

Board of Psychology

Friday, December 6, 2019 at 9:00 AM

Public Minutes

The December 6, 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:

Board:

Robert Walrath, PsD, Chair
Tonya Warren, PsyD, member
James Beauregard, PhD, member
Deborah Warner, PhD, member
James Halla, PsyD, member
Lauren Greenwald, Esq., public member
Klaran Warner, PhD, public member
Susan Vonderheide, guest former board member

Public:

Meaghan Pilling, applicant for licensure
Jessica Leonard, NHPA
NH State Senator Jay Kahn
Henry Lipman, Medicaid Director, DHHS
Mandy Perez-Monroig, intern, PhD candidate
Lauren Nech, Harbor Care Psychology Program
Carol Adams, intern, PhD candidate
Elizabeth Steyle, intern, PhD candidate
Sally Garhart, Medical Director NHPHP
Peg Crowder, Director, NHPHP

Staff:

Lindsey Courtney, Health Director, OPLC
Thomas Broderick, Esq. Rules Counsel
JD Lavalley, Esq., Board Counsel
Yvonne Marcotte, Administrator

1. ADMINISTRATIVE

- a. Upon motion by Lauren Greenwald, Esq with a second by James Halla, PsyD, the board voted to unanimously approve the minutes from the November 1, 2019 public session as amended.
- b. Upon motion by Robert Walrath, PsyD with a second by Klaran Warner, PhD, the board unanimously approved the following board meeting schedule for 2020 as the first Friday of every month: January 3, February 7, March 6, May

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1, June 5, July 10, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6, and December 4.

2. RULES

Thomas Broderick, Esq. informed the board that the waiver rule change is still in process. The Board reviewed the final draft proposal to Rule 303 and to table approval of changes to Rule 202 until the next board meeting.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – Meaghan Pilling

Upon motion by Deborah Warner, PhD with a second by Klaran Warner, PhD, the board unanimously approved applicant Meaghan Pilling to take the EPPP exam.

4. PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

Peg Crowder and Sally Garhart of the NH Professionals Health Program discussed the services provided by their organization. NHPHP is a confidential resource to promote the health and well-being of New Hampshire health professionals, to ensure safe patient care for the NH residents, and to advocate for the professional.

5. DISCUSSION

- a. Medicare to Schools/Licensing School Psychologists – NH State Senator Jay Kahn and DHHS Medicaid Director Henry Lipman spoke to the board of the need to ensure continued medical services in schools and avoid losing \$29M in Medicaid payments by licensing school psychologists. The Board favors the licensing process under its purview. Deborah Warner, PhD will lead the effort of adding a school psychologist to the board and develop a School Psychology Standing Committee. Upon motion by Deborah Warner, PhD with a second by Tonya Warren, PsyD, the Board indicated its unanimous support of licensing school psychologists and creating legislation and rules for the effort.
- b. Professional Conduct Committee –Chairman Robert Walrath will draft a letter to be sent inviting licensees to participate in our committees and run it by the committee chairs.
- c. New ASPPB PLUS application process –Deborah Warner, PhD, will look into the new process and request a test case to be shared with the board.
- d. Temporary licensure fee – Upon motion by Lauren Greenwald, Esq with a second by James Beauregard, PhD, the board unanimously approved a fee of \$50 for a 90-day temporary licensure to take effect immediately.

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- e. The board reviewed an article from APA concerning the EPPP2 exam. The board appreciated the article.

6. QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE

- a. Application for Licensure

Upon motion by Tonya Warren, PsyD with a second by Lauren Greenwald, Esq, the board unanimously approved Angela Lee Attardo, Ellette Dipietro, and Edgar Hartford to take the EPPP exam.

- b. License Denial - NA

- c. Application for Temporary Licensure

Upon motion by Lauren Greenwald, Esq. with a second by Tonya Warren, PsyD, application for 30-day temporary licensure of Stephanie Rabin Scherr was unanimously approved.

- d. Request to Sit for Exam

Upon motion by Lauren Greenwald, Esq with a second by Tonya Warren, PsyD, Jacqueline Reinert and Kate Murphy were approved to retake the EPPP exam.

- e. Administration - Notification of completed application and consideration by board

Considering the change made in November 2019 at the request of NHPA to move application discussions to the non-public meeting in accordance with RSA 91-A, the board wanted to incorporate this change into the applicants' process. Upon motion by Deborah Warner PhD, and seconded by Lauren Greenwald, Esq., the board unanimously voted to routinely send an application completion email that was drafted by Dr Warner that will let applicants know that their completed application will be considered in non-public session at the next board meeting on a certain date and that they and their guest may attend that portion of the meeting but not participate in the discussion nor add materials at that time, and also that select NHPA representatives will be permitted to confidentially attend the application portion of the non-public meeting as well, in the spirit of transparency of

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process, while also protecting the privacy and reputation of the individual applicants.

7. QUESTIONS - NA

8. 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 10:40 a.m., upon motion by Robert Walrath, Psy.D., with a second by James Beaugard, 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.

9. SECOND NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion to commence Non-Public Session:

At 1:15 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 1:45 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.