

# Board of Psychology

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**Friday August 3, 2018 @ 9:00 AM**  
Public Minutes

The August 3, 2018 meeting of the Board of Psychologists convened at 9:00 a.m. at the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, 121 South Fruit St. Concord, N.H., with the following members present:

Anna L. Elbroch, Esq., Chair  
James Halla, Psy.D.  
Robert P. Walrath, Psy.D.  
Steven C. Atkins, Psy.D.  
Tonya F. Warren, Psy.D.  
Deborah Warner, Psy.D.  
Lauren Greenwald, Esq.

Upon motion by James Halla, Psy.D. with a second by Robert Walrath, Psy.D., the Board voted to approve the public minutes of July 13, 2018.

The Board welcomed new Board member Lauren Greenwald, Esq.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. News Article from *Valley News* – Dr. Young.

The Board discussed the article from the *Valley News* focusing on the importance of the investigative process and rules that regulates the practice of psychologists.

2. Public Hearing – N/A

## **QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE**

1. The Board unanimously approved the following Applicants for Licensure:

- Maggi, Mirella
- Leveroni, Catherine

2. Upon the motion by James Halla, Psy.D., with a second by Deborah Warner, Psy.D., The Board voted to send a letter to applicant Jessica DiMarco. The Board found Dr. DiMarco's application to be incomplete. The Board also requests that Dr. DiMarco re-write her essays and select a different topic for essay number Five.<sup>1</sup> The Board refers Dr. DiMarco back to the Psychologist rules Psych. 302.01, 302.02 and 303.05.

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## 3. Application to take the National Examination

The following requests to take the national examination were approved on a motion by Deborah Warner, Psy.D. with a second by Steven C. Atkins, Psy.D.

- Maynard, Patricia
- Afolayan, Abimbola

Applicant Bethanie Stephens was not approved to take the national exam. The Board requests the applicant to submit her application when it is complete.

## 4. Temporary License Requests

The following temporary licenses were approved upon the motion by James Halla, Psy.D., with a second by Tonya F. Warren, Psy.D .

- Bram, Anthony
- Chala, Tanya

## 5. Follow Up from July 13, 2018 Applicants

- Herman, Randall (withdrew application) – No action at this time
- Merrin, Jason (No response) – No action at this time
- Kobs, Matthew (Did not pass test) – No action at this time
- McGhee, Kirsten (No response).

Upon the motion at 10:47 a.m. by Steven Atkins, Psy.D., with a second by Robert P. Walrath, 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 Steven Atkins, Psy.D., with a second by Robert P. Walrath, Psy.D., the Board voted out of non-public session and back into public session..

Upon the motion at 12:16 p.m. by Steven Atkins, Psy.D. with a second by Tonya F. Warren, Psy.D., the Board voted to withhold and seal the minutes of the preceding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 II, 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.

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## QUESTION(S)

Q. I want to know if it is possible to attain licensure with a Re-Specialization Certificate in the state of New Hampshire. I have a Ph.D. in Personality and Social Psychology and an MA in Counseling. Since I have several degrees, I am not looking for another degree, but I do want to become a practicing psychologist in the state of New Hampshire. I have read the Mhp 302.03 on the state website. I have taken most of the courses that are listed on that document. The APA encourages re-specialization <http://www.apa.org/ed/graduate/respecialization.aspx>, but not all state licensing boards accept re-specialization. It does not make sense for me to invest in this certificate program if it will not be accepted by the state board and will not lead to licensure in New Hampshire. Will the board accept a re-specialization certificate as licensing credentials?

Since I have completed most of the listed courses, is there a better route for me to gain licensure?

I am thinking of enrolling in the online re-specialization certificate program, which is listed on the APA website. This is a hybrid program, which also has face-to-face meetings. All of my Ph.D. and MA work was face-to-face instruction. Would the board accept course work that is online?

A. The Board cannot advise on the topic specifically. Any Application for Licensure must comply with the course requirements set forth in the Rules (302.01, 302.02). An email will be sent to the Applicant advising such.

The Board discovered that Robert Walrath, Ph.D. knows the Applicant who submitted this question. Dr. Walrath will recuse himself from any further discussion, voting, or any matter involving this individual.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

The Board appointed Deborah Warner, Psy.D. as Vice-Chair. In a motion by Steven Atkins, Psy.D., seconded by James Halla, Psy.D.

The Board discussed formulating rules and laws governing telepsychology.

Steven Atkins, Psy.D. advised he will not be attending the September 7, 2018 meeting due to his attendance at the ASPBB National Conference.

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Adjourned: Upon motion at 12:30 p.m. the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> By suggesting a new topic for essay 5, the Board wants to make it clear that it is only a suggestion for the applicant, not coaching the applicant.