

# Board of Psychology

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**Friday November 2, 2018 @ 9:00 AM**  
Public Minutes - APPROVED

The November 2, 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.  
Lauren Greenwald, Esq.  
Tonya Warren, Psy.D.  
Steven C. Atkins, Psy.D.  
Deborah Warner, Ph.D.

Guest: Jes Leonard, Ph.D. - New Hampshire Psychological Association (NHPA)

## **ADMINISTRATIVE**

The Minutes of October 12, 2018 were approved with a motion by James Halla, Psy.D., and a second by Tonya Warren, Psy.D., and all other members present voting in the affirmative.

On October 24 2018 the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) distributed the “Jurisdictional Update on the Enhanced EPPP.” The Board unanimously voted to invite a representative from ASPPB to attend one of their next three upcoming board meetings for the purpose of a having a comprehensive discussion regarding the topic. Theresa McGowan will contact ASPPB to secure a meeting date. The possible meeting dates are Friday, December 7, 2018, January 11, 2019 or February 1, 2019.

Deb Warner, Ph.D., updated the Board about submitting the Psychological Interjurisdictional Compact (PsyPact) legislation. Senator John Regan would be pleased to introduce it, as he has done compacts before. The Board discussed co-sponsors and Steve Atkins, Psy.D. and Deb Warner, Ph.D. will approach others to sign on to the bill.

Michelle Thibeault, from the Office of Professional Licensing (OPLC) updated the Board on the impending enhancement to the licensing system My Office Update (MLO) which will support on-line renewal applications. The upgrade is still in testing stages and should be available soon. The goal is to eventually accommodate new application licensure requests as well.

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## PUBLIC HEARING

Jes Leonard, Ph.D., from the New Hampshire Psychological Association (NHPA) informed the Board about the availability of publishing Board openings, industry news and other communications with NHPA.

## QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE

Upon a motion by James Halla, Psy.D., with a second by Lauren Greenwald, Esq., the Board voted unanimously to deny the following applicant's request for licensure, pending further information:

- DiMarco, Jessica

Dr. DiMarco must submit verification from Alliant International University whether her specific degree program was APA approved at the time of her graduation. If the program was not APA approved, Psyc 302.02 requires program syllabi be submitted to the Board. Also, forms submitted in the application contain inconsistent and inaccurate requisite hours. The Board requires accurate, consistent forms be submitted. The latest essays submitted are still insufficient. Psyc 303.05 requires essays be specific, complete, direct and a minimum of 300 words in length.

The Board is required to make a decision on licensure within 120 days. Accordingly, the Applicant is advised to respond with the necessary information no later than December 2, 2018 in preparation for the Board's next meeting. Theresa McGowan will send a letter.

The Board unanimously approved the following Applicant to sit for the EPPP Exam.

- Lenzen, Alexandra

While Robert Walrath, Psy.D., recused himself, all other Board members present voted in the affirmative to approve the following Applicant to sit for the EPPP Exam and to re-submit her essays. Pursuant to Psyc 303.05, the essays are inadequate in length (minimum of 300 words each) and should be specific, complete and direct and include pros and cons of possible courses of action of the ethical dilemmas presented and citations to applicable psychologists' code of ethics. Theresa McGowan will send a letter.

- Murphy, Kate

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## QUESTIONS

Q. (From Patricia Maynard, Psy.D.) I am in the process of setting up a private practice and want to ensure that I am doing everything correctly. I am curious if it is okay and in line with the expectations of the Board to name a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (licensed in the state of NH) as the executor of my Professional Will, as opposed to a licensed psychologist.

A. Thank you for your question. The Board cannot give licensees direct advice on a specific issue. However, the Board refers you to the APA guidelines for the expectations.

## FOLLOW-UP ON APPLICANTS FROM OCT. 12, 2018

- Stephens, Bethanie: Did not pass exam.

Upon a motion by Anna Elbroch, Esq., with a second by Lauren Greenwald, Esq., the Board unanimously voted to approve the Bethanie Stephens to re-take the Exam.

Upon a motion at 11:25 a.m. by Deborah Warner, Ph.D., with a second by James Halla, Psy.D., the Board moved to non-public session.

Upon the motion at 1:15 p.m. by Steven Atkins, Psy.D., with a second by James Halla, Psy.D., the Board moved back into public session.

Upon motion at 1:15 p.m. by Steven Atkins, 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.

The Board adjourned at 1:15 p.m. with a motion made by Steven Atkins, Psy.D., with a second by James Halla, Psy.D.