

Board of Psychology

Friday, October 4, 2019 at 9:00 AM

Public Minutes

The October 4, 2019 meeting of the Board of Psychologists (the “Board”) convened at 9:05 a.m. at the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, Room 119, 121 South Fruit St., Concord, NH with the following members present:

Robert P. Walrath, Psy.D., Chair

Tonya Warren, Psy.D, Member

James Halla, Psy.D, Member

Lauren Greenwald, Esq., Public Member

James Beaugregard, Ph.D, Member

Steve Atkins, Psy.D., Acting Board Member

Guest: Jessica Leonard, Liaison, NHPA

Applicant: Amy Blackburn

Staff: Yvonne Marcotte

1. ADMINISTRATIVE

Upon motion by Tonya Warren, PsyD and a second by Lauren Greenwald, Esq., the board voted to unanimously approve the minutes from the September 6, 2019 public session as amended.

2. RULES

Regarding random audits of online renewals, the Board determined that the licensee must send the Board copies of their CEUs for the timeframe of the renewal.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

The Board convened a hearing, Tonya Warren, Psy.D. presiding, at 10:04 p.m. to hear applicant Amy Blackburn discuss a second set of essay questions. Upon motion by James Halla, PsyD., with a second by Lauren Greenwald Esq., the Board unanimously voted to close the public hearing at 10:20 to discuss the applicant’s responses.

Upon motion by Steve Atkins, PsyD, with a second by James Halla, PsyD., the Board unanimously approved licensure for Amy Blackburn.

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4. DISCUSSION

- a. Upon motion by Robert Walrath, PsyD, with a second by James Halla, PsyD., the board unanimously voted to approve a letter to Jessica Leonard, representing the New Hampshire Psychological Association, inviting psychologists to volunteer for board positions and as investigators for the professional conduct committee.
- b. Discussion proposing new board nominations was tabled.
- c. Discussion of new ASPPB PLUS application process was tabled.
- d. Discussion of fee for temporary licensure was tabled.

5. QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE

a. Application for Licensure

Upon motion by Tonya Warren, PsyD with a second by Steve Atkins, PsyD, application for licensure of Scott Feldman was unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Lauren Greenwald, Esq. with a second by James Halla, PsyD, the Board granted Sarah Gaphardt her request to sit for exam; Robert Walrath, PsyD recused.

The Board could not approve licensure to Edgar Hartford because there was no quorum; Robert Walrath, PsyD. and James Beauregard, PsyD recused.

Upon motion by James Halla, PsyD with a second by Tonya Warren, PsyD, the Board unanimously approved a letter be sent to licensee that approval will be voted on at the next board meeting.

Upon motion by Lauren Greenwald, Esq. with a second by Steve Atkins, PsyD, the Board unanimously approved the licensure application for Brittany Murphy.

Upon motion by James Halla, PsyD with a second by Steve Atkins, PsyD, application for licensure of Dana Pilchik was unanimously approved.

Upon motion by James Beauregard PhD with a second by Tonya Warren, PsyD, the Board unanimously voted to request Meaghan Pilling to rewrite responses to essay questions 2, 4, and 5.

b. License Reinstatement - NA

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c. Licensure Denial - NA

d. Application for Temporary Licensure

Upon motion by Lauren Greenwald, Esq with a second by James Halla, PsyD, application for temporary licensure of Robert Azrak. The Board requested the applicant to clarify what applicant was request other than temporary licensure.

e. Request to Sit for Exam

Upon motion by Tonya Warren, PsyD with a second by James Halla, PsyD, the Board unanimously approved request for sit for exam for Sarah Baker.

For lack of a quorum, upon motion by Lauren Greenwald, Esq with a second by Steve Atkins, PsyD, Robert Walrath, PsyD. and James Beauregard, PhD recused, the Board tabled approval for Kate Murphy to retake the EPPP exam.

6. QUESTIONS

Question #1 (from Shea Fedigan)

Do NH laws and licensing regulations for psychologists permit a psychologist licensed in MA but not NH permit weekly treatment of a NH resident that would likely exceed 6 months?

Do NH laws and licensing regulations permit a psychologist licensed in MA to conduct telehealth visits for psychotherapy?

Answer: Patients can access services no matter they live from a licensed psychologists.

Question #2 (from Sarah Samuelson - *see above*)

Can a clinical psychologist licensed in MA provide telehealth therapy for a patient who currently lives in New Hampshire?

Answer: A psychologist must be licensed in the state where the person receives telehealth services. See response to question #1 and check APA standards for telehealth therapy.

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7. FIRST NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion to commence Non-Public Session:

At 10:20 a.m., upon motion by Tonya Warren, PsyD., with a second by Lauren Greenwald, Esq., the Board voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing confidential Board business and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3 II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, RSA 329:18, I, RSA 329:18-a, IV, RSA 329:29, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

[Minutes kept separately]

At 10:30 a.m., upon motion by James Halla, Psy.D., with a second by James Beauregard, Ph.D., the Board voted to go out of non-public session and back into public session.

At 10:35 a.m., upon motion by Lauren Greenwald, Esq., with a second by James Halla, PsyD., the Board unanimously 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 proposed action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

8. SECOND NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion to commence Non-Public Session:

At 12:15 a.m., upon motion by Robert Walrath, PsyD., with a second by Lauren Greenwald, Esq., the Board voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing confidential Board business and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3 II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, RSA 329:18, I, RSA 329:18-a, IV, RSA 329:29, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

[Minutes kept separately]

At 12:25 a.m., upon motion by Tonya Warren, Psy.D., with a second by James Beauregard, Ph.D., the Board voted to go out of non-public session and back into public session.

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At 1:45 p.m., upon motion by Robert Walrath, Psy.D., with a second by Tonya Warren, Psy.D., the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.