

# BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

## MEETING MINUTES

**JULY 13, 2021**

**2:30 PM**

### Virtual Meeting Notice

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**OPEN SESSION MINUTES JULY 13, 2021**

**Call to Order: 2:56**

	<p><b><u>Roll Call:</u></b> <b><u>Board Members:</u></b> Anthony Jimenez, PhD – Chairperson Eric Jones, PhD- Board Member L. Hamilton Ferguson, MSA- Board Member</p> <p><b><u>Absent:</u></b> Joette James, PhD- Board Member Teresa Grant, PhD- Board Member</p> <p><b><u>HRLA Staff</u></b> Aisha Nixon, Executive Director Fatima Abby, Health Licensing Specialist Tamika Wells, Health Licensing Specialist Joanne Drozdoski, Board Attorney Gregory Scurlock, Supervisory Compliance Officer</p> <p><b><u>Public Visitor:</u></b> Jeremy Kozne, PhD, DCPA</p>	
OS-0713-01	<p><b><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Acceptance of the July 13, 2021 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Anthony Jimenez to accept the July 13, 2021 Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Eric Jones.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, L. Hamilton Ferguson, and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0713-02	<p><b><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT’S REPORT</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ DC Health employees returned to the office on July 12, 2021. Staff are in the office three days per week and are teleworking two days a week.</li> <li>○ The new online application through Salesforce are live now. The department is no longer accepting paper application as of June 14, 2021.</li> <li>○ Board meeting will continue to be conducted</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<p>remotely. It may resume some in-person board meeting in 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The new Executive Director (ED) position was posted, and interviews were conducted last week. The new ED will possible be introduced in September.</li> <li>○ <i>Licensure Census</i>: There are 1708 licensed psychologists and psychology associates (1492 psychologists and 216 psychology associates).</li> <li>○ The psychology and psychology associate renewals will start in October 2021.</li> <li>○ Public Health Emergency will expire on July 25, 2021. Practitioners, who were qualified under the waiver, will have 60 days grace period.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There was no report from the Board’s attorney. However, Ms. Joanne Drozdoski introduced herself to the Board as the new Board Attorney.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Last year, ASPPB started to have quarterly meetings with the board chairs from member jurisdictions. The next meeting Board Chair is scheduled is on July 22, 2021. Dr. Jimenez will provide an update from the Board Chair meeting to the Board at the November 2021. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Topics that would be discussed at the ASPPB Board Chair meeting will include the public health emergency requirement, telepsychology and tele-supervision and continuing education requirements.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Dr. Jimenez requested if the Department could add verbiage regarding the expiration of the public health emergency on the Board’s website.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>OS-0713-03</b></p>	<p><b><u>Open Session Minutes</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from May 11, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b></p>	

	<p>Motion made by Dr. Eric Jones to accept the May 11, 2021 Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Dr. Anthony Jimenez.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Eric Jones and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p><b>OS-0713-04</b></p>	<p><b><u>Selection for Delegate of PSYPACT</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to review the letter and determine the appointed commissioner.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Anthony Jimenez to delegate the Executive Director as the appointed commissioner. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Eric Jones and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p><b>OS-0713-05</b></p>	<p><b><u>Consent Agenda:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Anthony Jimenez to accept the Open Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Eric Jones.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Eric Jones and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

<p><b>OS-0713-06</b></p>	<p><b><u>Reinstatement and Reactivation Continuing Education Requirements for Psychology Associate</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to determine whether to accept the new changes.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Eric Jones to keep the amended version with the CAP. Seconded by L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Eric Jones and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p><b><u>Jeremy Kozne, PhD, DC Psychological Association (DCPA):</u></b> Dr. Kozne shared information regarding the postgraduate licensure.</p>	

<b>OS-0713-07</b>	<p><b><u>Motion to Close</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Eric Jones to close the Open Session meeting at 3:57 PM. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Eric Jones and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</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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