



Public Psychology Meeting Minutes

Psychologists Board

Aug 4, 2023, at 9:00 AM EDT

Attendance

Present:

Members: Sheri Friedrich, Christine Gauthier, Robert Walrath, Tonya Warren

Guests: Brenda GoldenHallisey

Absent:

Members: James Nicholls

I. Call To Order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Review of Public Minutes

Motion - Motion to approve July 7, 2023, draft meeting minutes.

Motion moved by TW and motion seconded by RW 4-0-0 approved.

III. Public Appearances

a. 9:00 Harbor Care Attendees

Lauren Meehan, Psy.D. and students of the Doctoral Psychology Interns program from Harbor Care Health and Wellness Psychology Internship Program.

Question from the attendees: if an intern is licensed in Massachusetts first. Then working on postdoc hours, will those hours count towards their NH license?

Answer: Currently there is no specific rule stating they cannot count those hours. However, the NH documentation requires showing completion of those hours.

Recently new legislation was passed specifically for reciprocity, which will streamline the process to reciprocate from other states to NH. In addition, the Board is amending rules to allow an applicant, during their postdoc experience, to sit for the exam after completing 200 hours of their internship. Please visit the Board's website for more details.

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

a. Legislation Schedule - Board Advisement

b. Standing Order - Board Advisement

V. Old Business

a. School Psychologist licensure in, private practice. Board member CG researched this topic. There are 16 states mostly on the east coast who allow this, and most states require an application through their Board and the Board has the authority to grant private practice licensure. What is the best way to move forward with this in NH? The Board identified a law change would be required. The NH Association of School Psychologist will put it onto their agenda with the state association. Is there an interest with other licensees. In a handful of states there is a different pathway for this movement. A report will be available after the NHASP association meeting. With the states CG researched, it is noted the authority is attached to the Board. Models are available and most use the ASPPB

guidelines for School Psychologist having private practice.

- b. Meeting Dates for the remainder of 2023 and 2024. September 8th is moved because of Labor Day weekend. The Board granted moving the October 13th back to October 6th. November and December will stay the same. In 2024 administrator will move 7/5/24 to 7/12/24. All others accepted.

VI New Business

- a. Psypact Commissioner for New Hampshire - Move to NP for discussion.
- b. ASPPB Request a Notice be sent on their behalf. The Board cannot place other entities notices on the NH Board of Psychology website. However, the Psypact already has a link on the Boards website which opens to the information they wanted us to send. Motion to post the link to the website.
 - i. Motion moved by RW, and motion seconded by SF all in favor 4-0-0.

VI. Licensure – Board Advised of High Credentialed licenses issued.

- a. Jason Blizzard #1663, holding a National Register credential.
- b. Yiling Zhang #1664 holding a National Register credential.

VII. 9:15 a.m. Administrative Rules with Tina Kelly

- a. Plc 1002.3 Fees specific to each profession. Now that fees have been posted for OPLC, RW would like to discuss a concern. Psychologists who also hold a School Psychologist licensee will be paying two license fees to the same Board, under the same profession. In addition, are required to hold a DOE certification to acquire a School Psychologist license, in addition, the PHP fee is also required, so multiple fees for two areas of practice under one Board. There needs to be a discussion to get this corrected as soon as possible. Bethany Cottrell Division Director will discuss with administration and maybe get a meeting to discuss.
Regarding licensure, why do I need to keep the DOE certification at all if I am required to hold a School Psychologist license?
Motion to allow the Board to go to OPLC and ask for review. Administrator will draft a letter to send to the chair for review.
Motion moved by RW, and motion seconded by SF All in favor 4-0-0.
- b. School Psychologist - Draft Rules. Amendments were made with Tina who will make the changes and bring back to the Board. The Board requested Tina make the School Psychologist rules a high priority.
- c. Tina is working on the following rules with the Board.
 - 1. Internship, Post-Doctoral Supervision-Application Process-Essays. Candidates apply to the Board through OPLC. The Board could incorporate Plc 300's. Fees required are application for licensure, and PHP program. Questions related to the Board of Psychology profession stay on the application itself. The Bad acts questions would stay, these are core application questions.

2. If a candidate is not a graduate of an APA or CPA accredited program, then attach the separate sheet as defined in the rules. The essays conflict with HB 655. The Board has requested Tina replace the essays with the Jurisprudence Exam (JP). The JP exam is complete and has Board approval. The passing score would be 80%. The Board defers to OPLC rules when an application is abandoned. Tina will make the suggested changes and bring back to the Board.
3. Temp Forensic License - Initial Proposal-Draft
4. Continuing Education changes - Conditional Approval Response and Cover Letter Psyc 402.01, 402.02, 403.01 and 403.02
Motion to approve.
Motion moved by RW, and motion seconded by TW all in favor 4-0-0.
5. Discussion Topic - RW did some research regarding allegation vs complaint. Kentucky had similar wording. Other state's link to a form on their website to file a complaint, but nothing is stated in their rules regarding allegations. There are tremendous variations.

VIII. Non-Public Session

Non-Public session conducted for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c) & (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

Motion to Move into Non-Public Session:

Motion moved by RW, and motion seconded by TW 4-0-0 all in favor.

IX. Resume Public Session - 12:48 p.m.

X. Seal The Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Minutes of the non-public session are sealed to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non- public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), on the grounds that public disclosure may adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member or render the proposed action ineffective.

Motion to Seal the Non-Public discussion and documentation:

Motion moved by TW and motion seconded by RW all in favor 4- 0-0.

XI. Adjournment - 12:50 p.m.