

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

MEETING AGENDA

JULY 13, 2021

2:30 PM

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OPEN SESSION AGENDA JULY 13, 2021

Call to Order:

	<u>Roll Call:</u>	1 minute
OS-0713-01	<u>Approval of the Agenda</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the July 13, 2021 Open Session Agenda.	2 minutes
OS-0713-02	<u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT'S REPORT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT • BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT • CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 	10 minutes
OS-0713-03	<u>Open Session Minutes</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from May 11, 2021 meeting.	2 minutes
OS-0713-04	<u>Selection for Delegate of PsyPact</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review the letter and determine the appointed commissioner. <u>Background:</u> Ms. Janet Orwig, Executive Director for PsyPact, submitted a letter regarding the appointment of the Commissioner for the District of Columbia to the PSYPACT Commission.	10 minutes
OS-0713-05	<u>Consent Agenda:</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting. <u>Background:</u> The Consent Agenda is a record of the decisions and/or actions taken by the Board or its staff since the last meeting of the Board.	1 minute

<p>OS-0713-06</p>	<p><u>Reinstatement and Reactivation Continuing Education Requirements for Psychology Associate</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to determine whether to accept the new changes.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> In March 2021, the Board voted to accept the Mayor’s Office’s request and requested to create a cap of five years.</p> <p>After the Board’s March meeting, the Mayor’s Office changed position and retracted its request for a cap. Since the Board only voted to adopt a cap due to the Mayor’s Office’s request, the Attorney along with Executive Director agreed that the cap was no longer necessary for the rulemaking and to continue as the Board originally intended (without the cap).</p> <p>The psychology associate regulations were updated in 2019 to include the 10% of public health priorities. It appears that language regarding the amount of continuing education (CE) required per year the license was expired or inactive was accidentally removed. The current continuing education requirements for reinstatement and reactivation does not specify the number CEs need based on the expiration of the license.</p> <p>The Board wants the psychology associate and the psychology continuing education requirements be the same. The board voted to draft policy for reinstatement and reactivation CE requirements which should be the same standards as the psychology CE requirements. In addition, update the ethics requirements to 1.5 hours for both the psychology and psychology associate reactivation/reinstatement continuing education requirements.</p>	<p>5 minutes</p>
<p>OS-0713-07</p>	<p><u>Motion to Close</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> <i>Chairperson, I move that the Board close the Open Public session portion of the meeting and move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the following purposes: to discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to § 2-575(b)(9); to seek the advice of counsel to the</i></p>	<p>1 minute</p>

	<p>board, to preserve the attorney-client privilege, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2- 575(b)(4); and to plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigations pursuant to § 2-575(b)(14).”</p>	
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<p>FY-01</p>	<p><u>Telehealth- Supervision Guidance</u></p> <p><u>Update:</u> Pending the updated policy statement with Board Attorney.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> In March 2021, the Board extended the telehealth remote supervision policy to Board’s January 2022 meeting.</p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor issued an Administrative Order that waived licensure requirements and the allowance of telehealth.</p> <p>The Board drafted a guidance on tele-psychology and remote supervision during the COVID-19 Health Emergency policy statement. This policy guidance governs practice and supervision from March 11, 2020 to December 31, 2020.</p>	
<p>FY-02</p>	<p><u>Continuing Education Requirement- Face-to-Face</u></p> <p><u>Update:</u> Pending the drafted policy statement with Board Attorney.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> In March 2021, the Board voted to allow the options for individual to do the continuing education online via live program or on demand for the remaining cycle.</p> <p>On Jan 4, 2021, emergency regulations were passed that provide Boards with regulatory authority to modify their renewal CEU</p>	

	<p>requirements during extraordinary times, such as the current coronavirus pandemic. The purpose of the emergency regulation is to allow boards to accept remote courses (aka “online courses” or “distance education”) in lieu of live, face-to-face courses if the Board determines that satisfying the live course requirement has become unduly burdensome for its licensees during extraordinary circumstances. This Board already accepts remote courses that are conducted live, in real time; however, the emergency rule authorizes Boards to accept other types of remote courses, such as courses that are pre-recorded or provided on-demand, and should it deem them necessary. (Note: The emergency rule pertains to CEU requirements for renewals, only.)</p>	
<p>FY-03</p>	<p><u>Public Concerns about EPPP2 (Part 2- Skills) Requirements</u></p> <p><u>Update:</u> Pending the drafted a Statement of Rescission for the Board Chair’s signature from the Board Attorney.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> In March, the Board made a motion to rescind the Board’s EPPP Policy Statement on the requirement of EPPP2 for psychology licensure due to the delayed score and would move forward with the issuance of licenses with the passing of EPPP 1 until EPPP 2 is fully implemented by ASPPB.</p> <p>Applicant recently took the EPPP 2 exam and received a score of 0 (failed). According to ASPPB, the EPPP 2 is currently under Beta Phase of the Exam. During this phase, candidates take the exam and data is collected on each item. At the conclusion of the Beta phase a team of experts will evaluate the data and determine the passing score. Poor performing items are removed, and not used in the calculation. The Beta Phase for the EPPP (Part 2-Skills) will end on March 31st, 2021. The applicant’s score will be calculated and reported as soon as possible after that date. In the meantime, all EPPP (Part 2-Skills) scores will be listed as ‘0.’</p>	
<p>FY-04</p>	<p><u>Health Occupation Revision Act (HORA) Revision</u></p> <p><u>Update:</u> Pending with Board Attorney.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> In May 2021, the Board accepted the revision of the scope of practices of psychology and psychology associate with the</p>	

	<p>modifications stated. Dr. Jimenez suggested that the degree requirement for psychology associate should graduate from accredited college or university with at least master’s degree in psychology. Dr. Jimenez also suggested to remove the word “other” under item C (i) of the practice of psychology associate.</p> <p>During the March 2021 meeting, the Board voted to adopt the ASPPB Model Act related to the scope of practices and requested the Board attorney incorporate teaching and research on the draft.</p> <p>In January 2021, the Board Chair recommended to review and use the ASPPB scope of practice.</p>	
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The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 14, 2021** at **2:30 pm**.

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