion Carries Unanimously: 5-0

D. CHRISTEEN SONALY SILVA, PSY.D., LP

On motion by John Krogh, second by Stephanie Woodard, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners denied Dr. Christeen Sonaly Silva's requested waiver of NAC 641.1519 to allow for supervision of a psychological intern. (Yea: John Krogh, Stephanie Holland, Monique McCoy, Tony Papa, and

Stephanie Woodard. Abstain: Whitney Owens) Motion Carries Unanimously: 5-0

E. MICHAEL BROWNING, PSY.D., LP

On motion by Tony Papa, second by John Krogh, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners denied Dr. Michael Browning's requested waiver of NAC 641.1519 to allow for supervision of a psychological intern. (Yea: John Krogh, Stephanie Holland, Monique McCoy, Tony Papa, and Stephanie Woodard. Abstain: Whitney Owens) Motion Carries Unanimously: 5-0

16. (Possible Action) DISCUSSION OF LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT TO COVER THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN APA ETHICS CODE AND ASPPB CODE OF CONDUCT. BOARD WILL CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM APA ETHICS CODE TO BE PLACED IN NAC 641.

At its previous meeting, the Board discussed adopting the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards' "Code of Conduct" in addition to the previously adopted American Psychological Association's (APA) Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct. Board Member John Krogh was tasked with developing draft language that could be submitted to the Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau for formal adoption into the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC 641.250).

The proposed language, which mirrors that related to the APA language in NAC 641.250(1) was presented for review.

On motion by Tony Papa, second by John Krogh, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners accepted the proposed change to NAC 641.250 which proposes to add language adopting the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards' Code of Conduct; and directed staff to take next steps including contacting the Legislative Counsel Bureau for formal adoption. (Yea: Whitney Owens, John Krogh, Stephanie Holland, Monique McCoy, Tony Papa, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carries Unanimously: 6-0

17. (For Possible Action) THE BOARD WILL DISCUSS LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT TO CLARIFY PURPOSE, SCOPE OF USE, AND USE OF AUDIO AND VIDEO RECORDINGS IN THERAPY AND ASSESSMENT TRAINING FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAINEES, INTERNS AND ASSISTANTS.

At its previous meeting, the Board directed staff to contact the Board of Medical Examiners to gauge their support for the proposed change.

As the proposed legislation has a bill sponsor, Neena Laxalt, Board lobbyist, explained that no further action is necessary at this time.

18. (For Possible Action) DISCUSSION OF RESPONSE FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE REGARDING OPINION REQUEST CLARIFYING NRS 641.390, REPRESENTATION OR PRACTICE WITHOUT LICENSE OR REGISTRATION PROHIBITED.

- A. Discussion of the need to develop language within Nevada Administrative Code clarifying NRS 641.390.

Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General, stated he had no updates. He suggested the Board begin drafting a regulation for a potential language to Nevada Administrative Code. The proposed regulation would serve to clarify and provide guidance on the corresponding Nevada Revised Statute related to individuals working in the Department of Corrections as a psychologist.

19. (For Possible Action) DISCUSSION OF U.S. DISTRICT COURT CASE 2:20-CV-00651-KJD-VCF WHERE THE STATE OF BOARD PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS IS A NAMED DEFENDANT.

Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General, provided an update on status of the lawsuit, including the initial Discovery process. He added that the process, including any future need for depositions, can take months.

20. (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.

- A. ASPPB Annual Meeting of Delegates – October 16-17, 2020 (virtual)

President Owens informed the Board members that the ASPPB Annual Meeting of Delegates will be conducted virtually this year, at a cost of \$50 per person. She invited all board members, and staff, to attend. Board members Owens, Woodard, Holland, and Krogh stated their intent. Lisa Scurry will attend as the Executive Director.

On motion by John Krogh, second by Monique McCoy, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the following individuals to attend the ASPPB Annual Meeting of Delegates scheduled for October 16-17, 2020 at a cost of \$50 per person: Whitney Owens, Stephanie Holland, John Krogh, Stephanie Woodard, and Lisa Scurry. (Yea: Whitney Owens, John Krogh, Stephanie Holland, Monique McCoy, Tony Papa, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carries Unanimously: 6-0

- B. Annual Schedule

The Board was presented with the proposed meeting schedule for the 2021 calendar year.

On motion by John Stephanie Holland, second by John Krogh, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners approved the proposed 2021 Board meeting schedule. (Yea: Whitney Owens, John Krogh, Stephanie Holland, Monique McCoy, Tony Papa, and Stephanie Woodard.) Motion Carries Unanimously: 6-0

21. PUBLIC COMMENT.

The Board reviewed written public comment from Dr. Andrea Bevan regarding the state examination, passing rate, etc.

Based on the public comment, President Owens re-opened Item 12(b) as Dr. Holland, Test Coordinator, was not available during the earlier discussion of the State Exam.

Board Member Holland provided historical context as to the change in the State Exam from an in-person exam through 2019 to an online exam in 2020. She described the process through which the online exam was originally vetted.

Board Member Papa added that the exam was reviewed for validity and that recent review by Board members has been beneficial because subject matter experts are conducting the review.

Dr. Corey Kuhn expressed concern about the cost of exam and asked if there is a way to gather additional data on the exam by having current psychologists take the test for evaluation purposes.

Board Member Holland responded that the test was created by subject matter experts and been reviewed. She asked if the Board is interested in having others review the exam.

President Owens expressed that test security must be considered before having others take the test for the purpose of vetting. There was additional discussion about the previous review of the exam by members of the Board, that adjustments had been made, etc.

Dr. Corey Kuhn stated that the pass rate, and not the questions, should be examined.

Dr. Lenkeit, Board Investigator, agreed that the exam is not new but the test format is new. He added his belief that the pass rate of 85% is too high.

Board Member Holland asked if the Board had any interest in returning to the in-person exam until the EPPP2 has been implemented.

President Owens suggested scheduling a meeting for August 28, 2020 at 12 p.m. to further discuss the State Examination and potentially take action on items such as the pass rate, number of questions, time to take the exam, format, and cost of the exam.

22. (For Possible Action) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Owens asked for a motion to adjourn at 10:48 a.m.

On motion by John Krogh, second by Tony Papa, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners adjourned the meeting. (Yea: Whitney Owens, John Krogh, Stephanie Holland, Monique McCoy, Tony Papa, and Stephanie Woodard) Motion Carries Unanimously: 6-0