



Psychology Public Meeting Minutes

Psychologists Board
Feb 2, 2024 at 9:30 AM EST

Attendance

Present:

Members: Sheri Friedrich (SF), Christine Gauthier (CG), Alicia Key (AK), James Nicholls (JN), Tonya Warren (TW).

Absent:

Members: Robert Walrath. CG left at 11:15 a.m.

- I. Call To Order at 9:33 a.m.
- II. Review Draft Public Minutes of 1/5/24 – On Motion moved by TW and motion seconded by JN to approve the minutes as written, roll call vote 5-0-0
- III. Public Appearances
- IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates
 - A. Plc 500 Initial Proposal – The Board is wondering, how does OPLC communicate with licensees regarding this program? The Board would like to send out a notice to all licensees to educate about the PHP program.
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business
 - A. PsyPact Commission discussion
 - B. ASPPB 4th Quarter report – FYI for the Board
 - C. New Board Member Compliance Training – Board Advisement
 - D. ASPPB Q4 2023 Newsletter – Board Advisement
 - E. ASPPB request for speakers – Board Advisement
- VII. Licensure
 - A. Licenses issued since last Board meeting, Board Advisement.
- VIII. Administrative Rules & Legislative Topics
 - A. 10:00 Psyc 303.04 and Psyc 303.05 Hearing

Hearing Opened: 9:59 a.m.
Hearing Closed: 10:15 a.m.

Public Comment: Jim Bomersbach, psychologist, and practicing forensic Psychologist. Requesting to find out more information about these rules. In addition, written testimony submitted to the rule's coordinator, Tina Kelley was presented to the Board.

- B. Psyc 301, 303.03 and 304 Adoption of Rules and sign cover letter. On motion from TW and motion seconded by JN to adopt Psyc 301.01, Psyc 303.03, and Psyc 304, roll call vote 5-0-0.
- C. Legislative Update from Board Counsel - HB 1112 – taking a CE for human trafficking. Watching.

Question: Could the Board offer a course or presentation, at no charge, but to host and sponsor something relevant to NH?

HB 1272 - removes the substantially similar part. There was a hearing last week, and there is a sub-committee meeting today. A lot of people spoke regarding this bill.

HB 1408 - There was a hearing on Wednesday, Dr. Warner testified. This legislation would be removing pieces of the legislation that are redundant. No subcommittee meeting scheduled yet. There may be 12 or 13 license types, represented for the combined Board. This would require all new rulemaking; Board Members may have to be reappointed. The biggest fear is regarding compliance, it is so dangerous to have one person in the room who would speak about a person's expertise, how would this be fair representation. The Board was recently audited, and the audit determined the Board is working well, so why is this Legislation change be proposed?

HB 1676 - Repeal of all the Boards within OPLC – A Commission will be created to review and determine which Board should be recreated. There is a Sub-Committee work session today. The Board could prepare a written response to this legislation proposal if they want. On the general court website, there is a link, and you can subscribe to receive notices, or you could listen to the hearings if you missed it.

IX. 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 at 10:29 a.m.

Motion moved by TW and motion seconded by JN. roll call vote 5-0-0

X. Resume Public Session at 11:50 a.m.

XI. 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 to Seal the Minutes of the Non-public Session:

Motion moved by TW and motion seconded by JN. roll call vote 4-0-0

XII. Vote to Adjourn at 11:55