

Board of Psychology

Friday, November 1, 2019 at 9:00 AM

Public Minutes

The November 1, 2019 meeting of the Board of Psychologists (the “Board”) convened at 9:15 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, PsD., Chair
Tonya Warren, PsyD, Member
Lauren Greenwald, Esq., Public Member
James Beauregard, PhD, Member
Deborah Warner, PhD, Member

Guests:

Nathaniel Jones, PhD
Melissa St. Cyr, Chief Legal Officer, DHHS
Henry D. Lipman, Medicaid Director, DHHS
Steve Appleby, Administrator, Bureau of Credentialing, DOE
Jessica Leonard, Liaison, NHPA

OPLC staff:

Lindsey Courtney, Health Division Director
Michelle Thibeault
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 October 4, 2019 public session.

2. RULES

Upon motion by Deborah Warner, PhD., with a second by Lauren Greenwald, Esq. the Board unanimously voted to approve “Conditional Approval Response” to be filed with Administrative Rules; the vote to adopt will be at next meeting
Discussion of proposed changes to Rule 303 regarding essay questions was tabled.

3. PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

Representatives from the Department of Health & Human Services, Department of Education, and school psychologist Nathaniel Jones, PhD presented issues and questions relative to Medicaid reimbursement to schools. While ensuring that students receive proper services, the state is seeking ways to comply with Medicaid requirements for reimbursement of services.

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4. DISCUSSION

- a. The Board received interest from psychologists following a letter from NHPA inviting volunteers for board positions and as investigators for the Professional Conduct Committee (PCC).

The Board implemented three committees, each with a board member as liaison/chair. The committees are: Professional Conduct Committee, James Halla chair; Professional Health Committee (PHC), James Beauregard chair, Professional Advisory Committee (PAC), Tonya Warren chair. Committee members may receive one CEU credit hour for every hour served, up to 20 hours.

- 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.
- e. Upon motion by Lauren Greenwald, Esq. with a second by James Beauregard, PhD., the Board voted unanimously to transfer discussion of applications for licensure to non-public session in order to retain confidentiality of applicant's documentation status; licensure approvals will be listed in public minutes. A representative of NHPA, the applicant, and their guests are allowed to be present.

5. QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE

- a. Application for Licensure

Upon motion by Tonya Warren, PsyD with a second by James Beauregard, PhD, application for licensure of Kirsten Milliken was unanimously approved.

- b. License Reinstatement

Upon motion by Deborah Warner, PhD, with a second by Lauren Greenwald, Esq., application for reinstatement for William Gunn was unanimously approved upon receipt of documentation of 40 CEUs completed in the preceding two-year period.

- c. Licensure Denial - NA

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d. Application for Temporary Licensure

Upon motion by Lauren Greenwald, Esq. with a second by Tonya Warren, PsyD, application for 90-day temporary licensure of Julie Ryan was unanimously approved.

e. Request to Sit for Exam

For lack of a quorum, upon motion by Lauren Greenwald, Esq with a second by Tonya Warren, PsyD, with 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 Judith Grados-TrustPARMA)

The Trust is interested in becoming a continuing education provider for psychologists in New Hampshire. To ensure we adhere to New Hampshire's standards, we ask if there is a specific link or language on your website that you can point us to, as well as any information regarding fees that may need to be submitted.

Answer: The rules relating to Continuing Education can be found in Psyc 402:

<https://www.oplc.nh.gov/psychologists/documents/psyc-100-500.pdf>

Psyc 402.01 (a) "The board of psychology shall assume no role in the review, pre-approval, post program approval, evaluation, accreditation or certification of any continuing education seminar, workshop, home study course or academic course."

That same section of rules includes the list of approved sponsoring organizations that the board recognizes for license renewal education requirements. Any training provider that obtains sponsorship from an organization on this list would be recognized for that training seminar that holds such sponsorship.

Question #2 (from Judy at NH Business Magazine)

What are CE requirements for licensure? Is there a benefit of having an association teach classes? In addition to regulatory requirements, an association may be able to offer courses that meet the immediate needs of their profession.

Answer: The rules reference the organizations that are recognized sponsors of CEUs. The board from time to time notices opportunities for continuing education topics which it forwards to the NHPA. That organization may develop materials or seminars for those topics. If your organization wishes to provide such trainings, you might find it helpful to contact NHPA.

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Question #3 (from Jessica Leonard, NHPA)

Would the Board consider the following changes?

- 1) Clearly emphasize on the application checklist and essay directions that the essays in the licensure application are in lieu of jurisprudence exams that other states use;
- 2) Refrain from using both the applicant's first and last name in the Board's published minutes that are posted online;
- 3) Add NHPA as a contact for applicants (office@nhpsychology.org), either on the Board's website or by allowing staff to consistently and actively redirect applicants to NHPA.

Answer: The Board will allow essays in lieu of the jurisprudence exam, and will not use both the first and last names in the minutes that are posted online. According to RSA 391-A3(c), discussion of new applications will occur during nonpublic sessions. The Board encourages applicants to seek assistance from NHPA in the licensure process.

Question #4 (from Frank Van Santen)

If a course of study is not part of a psychology program or credited by the APA, to what extent do I need to demonstrate that my graduate studies were "primarily psychological"? Will this prevent me from becoming licensed in New Hampshire?

Answer: The Board cannot evaluate a program until it receives the applicant's transcripts. Applicants are encouraged to contact the New Hampshire Psychology Association as a resource.

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.

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At 10:30 a.m., upon motion by Robert Walrath, 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 Deborah Warner, PhD, with a second by Tonya Warren, 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.

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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.

At 12:30 p.m., upon motion by James Beauregard, PhD., with a second by Deborah Warner, PhD., 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.

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