

# Board of Psychology

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

The September 7, 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, NH with the following members present:

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

Absent: Steven C. Atkins, Psy.D.

The Minutes of August 3, 2018 were approved with amendments with a motion by Robert Walrath, Psy.D., a second by Jim Halla, Psy.D., and all other members present voting in the affirmative with Deb Warner, Psy.D., abstaining.

Deborah Warner, Psy.D., requested formatting, not actual content changes, to the Application for Licensure so that it matches the Rules format. Director Sheri Walsh, Esq., informed the Board that Robert (Bob) Lamberti, Esq., who currently works on rule writing for OPLC, is leaving the department effective September 21, 2018. She will inquire with Mr. Lamberti, what would be required to make these types of changes.

## NEW ITEMS

1. Letter from Judith-Annette Milburn, Ph.D.

The Board discussed Dr. Milburn's letter concerning reciprocity. The Board voted unanimously to send a response citing Rule Psyc 303.04 which requires any psychologist providing services in New Hampshire to apply for temporary licensure. Additionally, the Board expressed concern with the level detail Dr. Milburn supplied in identifying her client and a violation of confidentiality. Anna Elbroch, Esq. composed a response to Dr. Milburn. Theresa McGowan will send the Board's response to Dr. Milburn.

2. Emails from ASPPB, the Texas Board of Psychologists, and the Washington State Examining Board of Psychology regarding EPPP2 news.

The Board discussed the proposed enhanced Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP2) addressed in these emails. With a motion by Deb Warner, Psy.D., and a second by James Halla, Psy.D., the Board voted to accept Washington State's

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suggestion to collaborate with other states so that concerns and updates will be shared amongst member jurisdictions.

3. Letter from Cindy Olvey, Psy.D., expressing interest in Secretary-Treasurer position for the ASPPB. The Board discussed Dr. Olvey's letter of interest and opted to let the attending board member (Steven Atkins, Psy.D.) vote for the candidate of their choice.

4. Email from NH-DHHS regarding Autism Registry. The Board of Psychology received an email from NH Department of Health and Human Services concerning an Autism Registry mandated by He-M 501.02(f). The Board discussed DHHS's intent to notify psychologists of this update and how best to do so. Upon a motion by James Halla, Psy.D., with a second by Robert Walrath, Psy.D., the Board voted unanimously to supply a public list of psychologists to DHHS so they can disseminate the information. Theresa McGowan will send the public list to DHHS.

5. News: "Prescribing Authority for Psychologists Moves Forward in Iowa, but Still Faces Opposition." (IA) - *The Gazette*. This news update for was the Board's informational purpose only and did not require any action. The Board consented to receiving these, and other types of informational notices as the Board Administrator receives them.

## PUBLIC HEARING

Psychology Applicant Kristen McGhee, presented herself to the Board at 10:00 a.m. for to discuss her written essay responses submitted on two previous occasions. Anna Elbroch, Esq., explained to Dr. McGhee the purpose of the oral evaluation of her essay responses and critical thinking pursuant to Psyc 303.05(d) and (e).

At 10:30 a.m. Dr. McGhee was excused from the public session so the Board could discuss the results of her oral explanations.

Upon the motion at 10:30 a.m. the Board voted to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (c)

Upon the motion at 10:51 a.m. the Board voted out of non-public session.

At 10:55 a.m. Kristen McGhee was invited back to the public session. Anna Elbroch, Esq., explained that the Board believes her responses to Essay # 6 regarding record-keeping and record retention were unsatisfactory. Specifically, Dr. McGhee needs to address the handling of record keeping and record access in a variety of practice settings,

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including her present one. She is also expected to cover record access and handling by her Executor. The Board recommended Dr. McGhee research and consult with colleagues in order to demonstrate her ability to satisfactorily articulate with clarity and depth. Dr. McGhee was requested to attend the next Board meeting on October 12, 2018 to orally address these topics. Dr. McGhee was instructed to re-submit her written responses to the Board within 3-5 days prior to the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Upon the motion at 11:05 a.m. by Deb Warner, Psy.D., with a second by Tonya 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.

## QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE

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

- Maynard, Patricia
- Salwen-Deremer, Jessica

2. Follow-up on Applications from 8/3/18

- Stephens, Bethanie: Notification sent; awaiting outstanding information. No action taken.

## QUESTION(S)

Q. What is the Board's opinion on the retention of incomplete applications?

A. The Board discussed Rule 303.02 which requires they approve or deny an application for licensure within a specified period of time. If an applicant is notified that additional information is required, or if their application is denied as a result of incomplete application should be retained based on the current rules, otherwise at the Board's discretion. Director Sheri Walsh, Esq., explained that OPLC management is aware that many boards have different retention periods. In the absence of board-specific retention periods rules and laws, OPLC plans to implement consistent rules and policies across all boards.

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Q. We are inquiring if Mercy College students graduating from the School Psychology Masters of Science Program would qualify to be licensed or certified as a school psychologist in your state (pending any background clearances and jurisprudence exams).

Mercy College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Students completing the 66-credit general School Psychology Program are eligible for provisional certification as a school psychologist from the New York State Education Department.

The School Psychology Program is currently approved by the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP at [www.nasponline.org](http://www.nasponline.org)) and National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education Programs (NCATE at [www.ncate.org](http://www.ncate.org)) and has aligned its procedures, curriculum and assessments with the requirements of the two accrediting organizations.

Graduates are required to complete a minimum of 1,200 clock hours of internship in a college-approved school setting which addresses the continuing development and refinement of skills in assessment, consultation, proactive intervention and service delivery, and is consistent with NASP best practice guidelines for school psychology internships. Students sit for the Praxis II School Psychology exam during their internship year.

Attached are the college catalog pages and academic map showing the course sequence completed by students in the program. We would be happy to provide any additional information or supporting documentation. (Karel Dean, Ph.D.)

A. The Board discussed the question and determined that the matter addresses educational institutional accreditation/certification which is the responsibility of the NH Board of Education.

Q. I'd like to know whether New Hampshire psychologists adhere to APA codes regarding disclosure of test data and materials or whether there is a superceding law or statute regarding this issue. (Courtney Toon)

This question will be carried over to next month's meeting.

Q. Where in the New Hampshire rules and law listing would be the equivalent of a practice act for psychologists that is a concise listing of the range of scope of practice allowed for psychologists. (Elizabeth Lachapelle)

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A. The Board referred Dr. Lachapelle to RSA 329-B:2, VII and VIII. Theresa McGowan will respond to Dr. Lachapelle with the information.

Upon motion at 12:10 p.m. by Deborah Warner, Psy.D., with a second by James Halla, Psy.D., the Board voted go out of non-public session and into public.

Upon motion by Dr. Deborah Warner , Psy.D., with a second by James Halla, 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 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.

Adjourned: Upon motion at 12:15 p.m. the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.