

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF A MEETING FOR
NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS'
APPLICATION TRACKING EQUIVALENCY AND MOBILITY
"ATEAM" COMMITTEE**

DATE OF MEETING: Friday, April 7, 2023 - TIME: 10:00 a.m.

This meeting will begin following the regular meeting of the Board of Psychological Examiners, but not earlier than 10:00 a.m.

This meeting will be conducted via remote technology, and with one physical meeting location at the Office of the Board of Psychological Examiners, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Suite B116, Reno, Nevada, 89502. Video- and teleconferencing will be conducted through "Zoom." To participate remotely, on the scheduled day and time, enter the meeting from the Zoom website at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86035048218>. To access the meeting via audio only, dial 1-669-900-6833 and enter the meeting ID: **860 3504 8218**.

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The Committee will receive public comment via email. Those wishing to make public comment should email their public comments to the Board office at nbop@govmail.state.nv.us. Public comments received before the meeting will be forwarded to the Committee for their consideration. Public comments received during the meeting will be provided to the Committee members but may not be available for consideration during the meeting. Public comments received will be included in the public record (meeting minutes) but will not necessarily be read aloud during the meeting. In compliance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 241 (Open Meeting Law), the Committee is precluded from taking action on items raised by public comment which are not already on the agenda.

PLEASE NOTE: The Committee may take items out of order, combine items for consideration, and items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time. Public comment will be taken at the beginning and end of the meeting. The public may provide comment on any matter whether or not that matter is a specific topic on the agenda. However, prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or quasi-judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual, the Committee may refuse to consider public comment on that item. (NRS 233B.126) Public comment that is willfully disruptive is prohibited, and individuals who willfully disrupt the meeting may be removed from the meeting. (NRS 241.030(5)(b)) The Committee may convene in closed session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person (NRS 241.030). Once all items on the agenda are completed, the meeting will adjourn.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call to Determine the Presence of a Quorum**
- 2. Public Comment.** NOTE: Public comment is welcomed by the Board and may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the Committee Chair. Public comment will be allowed at the beginning and end of the meeting, as noted on the agenda. The Committee Chair may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and in their sole discretion. Comments will not be restricted based on viewpoint. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken (NRS 241.020).
- 3. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the February 10, 2023, and March 10, 2023, Meetings of the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee.**
- 4. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action on Applications for Licensure as a Psychologist or Registration as a Psychological Assistant, Intern or Trainee to Determine Equivalency with Nevada Requirements, Including Education and/or Training.** (See Attachment A for the List of Applicants for Possible Consideration)
 - a. Marino, Erica
 - b. Rhee, Lisa
 - c. Samavi, Farnaz
- 5. (For Possible Action) Discussion of ATEAM Committee Operating Procedures, including the Applicant Review Forms; and Possible Action to Propose Revisions to and/or Make Recommendations to the Board of Psychological Examiners for Adoption of the Revised Procedures and/or Review Forms.**
- 6. (For Possible Action) Discussion of Upcoming Meeting Dates for the ATEAM Committee**
 - a. The next ATEAM Committee meeting will be held on May 12, 2023, following the meeting of the regular Board meeting (10 a.m. or later)

7. Items for Future Discussion. (No discussion among the Committee members will take place on this item.)

8. Public Comment. Public comment is welcomed by the Board and may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the Committee Chair. Public comment will be allowed at the beginning and end of the meeting, as noted on the agenda. The Committee Chair may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and in their sole discretion. Comments will not be restricted based on viewpoint. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken (NRS 241.020).

9. (For Possible Action) Adjournment

The public body is pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to participate in the meeting. If such arrangements are necessary, please contact the board office at (775) 688-1268 no later than 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2023.

For supporting materials, visit the Board's website at <http://psyexam.nv.gov/Board/> or contact the Board office by telephone (775-688-1268), e-mail (nbop@govmail.state.nv.us) or in writing at Board of Psychological Examiners, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Suite B-116, Reno, Nevada 89502.

In accordance with NRS 241.020, this public meeting notice has been properly posted at or before 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at the following locations:

- Board office located at 4600 Kietzke Lane, Bldg. B-116, Reno;
- Nevada Public Notice website: <https://notice.nv.gov/>; and
- Board's website at <http://psyexam.nv.gov/Board/2023/2023/>.

In addition, this public meeting notice has been sent to all persons on the Board's meeting notice list, pursuant to NRS 241.020(3)(c).

ATTACHMENT A

PSYCHOLOGISTS

Ines Acevedo	Kalana Greer	Rhea Pobuda
Gera Anderson	Dehnad Hakimi	Lisa Rhee
Ashley Arcoleo	Alberto Ibarra	David Shoup
Cheryl Ballou	Sair Jhorn	DeAnn Smetana
Latoya Brogdon	Lori Johnson	Nicole Steiner-Pappalardo
Corby Bulp	Ta Tanisha Jones	Vahe Sukiasyan
Si Arthur Chen	Christine Kim	LaTanya Takla
Filippo Cieri	Jodi Lovejoy	Kiara Wesley
Hector De Los Santos	Melissa Marrapese	Jennifer Wilcox
Roman Dietrich	Viola Mejia	Michelle Wilkens
Mary Dinerman	Samuel Montano	Wendy Worrell
Daniel Fenton	Stephanie Orbon	

PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANTS

Shannon Burns-Darden	Farnaz Samavi
Jacquelyn Rinaldi	Shweta Sharma

PSYCHOLOGICAL INTERNS

Shantay Coleman	Mario De Souza	Erica Marino
Shannon Colon	Michelle Harden	Candice Thomas
Linda Curtis	Ruby Sharma	

PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAINEE

Marissa Alvarez
Leila Gail

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February 10, 2023

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 Committee Chair Soseh Esmaeili, Psy.D., at 11:03 a.m. online via "zoom" and physically at the office of the Board of Psychological Examiners, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Suite B-116, Reno, Nevada 89502.

Roll Call: Committee Chair Soseh Esmaeili, Psy.D., and members Stephanie Holland, Psy.D., and Catherine Pearson, Ph.D., were present, and constituted a quorum.

Also present was staff member Laura Arnold, Executive Director, and member of the public Lisa Scurry.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

3. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the January 13, 2023, Meeting of the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee.

There were no comments or changes suggested for the minutes of the January 13, 2023, meeting. Member Dr. Pearson stated she approved of the minutes.

On Motion by Catherine Pearson, second by Stephanie Holland, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners' Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the meeting minutes of the ATEAM's January 13, 2023, Committee Meeting. (Yea: Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 3-0

4. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action on Applications for Licensure as a Psychologist or Registration as a Psychological Assistant, Intern or Trainee to Determine Equivalency with Nevada Requirements, Including Education and/or Training. (See Attachment A for the List of Applicants for Possible Consideration)

a. Jessica Patel

Dr. Pearson, who reviewed Jessica Patel's application, addressed the main points at issue, namely a couple of discrepancies in the PLUS that needed to be corrected and the number of Dr. Patel's supervised hours. The executive director confirmed that the discrepancies in the PLUS have been corrected and the PLUS has been updated. Dr. Pearson noted that Dr. Patel is licensed in 2 different states – Illinois and California – and that she has been licensed for more than five years in a different state. Dr. Pearson stated that Dr. Patel only had 1,000 internship hours, although she had over 200 hours of supervision, and that for her post doc, she had 2,400 supervised hours, and 80 hours of individual supervision. Because Dr. Patel has been licensed for more than five years, Dr. Pearson explained that she needs a total of 3,000 hours combined, and that she has a total of 3,400 hours. Exceeding the 3,000 hour requirement and having 280 hours of supervision, and despite the internship is less than what is required, Dr. Pearson stated that Dr. Patel has met the requirements for licensure.

Dr. Esmaeili asked if Dr. Patel's other licenses are in good standing. Executive Director Laura Arnold stated that has been verified through the PLUS system.

Dr. Holland inquired if Dr. Patel has been licensed in both other states for five years. Dr. Pearson stated that she has been licensed in Illinois since 2010, and the information about he California license is where the discrepancy was. Director Arnold stated that Dr. Patel has been licensed in California since 2019, and that the PLUS had previously noted the expiration date of the license for the effective date.

Dr. Esmaeili asked if Dr. Patel's situation would be one where she automatically is approved if she is licensed over five years in another state, in response to which the executive director generally agreed, but because the supervised hours did not match up with the requirements, the office erred on the side of caution and submitted the application for review and confirmation. The executive director being new, she said it was good practice for her, it gave her and the committee the chance to explore the administrative code and walk through the process, and that she did not feel she had the authority to approve without Committee review. Dr. Esmaeili noted that, because she is also new to the process, she just wanted to know for herself.

On Motion by Stephanie Holland, second by Dr. Pearson, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners' Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved recommending Jessica Patel to the Board for approval for licensure. (Yea: Soseh Esmaeili, Stephanie Holland, and Catherine Pearson.) Motion Carried: 3-0

b. Farnaz Samavi

Dr. Esmaeili inquired as to who was next on the agenda for review. The executive director noted that Dr. Farnaz Samavi is on the agenda and that Dr. Holland was reviewing her, but there was some information on her PLUS that the Committee requested she correct and/or include, so her name is on the agenda as a placeholder in case it came in. The executive director stated that she did not think the information was yet completely updated for a full and meaningful review. Dr. Holland asked if the Board office has had any correspondence with her, to which the executive director said that it had, and that Dr. Samavi was working with a representative at ASPPB to get the information in her PLUS that we have requested.

5. (For Possible Action) Discussion of ATEAM Committee Operating Procedures, including the Applicant Review Forms; and Possible Action to Propose Revisions to and/or Make Recommendations to the Board of Psychological Examiners for Adoption of the Revised Procedures and/or Review Forms.

Dr. Esmaeili inquired if there was anything to discuss on the committee operating procedures. There was no discussion on this item. The executive director stated that this is a standing item in the event there is anything the Committee Members want to review.

6. (For Possible Action) Discussion of Upcoming Meeting Dates for the ATEAM Committee

- a. The next ATEAM Committee meeting will be held on March 10 following the meeting of the regular Board meeting (10 a.m. or later)

There were no changes to the meeting schedule.

7. Items for Future Discussion.

There were no suggestions for future agenda items.

While not a future agenda item, Dr. Pearson inquired about to whom she should direct her questions in reviewing an application. The executive director said to start with her, and they would work together. The executive director also told the Committee Members not to go to other Committee or Board members with questions, as it would create a subcommittee and violate open meeting laws. Dr. Esmaeili added that it is OK to ask the applicant to do some of his/her own work, as the information that the applications seek is information the applicant needs to provide. The executive director

noted that the Board office is in contact with the applicants and can request information that is needed. Dr. Holland said that the most challenging is when there are a lot of questions on courses and how they are labeled, the applicants often determining themselves where the courses should go. Dr. Esmaeili stated in situations where she did not know or have an opinion, the committee members talk during their meetings and figure it out.

8. Public Comment.

There was no public comment at this time.

9. (For Possible Action) Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, Chair Esmaeili adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

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March 10, 2023

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' Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility Committee was called to order by Committee Chair Soseh Esmaeili, Psy.D. at 10:04 a.m. online via "Zoom" and physically at the office of the Board of Psychological Examiners, 4600 Kietzke Lane, Suite B-116, Reno, Nevada 89502.

Roll Call: Committee Chair Soseh Esmaeili, Psy.D. and member Stephanie Holland, Psy.D. were present. Member Catherine Pearson, Ph.D. was absent. The presence of Chair Esmaeili and Dr. Holland constituted a quorum.

Also present was staff member Laura Arnold, executive director of the Board of Psychological Examiners, and member of the public Dr. Farnaz Samavi.

2. Public Comment. NOTE: Public comment is welcomed by the Board and may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the Committee Chair. Public comment will be allowed at the beginning and end of the meeting, as noted on the agenda. The Committee Chair may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and in their sole discretion. Comments will not be restricted based on viewpoint. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken (NRS 241.020).

There was no public comment at this time.

3. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the January 13, 2023, Meeting of the Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee.

Chair Esmaeili sought approval of the meeting minutes from the January 13, 2023, ATEAM meeting. Director Arnold interjected that she did not have the correct date in the agenda item, and that this item was to review the minutes from the February 10, 2023, meeting.

On Motion by Dr. Holland, second by Soseh Esmaeili, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners' Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee approved the meeting minutes of the ATEAM's February 10, 2023, Committee Meeting. (Yea: Soseh Esmaeili and Stephanie Holland.)

Motion Carried: 2-0

4. (For Possible Action) Discussion and Possible Action on Applications for Licensure as a Psychologist or Registration as a Psychological Assistant, Intern or Trainee to Determine Equivalency with Nevada Requirements, Including Education and/or Training. (See Attachment A for the List of Applicants for Possible Consideration)

a. Samavi, Farnaz

This item was taken out of order.

Dr. Holland noted that Dr. Samavi's application was brought to the ATEAM two meetings ago, and that there had been a lot of questions regarding the PLUS application and Dr. Samavi's hours. Dr. Holland recalled that Dr. Samavi was going to revise her PLUS application in the areas that Lisa Scurry, the former executive director, would highlight for her. She noted that the Committee had an updated PLUS, and asked if Dr. Samavi would update the Committee on what she revised in the PLUS system.

Director Arnold interjected that she had provided the original and updated PLUS documents regarding Dr. Samavi and provided notes with those documents that identified the changes to Dr. Samavi's PLUS. She asked if it would be helpful for Dr. Holland to take a minute to review those documents while Dr. Samavi gave updates.

Dr. Samavi stated that she revised everything that was requested on the PLUS, and that there had been a mistake on her hours, as she was confused about group and individual hours, so she fixed everything and revised it.

Dr. Holland stated that in reviewing the executive director's notes, there was no practicum listed and asked if the residency had been updated. Dr. Samavi stated that there was no residency, as her school was all online.

Dr. Esmaeili stated that it would not be APA accredited if the program was 100% online. Dr. Holland explained that she did not realize it was corrected prior to the meeting, and that she would minimally need to look at the syllabus, as there were a couple of classes about which she was concerned. Dr. Holland said, for instance, she had concerns about the intervention class because it was about treatment plans, not necessarily about intervention, and she needed to review that.

Director Arnold suggested taking a 10 minute recess for Dr. Holland to review and come back, with which Dr. Holland agreed. Director Arnold recessed the meeting at 10:10, to return at 10:20.

After the recess, Dr. Holland stated that, in reviewing Dr. Samavi's updated PLUS, there remained concerns about equivalency in reference to two of the classes and some of the supervision hours. Dr. Holland went on to say that even setting those aside, the biggest obstacle is residency because Dr. Samavi's program was 100% online. She explained that, to date, neither the ATEAM nor the Board has approved a candidate for licensure whose education was not at least in part in person instruction. Dr. Holland said that there are other non-APA programs that the Committee has approved because there was a residency portion of the program. Dr. Holland thought it might be best if she and Dr. Samavi could connect directly in the next week to go over the specific concerns that might be able to be worked around, like taking a course that addresses the intervention piece. She noted, however, that the residency piece would still have to go to the Board because there is no precedence for approving someone who has not had any in person residency, and she would hate for Dr. Samavi to do what might be required for the other issues of concern and have the Board ultimately not approve her because she has not met the residency requirement.

Dr. Samavi thought that made sense and thanked the Committee. She wanted to be able to be in touch with Dr. Holland to go over everything and look at other options. Dr. Holland reiterated her willingness to do so, and asked Director Arnold to email Dr. Samavi and her to set up a time for them to talk. Director Arnold stated she would do so.

Director Arnold suggested moving this item to the Board for the next Board meeting, and Dr. Holland said that would be her recommendation.

On Motion by Dr. Holland, second by Soseh Esmaeili, the Nevada State Board of Psychological Examiners' Application Tracking Equivalency and Mobility (ATEAM) Committee moved to refer Dr. Samavi's application for further consideration at the next Board meeting. (Yea: Soseh Esmaeili and Stephanie Holland.) Motion Carried: 2-0

5. (For Possible Action) Discussion of ATEAM Committee Operating Procedures, including the Applicant Review Forms; and Possible Action to Propose Revisions to and/or Make Recommendations to the Board of Psychological Examiners for Adoption of the Revised Procedures and/or Review Forms.

Dr. Esmaeili inquired about whether there was anything to discuss on the committee operating procedures. There being no discussion on this item, it was deferred for consideration to the ATEAM's next meeting.

6. (For Possible Action) Discussion of Upcoming Meeting Dates for the ATEAM Committee

- a. The next ATEAM Committee meeting will be held on April 7, 2023, following the meeting of the regular Board meeting (10 a.m. or later)

There was no conflict with or changes to the meeting schedule.

7. Items for Future Discussion. (No discussion among the Committee members will take place on this item.)

There were no suggestions for future agenda items.

8. Public Comment. Public comment is welcomed by the Board and may be limited to three minutes per person at the discretion of the Committee Chair. Public comment will be allowed at the beginning and end of the meeting, as noted on the agenda. The Committee Chair may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and in their sole discretion. Comments will not be restricted based on viewpoint. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken (NRS 241.020).

There was no public comment at this time.

9. (For Possible Action) Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Esmaeili adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.