

# BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

## MEETING MINUTES

**July 14, 2020**  
**2:30 PM**

### Virtual Meeting Notice

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**OPEN SESSION MINUTES JULY 14, 2020**

**Call to Order:** 2:35pm

	<p><b><u>Roll Call:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Members:</u></b> Anthony Jimenez, PhD – Chairperson Eric Jones, PhD- Board Member Teresa Grant, PhD- Board Member Joette James, PhD- Board Member Louis Hamilton Ferguson- Consumer Member</p> <p><b><u>HRLA Staff</u></b> Aisha Nixon, Executive Director Fatima Abby, Health Licensing Specialist Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Board Attorney Deb Moss, Board Investigator Patrick O’Neil, Legal Intern</p> <p><b><u>Visitors:</u></b> Jeremy Kozne (DCPA) Francesca Alesi (DCPA)</p>	
<p><b>OS-0714-01</b></p>	<p><b><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Acceptance of the July 14, 2020 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Eric Jones to approve the July 14, 2020 Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Louis Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Teresa Grant, Dr. Joette James, Mr. Louis. Hamilton Ferguson and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p><b>OS-0714-02</b></p>	<p><b><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT’S REPORT</u></b></p> <p><b>A) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</b> Ms. Aisha Nixon gave updates on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Licensure Census: There are 1535 licensed psychologists and psychology associates [1388 licensed psychologists and 147 licensed psychology associates].</li> <li>• DC is currently in Phase 2 of Reopen DC.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor’s Licensure Waiver is issued to those healthcare practitioners who hold a license in good standing in another jurisdiction, so long as that practitioner is (1) working at a licensed DC healthcare facility, or (2) is providing continuity of healthcare services to existing patients who are returning to the District.</li> <li>• A Board announcement will be drafted and shared with the Board members for review.</li> </ul> <p><b>B) BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</b> No report from the Board attorney.</p> <p><b>C) CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Anthony Jimenez attended a meeting with ASPPB for all the board chairs and discussed the EPPP administration.</li> <li>• Dr. Jimenez attended DC Health meeting on inter-professional work group with other Board chairs.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>OS-0714-03</b></p>	<p><b><u>Minutes:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the May 12, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Joette James to approve the May 12, 2020 Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Dr. Eric Jones.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Teresa Grant, Dr. Joette James, Mr. Louis. Hamilton Ferguson and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p><b>OS-0714-04</b></p>	<p><b><u>Telehealth</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To discuss the current telehealth guidance issued by DC Health.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor issued an Administrative Order that waived licensure requirements and the allowance of telehealth.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> No motion was made.</p>	

	<p>The Board would like to forward these establishing guidelines that set forth for APA and ASPPB to the subcommittee. Ms. Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Board Attorney, spoke about some concerns regarding the telehealth/telepsychology specifically on Confidentiality of the Telepractice and how to assist clients on technology.</p>	
<p><b>OS-0714-05</b></p>	<p><b><u>Question from Public:</u></b> <b><u>The Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP)- Board’s Policy Statement- Licensure Requirements</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to provide clarification on who will be required to take the enhanced EPPP (Part 1 &amp; 2).</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> ASPPB have delayed the initial launch to November 2020 to accommodate all the Early Adopting jurisdictions. The Board voted on a policy guidance on passage of the examination for professional practice of psychology (EPPP- Part 1 and 2) on May 12, 2020.</p> <p>Members of the public had questions and requests regarding whether or not to include information about whether or not the enhanced EPPP (Part 1 &amp; 2) will be required from applicants by endorsement and from applicants (including by Examination) who have taken the exam prior to the ASPPB launching exam date but applying for the first psychology license in DC.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> The Board is making clarification on the initial EPPP policy statement regarding the EPPP 2. The Board stated that all examination applicants who are seeking a license in DC are required to take both parts (EPPP 1 &amp; EPPP 2). Applicant who apply by endorsement that graduate on or after November 1, 2020 (EPPP 2 Effective Date) is required to take the both examinations.</p> <p>Motion made by Dr. Anthony Jimenez to require all application by examination to take the enhanced EPPP and in addition, anyone (including application via endorsement) who graduated after November 1, 2020 will need to take the enhanced EPPP exam. Seconded by Dr. Joette James.</p>	

	<p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Joette James, and Mr. Louis. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Dr. Teresa Grant and Dr. Eric Jones were not in the meeting during this discussion and abstained from the vote.</p>	
<p><b>OS-0714-06</b></p>	<p><b><u>Question from the Public:</u></b> <b><u>Covid-19 Reporting and Limits of Confidentiality</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to review the questions and provide a response.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Dr. Morone Rayburn, Director of the Counseling Center at the Catholic University of America has questions regarding the legal responsibilities of psychologists/psychology associates have regarding Covid-19 related to contact tracing, with the respect to confidentiality law and standards. In addition, whether it is the practitioners’ duty to report the names of those who are infected with Covid-19.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> The Board indicated there is no law mandating psychologists to report clients that disclose they tested positive for COVID-19. (Physicians and healthcare facilities are under that mandate.) However, all persons are obligated to fully cooperate in public health investigation regarding COVID-19.</p> <p>Due to this obligation, a psychologist may be contacted by contact tracers to determine all persons they have come into contact with. Based on this circumstance, the psychologist may need to disclose some information that may include clients’ identity and contact. The Board recommends all licensed psychologists and psychology associates to review and modify as necessary their consent or release of information form.</p> <p>Motion made by Dr. Eric Jones to accept the above response. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson. Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Teresa Grant, Dr. Joette James, Mr. Louis. Hamilton Ferguson and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p><b>OS-0714-07</b></p>	<p><b><u>Interprofessional Workgroup</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to provide any feedback/discussion.</p>	

	<p><b><u>Background:</u></b> DC Health has created an interprofessional workgroup comprised of the Board Chairs from different licensure boards. The group was established to generate ideas on solving health matters from a multi-discipline approach.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> No motion was made. Dr. Jimenez gave updates.</p>	
OS-0714-08	<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> <b>Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575B and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board moved into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.</b></p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Teresa Grant to close the Open Session meeting. Seconded by Dr. Eric Jones.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Teresa Grant, Dr. Joette James, Mr. Louis. Hamilton Ferguson and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0714-09	<p><b><u>Motion to Adjourn</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Boards.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b></p>	

Motion made by Dr. Teresa Grant to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dr. Eric Jones.

Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Teresa Grant, Dr. Joette James, Mr. Louis Hamilton Ferguson and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 8, 2020** at **2:30 pm**.