

# Board of Psychologists

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Friday June 1, 2018 @ 9:00 AM  
Public Meeting Minutes

The June 1, 2018 meeting of the Board of Psychologists convened at 9:10 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 Shanellaris, Esq.  
Roger Peterson, Ph.D.  
Susan Vonderheide, Ph.D.  
Deborah Warner Ph.D.  
Steven Atkins, Psy.D

Upon motion by Steven Atkins Psy.D.; with a second by Attorney Catherine Shanellaris the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 18, 2018 Public Meeting Minutes.

## Qualification and licensure

### 1. Application for licensure

Deborah Cheshire – Essay Question #6 – approved, the Board asked that a letter be mailed with the license stating the expectation that the licensee will get a professional will.

The Board will add the following to the FAQ website:

Do I need to have a professional will for my practice in the event that I am disabled or die?

Yes, the Board requires that each licensed clinical psychologist has a will addressing who will oversee (e.g. serve as executor) dissemination of records, informs patients of being disabled/deceased, and make referrals. This is a requirement.

A motion was made at 9:41am by Steven Atkinson Psy.D. with a second by Attorney Catherine Shanellaris to go into non meeting, to speak with the Board's Attorney Thomas Broderick.

A motion was made at 10:00 am by Catherine Shanellaris with a second by Anna L. Elbroch, Esq. to go out of non-meeting and to go back into public.

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## 2. Application to Take the National Exam

- Matthew Kobbs – Was approved to take the EPPP test as part of the licensing requirement in New Hampshire.

### Public Hearing – 10:00 a.m.

Chairman James Halla Psy.D was recused prior to the hearing commencing.

- Alethea Young, Ph.D.

The presiding officer for the Board of Psychology Catherine Shanelaris Esq. called the public hearing to order at 10:08 am on June 1, 2018, for Case Number 13-0001 Alethea Young, Ph.D. to discuss the provision of the settlement agreement issued and agreed upon on November 21, 2017. This public hearing is specifically in the matter of suspension of license up to one year Per paragraph 8 C. page 9 of the settlement agreement

Present at the hearing Attorney Robinson with his client Stuart Cady or “Skip”. Attorney Geoffrey Vitt, client Dr. Alethea Young, and his paralegal

Stuart Cady (complainant) and his Attorney were given 10 minutes to address the Board.

Attorney Vitt and Dr. Young addressed the Board.

The Board concluded the public hearing asking Attorney Vitt and Dr Young to submit any findings by June 18<sup>th</sup> 2018.

The Board to a break.

Upon the motion at 12:00 p.m. by Deborah Warner Ph.D. with a second by\_ James Halla Psy.D. the Board voted to go into non-public session Per RSA 91-A:3 II (c).

Upon the motion at 12:16 p.m. by Deborah Warner Ph.D. with a second by James Halla Psy.D th board moved into public 12:16 Debra Warner Ph.D., 2<sup>nd</sup> chair Jim Halla Psy.D.

Upon motion at 12:28 p.m. by Dr. Deborah Warner with a second by Dr. Steven Atkins, 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

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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.

Upon concluding the non-public session the Board scheduled a non-public session for June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 a.m. to deliberate the Public Hearing of Alethea Young, Ph.D.

## Administrative

1. Robert Lamberti Jr, attorney for the Office of Professional Licensing and Certification met with the Board to discuss a voluntary survey from Health and Human Services. This would require changing wording within the Administrative Rules. The Board voted in favor.
2. National Register of Health Service Psychologists - Deborah Warner Ph.D. will write a letter to National credential evaluation services

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Public Agenda

## Questions

Q. I have recently moved to NH and am interested in getting licensed as a clinical psychologist. I completed my PhD in both Child Psychology and School Psychology at the University of MN (APA approved). With that, I completed all the coursework and practice and internships for both programs. In addition to many practical hours in schools and mental health clinics, I completed a year-long supervised full-time internship in the public schools (for the school psychology degree), a separate full-time year-long supervised internship in a hospital and psychiatric clinic (Hennepin County Medical Center), followed by another full-time year-long fellowship at that hospital and psychiatric clinic. In addition, I paid for outside supervision for an additional 2 years while completing an extra part-time advanced psychoanalytic study training program. I understand that NH requires only 2 years of clinical supervision. Although I have several years of supervised experience (well above the minimum needed), these occurred BEFORE I defended my doctoral dissertation in 2010 -- but AFTER all coursework for graduation was completed. Is there any possibility of getting a waiver to include supervision experience as post-doctoral if coursework was completed and ONLY my dissertation was left to defend? While I generally understand the desire for a year of supervision to be completed after all your training/coursework, in my unique situation, it seems a bit awkward to require yet another year of supervision. I do plan on continuing to seek supervision experiences, but if any way possible (for my and my organization), I would prefer to be able to get licensed sooner (assuming I pass the EPPP).

A. All applicants for licensure as a psychologist shall have a doctoral degree from an accredited institution of higher learning, which has received regional accreditation from the Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges.

Q. If the answer to question 1 is "no" and there are no exceptions, then do I need to wait another year before I can even apply for licensure? I want to begin preparing for the EPPP but (and I may be misunderstanding) it seems to me that I first need to provide information on the form about my post-doc supervision. Can "postdoc" be "after all doctoral coursework is completed" or does it literally mean "after I defended my dissertation" (which was years later -- but, as mentioned above, after years of supervision was already completed)?

A. An applicant can start preparing for the EPPP at any time but cannot take the test until the Board of Psychologists has received and reviewed a completed application for licensure