

# BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

## MEETING MINUTES

**MARCH 12, 2024**  
**2:00 PM**

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**OPEN SESSION MINUTES MARCH 12, 2024**

**Call to Order:**

	<p><b><u>Roll Call:</u></b> Anthony Jimenez, PhD – Chairperson Jeremy Kozne, PhD– Board Member</p> <p><b><u>Absent:</u></b> Joette James, PhD- Board Member</p> <p><b><u>HRLA Staff</u></b> Ms. LaTrice Herndon, Executive Director Fatima Abby, Health Licensing Specialist Joanne Drozdoski, Board Attorney Deb Moss, Investigator</p>	
<p><b>OS-0312-01</b></p>	<p><b><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Acceptance of the March 12, 2024 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Jeremy Kozne to accept the March 12, 2024, Open Session Agenda to include Board Attorney and Board Chair’s reports. Seconded by Dr. Anthony Jimenez.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Anthony Jimenez and Dr. Jeremy Kozne voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p><b>OS-0312-02</b></p>	<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>A. Operational Status Update           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ DC Health moved to new location 2201 Shannon Place SE.</li> <li>▪ The Board of Psychology will be going under regulation updates. An email will be sent to all the licensees.</li> </ul> </li> <li>B. Licensure Census           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Census: 1483 psychologists and 197 psychology associates.</li> </ul> </li> <li>C. Legislative Updates           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Kera Johnson, DC Health Policy Analyst, reported on the following</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

items:

**Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:**

- DC Health worked on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years.
- The revised HORA received Mayoral approval and has been introduced in the Council as the *Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023* ([B25-0545](#)).
- This legislation received a hearing on [December 7th](#) and will likely have a markup in March.
- Changes include: updating the scope of the practice of psychology and distinguishing among health services psychology, general applied psychology, school psychology, and psychology associate and to require licensure or registration for each type of practice; to authorize the Board of Psychology to regulate the practice of behavior analysis and to create a behavior analysis license.

**Clean Hands Certification Economic Expansion and Revitalization Amendment Act**

- Councilmember McDuffie introduced the *Clean Hands Certification Economic Expansion and Revitalization Amendment Act of 2023* ([B25-0619](#)) on December 16, 2023.
  - This legislation would remove the Clean Hands requirement from several occupational and professional licenses including any health professional license issued through DC Health.
- This bill is not scheduled for a hearing at the current time.
  - Ms. Johnson also reported that the Board will have a new board member (Dr. Kennedy).

• **Board Attorney's Report**

- The Board attorney indicated that the HORA has

	<p>been updated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ It also indicated the board agenda can always be amended.</li> <li>• <b>Board Chair’s Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There was no report from the Board Chair.</li> <li>▪ Dr. Jimenez shared his appreciation with the Board staff.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>OS-0312-03</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 January 9, 2024 meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Jeremy Kozne to accept the January 9, 2024 Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Dr. Anthony Jimenez.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Anthony Jimenez and Jeremy Kozne voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p><b>OS-0312-04</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. Jeremy Kozne to accept the Open Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Anthony Jimenez.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Dr. Anthony Jimenez and Jeremy Kozne voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p><b>OS-0312-05</b></p>	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE &amp; ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b></p>	

To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).

**Background:**

Pursuant to DC Official Code § 2-575(b), the Board will move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting to discuss the following:

1. To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4)(a).
2. Preparation, administration, or grading of scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examinations pursuant to section § 2-575(b)(6).
3. To discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to section § 2575(b)(9).
4. To plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigation of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations, if disclosure to the public would harm the investigation pursuant to section § 2-575(b) (14).

At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.

**Motion:**

Motion made by Dr. Jeremy Kozne to close the Open Session Meeting. Seconded by Dr. Anthony Jimenez.

**Vote:**

Dr. Anthony Jimenez and Jeremy Kozne voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**The Open Session Agenda continues on the next page with 'Motion to Adjourn'.**

**The next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, May 14, 2024. This ends the Open Session Agenda.**

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