

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

MEETING AGENDA

November 9, 2021
2:30 PM

Virtual Meeting Notice

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OPEN SESSION AGENDA NOVEMBER 9, 2021

Call to Order:

	<u>Roll Call:</u>	
OS-1109-01	<u>Approval of the Agenda</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the November 9, 2021 Open Session Agenda.	
OS-1109-02	<u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT'S REPORT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT • BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT • CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 	
OS-1109-03	<u>Open Session Minutes</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from September 14, 2021 meeting.	
OS-1109-04	<u>Discussion-Change To Meeting Times and Dates</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Discuss times and dates for the Board's meetings. <u>Background:</u> The Board's staff would like to discuss changing the time and dates of meetings to ensure the meetings are conducting within DC Health hours of operations. In September, the Board Executive Director provided recommendation which will require to move the meeting to earlier time and meet monthly.	
OS-1109-05	<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.	
OS-1109-06	<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> 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 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>	

	<p><u>THIS SECTION IS FYI ONLY</u> <u>NO BOARD DECISION OR ACTION IS NEEDED</u></p>	
FY-01	<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 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</p>	

	<p>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-02</p>	<p><u>Reinstatement and Reactivation Continuing Education Requirements for Psychology Associate</u></p> <p><u>Update:</u> In July 2021, The Board voted to keep the amended version with the CAP. Pending with legal.</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>FY-03</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 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>	
<p>FY-04</p>	<p><u>EPPP2 (Part 2- Skills) Requirements</u></p> <p><u>Update:</u> Pending the drafted EPPP2 policy statement with Board Attorney.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The EPPP 2 was under Beta Phase of the Exam. The EPPP2 Beta Phase has been completed. The Board Chair indicated that the EPPP2 has been effectively activated August 15, 2021 per ASPPB. The implementation of the EPPP 2 contingent upon the completion of the beta testing process.</p> <p>The Board Chair’s recommendation is to implement the EPPP 2 and to establish a date such as January 1, 2022 and require anyone who graduates after that date (January 1, 2022) to take the EPPP2, whether they are a new applicant by examination or by endorsement from a state that does not require the EPPP2 and if they also graduated after the designated date.</p> <p>The Board is to accept the Board Chair’s recommendation. Mr. Ferguson/second by Dr. James. Th Board voted to accept the Board Chair’s recommendation.</p>	
<p>FY-05</p>	<p><u>Review – Draft Fall Board Announcement</u></p> <p><u>Update:</u></p>	

	<p>Pending with Executive Director.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Board staff has drafted an announcement from the Board to licensees. The announcement would update licenses on all matters pertaining to the Board. In September, the Executive Director will share the announcement with the Board for any additional feedback.</p>	
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The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 11, 2022** at **2:30 pm**.

This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov.