

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FL.

WASHINGTON, DC 20002

MARCH 10, 2020

2:30 PM

MEETING MINUTES

OPEN SESSION MINUTES MARCH 10, 2020

Call to Order:

	<p><u>Roll Call:</u> 2:42pm</p> <p><u>Board Members:</u> Anthony Jimenez, PhD – Chairperson Eric Jones, PhD- Board Member Teresa Grant, PhD- Board Member Louis Ferguson- Consumer Member Joette James, PhD- Board Member</p> <p><u>HRLA Staff</u> Aisha Nixon, Executive Director Thelma Ofosu-Mensah – Health Licensing Specialist is substituting for Fatima Abby, Health Licensing Specialist Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Board Attorney Deb Moss, Board Investigator</p> <p><u>Visitors</u> Dr. Jacqueline Watson, DO, MBA, Chief of Staff, DC Health Dr. Sharon Lewis- Senior Deputy Director, HRLA Dr. Annetta Arno-Senior Deputy Director-Office of Health Equity Dr. Fern Johnson –Clarke- Senior Deputy Director Center for Policy and Evaluation (CPPE) Dr. Anjali Talwalker- Senior Deputy Director for Community Health Administration (CHA)</p>	
Addendum1	<p><u>Report from the Visitor:</u> All the Senior Deputy Directors gave a brief report about the roles and duties of their respective units. They further elaborated the role their agencies play within the public health domain. Dr. Watson, Chief of Staff for the Department of Health informed the Board about the activities/measures Department of Health is taking to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.</p>	
OS-0310-01	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u> <u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Eric Jones to approve the March 10, 2020 Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Anthony Jimenez. Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Teresa Grant, Dr. Joette James, Dr. Eric Jones, and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0310-02	<p><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT’S REPORT</u> A) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT Ms. Nixon gave updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensure Census 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She informed the board members that the period for late renewal ended on February 29, 2020. • Ms. Nixon also informed the Board that an email was sent erroneously to all Psychologists/ Psychologists Associates in regards Reinstatement. She further indicated that a correction email was sent as a follow up, because the email was supposed to be sent to only licensees who have allowed their license to lapse. • She further indicated that she and Dr. Jimenez is supposed to attend a meeting in Canada. And thus, she will update the Board in regards to updates relating to the travel. <p>B) BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT There was no report from the Board attorney.</p> <p>C) CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT Dr. Jimenez informed the Board that he attended a meeting organized by the Mayor’s Office for all Board Chairs. He indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to foster collaborations amongst all professionals in the District in order to foster public health priorities within the District.</p>	
OS-0310-03	<p><u>Minutes:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson to approve the January 14, 2020 Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Dr. Joette James.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Teresa Grant, Dr. Joette James, Dr. Eric Jones, and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0310-04	<p><u>Continuing Education Audit</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To determine the percentage of licensees to audit for compliance with the continuing education (CE) requirements for renewal of their license and the next steps and assessments for licensees whom fail the continuing education audit.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Teresa Grant to audit ten percent (10%) of Psychologists and ten percent (10%) of Psychology Associates respectively during audit</p>	

	<p>periods and also assess a fine of sixty dollars (\$60) for each hour of continuing education missing for Psychologist and thirty (\$30) for each hour of continuing education missing for Psychology Associate. Seconded by Dr. Eric Jones.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Teresa Grant, Dr. Joette James, Dr. Eric Jones, and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0310-05	<p><u>Requesting Board Clarification: Continuing Education Requirement</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to decide whether or not to consider applicants who were psychology associate and became psychologist as a first time renewal.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The psychology and psychology associate regulations under the continuing education requirements section indicates the following: <i>“This section does not apply to applicants for an initial license or applicants for the first time renewal after the initial grant of a license.”</i></p> <p>For those individuals who have received psychology associate registration and have been renewing their psychology associate registration, but then obtains psychology license for the first time, would they be exempted from the continuing education requirement during their first renewal of the psychology?</p> <p>This section needs the interpretation of the Board.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Teresa Grant to exempt licensees who falls under this category from continuing education requirements and consider the licensees as first time renewal applicants. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Teresa Grant, Dr. Joette James, Dr. Eric Jones, and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0310-06	<p><u>The Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP)</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to discuss this matter.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> ASPPB have delayed the initial launch to November 2020 in an effort to accommodate all the Early Adopting jurisdictions. No formal motion was made by the Board in regards to the adoption of the enhanced EPPP. Board Chair requested that to place this on the Board’s agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p>	

	<p>Motion made by Dr. Eric Jones to approve a draft for a policy guidance in reference to all aspects of the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) exams requirements for licensure in the District of Columbia. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Teresa Grant, Dr. Joette James, Dr. Eric Jones, and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0310-07	<p><u>Adjournment</u></p> <p>The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for <u>Tuesday, May 12, 2020</u> at <u>2:30 pm.</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Motion :</u></p> <p>Motion made by Dr. Eric Johnson to adjourn the Open Session of the meeting. Seconded by Teresa Grant.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Teresa Grant, Dr. Joette James, Dr. Eric Jones, and Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

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