



Board of Psychologists Public Minutes

December 1, 2023 at 9:30 AM

Attendance

Members:

Sherie Friedrich, Chair (SF), Tonya Warren (TW), Christine Gauthier (CG), Alicia Key (AK)

** Robert Walrath (RW) Joined the Public Session at 11:06 am.

Staff:

Michael Gianunzio, Board Administrator; Alexander Fisher, Board Administrator; Elizabeth Eaton, Esq., Board Counsel; Cassandra Brown, Esq., Board Counsel.

Absent:

James Nicholls

- I. Call To Order at 9:32 a.m. by SF, Chair

Motion to move into Non-Meeting with Board Counsel at 9:32 by SF seconded by TW, roll call vote 4-0-0.

Board Returned from Non-Meeting at: 9:50.

- II. Review of Public Minutes

Motion:

Upon a motion by TW with a second by SF, the Board voted to approve the minutes, motion passed; roll call vote 3-0-1. **Abstain:** AK

- III. Public Appearances

- A. 9:45 Isabelle Gontijo Hearing, concluded at 10:13 AM

Motion:

Upon a motion by SF with a second by TW, the Board voted to move forward with the hearing in absentia; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote 4-0-0

Motion:

Upon a motion by TW with a second by CG, the Board voted to recommend OPLC denies the application for licensure; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote 4-0-0

- B. 10:30 Bethany Cottrell, Director of Licensing and Board Administration

10:50 – Bethany introduced herself as Division Director of Board Administration and Licensing. Dr. Walrath, Traci Weber and Bethany met with Steve Applebee to discuss the School Psychologist licensure. There are some inconsistencies between OPLC licenses and DOE licenses. It sounds like DOE has had some conversations and are open to moving licensure to OPLC. Bethany to speak with Legal Team and Lindsey to see if there are any current Bills where we could Amend and get this completed. This could eliminate confusion for School Psychologists who currently have to maintain 2 license types. SF asked about a transition period, Bethany said that is something we would be asking for. OPLC looking to reach out to School Psych Association to gain a better understanding of potential concerns about a move. Dr. Debi Warner, appearing Via Zoom, provided some context as to the challenges that we face when working towards a move towards OPLC. She stated most like being in Department of Ed as they are an Educational profession in nature. CG offered to go to their monthly meeting to share the news and prep them for the discussions to come.

Motion:

Upon a motion by TW with a second by SF, the Board voted to allow CG to represent the Board at the School Psych Association monthly meetings; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote 5-0-0

IV. New Business

- A. ASPPB LISTSERV reports - FYI
 - 1. Long Distance Therapy
 - 2. CE Credits and Accreditation

V. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics

- A. Rules with Tina
 - 1. Psyc 302.04, 302.05, 303.02 (Conditional Approval)

Motion:

Upon a motion by SF with a second by RW, the Board voted to accept the conditional approval response; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote 5-0-0.

VI. Non-Public Session

Non-Public session conducted for the purpose of discussing license applications and 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:

Upon a motion by SF with a second by TF, the Board voted to move into non-public session at 9:53 am; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote 5-0-0.

VII. Resume Public Session

Motion:

Upon a motion by TW with a second by CG, the Board voted to resume public session; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote 5-0-0.

VIII. Seal The Minutes of the Non-Public Session

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:

Upon a motion by TW with a second by SF, the Board voted to seal the minutes of non-public session; motion passed unanimously.

IX. Adjournment

Motion:

Upon a motion by SF with a second by AK, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:16 p.m.; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote 5-0-0.