

New Hampshire Board of Psychologists
Public -Meeting Minutes - Amended
April 6, 2018

The April 6, 2018 meeting of the Board of Psychologists convened at 9:00 a.m. at the Office of Professional Licensing and Certification, 121 South Fruit St. Concord NH, with the following members present:

James Halla Psy.D. Board Chair
Anna L. Elbroch, Esq.
Catherine Shanelaris, Esq.
Roger Peterson, Ph.D.
Susan Vonderheide, Ph.D.
Deborah Warner Ph.D.
Steven Atkins, Psy.D.

The Board voted to accept the public minutes from February 2, 2018 as published.

HEARING – Dr. Susan Hess – 10:06 a.m.

The Board appoint Attorney Anna L. Elbroch to preside at the hearing in the matter of Dr. Susan Hess. Dr. Susan Hess requested a hearing for reconsideration pursuant to Psyc 205 on the deficiency issues identified by the Board on September 22, 2017. The Board denied Dr. Susan Hess a license based on the requirements of Psyc. 302.01 and Psyc. 303.05 (c) having not been met.

Dr. Hess presented to the presiding officer exhibit A; a letter dated March 17, 2018 with the Internship Confirmation Form & exhibit B; a letter dated February 18, 2018 with supporting documentation in support of Dr. Hess's psychology licensure.

At 11:12 a.m. Steven Atkins recused himself from any deliberation or further decisions on the Hess matter. (Dr. Atkins reviewed Dr. Susan Hess's application for the Certificate of Professional Qualification (CPQ) credential)

Upon the motion at 11:12 a.m. by Deborah Warner with a second by Roger Peterson, the Board voted to go into non-public session Per RSA 91-A:3 II (c).

Upon the motion at 12:35 p.m. by Steven Atkins with a second by Susan Vonderheide, the Board voted to reconvene the public session.

Upon motion at 12:35 p.m. by Steven Atkins with a second by Susan Vonderheide, the Board voted to withhold and seal the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 III, that divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a Board member and to render the propose action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Alex Siegel J.D., Ph.D. Director of Professional Affairs
Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)

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Dr. Siegel gave a brief overview of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB).
Dr. Siegel's gave the Board a PowerPoint outline of his presentation (Please see attached).

Dr. Siegel, from the ASPPB, gave an overview of the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT), as an interstate compact that is designed to facilitate telehealth and temporary face to face practice of psychology across jurisdictional boundaries. Currently there are four states participating with other states joining. Dr. Siegel is hoping that New Hampshire would be the seventh state to join.

The Board is receptive of joining the PSYPACT and is in the process of getting sponsorship for the 2019 legislative session.

2. House and Senate Bill updates presented by Director of Health Professions Sheri Walsh
 - a. HB 587 – Relative to conversion therapy seeking to change a person's sexual orientation is pending in the Senate.
 - b. SB 531 – Relative to the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification. This bill will allow organizational and procedural rules to be done by OPLC. The Board has concerns with this bill and will be writing to the sponsors on their opposition.; current status; ought to pass with amendment.
 - c. SB 372 – Establishing positions in the office of professional licensure and certification and making an appropriation therefore; ought to pass.
 - d. SB 334 – Relative to temporary licenses for occupations and professions for persons from other states; ought to pass with amendment.
 - e. HB 1460 – Relative to the criteria and standards for professional and occupational regulation by the state; Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL)
 - f. HB 1685 – Establishing a statutory commission for oversight over occupational regulations; Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL)

QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE

1. The Board voted to approve new applications for the following applicants:

Mathilde Pelaprat
Kristen Perkins
Carrie Chiasson

2. The Board voted to request additional information from the following applicants:

Alicia Semiatin
Holly Fincher
Kristen McGhee

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3. The Board voted to renew the following applicant:

Shanna Treworgy

4. The Board voted to send letters to the applicants regarding licensure and renewal procedures:

Dr. Mr. Hively and Dr. Mrs. Hively

5. The Board voted to send a letter requesting information of internship and syllabus for applicant:

Jeannine Pablo

6. The Board received a Request for Accommodation for an applicant; after review of the request it was determined that the request was for the Board of Nursing not the Board of Psychologists.

QUESTIONS

No pending questions currently.

ADJOURN: on motion to adjourn by Steven Atkins with a second by James Halla, the motion to adjourn at 1:50 p.m. carried in the affirmative.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Michelle Thibeault, Administrator for the Board of Psychologists