

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2020
2:30 PM

Virtual Meeting Notice

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OPEN SESSION AGENDA MAY 12, 2020

Call to Order:

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| | <p><u>Roll Call:</u> 2:35pm</p> <p><u>Board Members:</u> Anthony Jimenez, PhD – Chairperson Eric Jones, PhD- Board Member Teresa Grant, PhD- Board Member Joette James, PhD- Board Member</p> <p><u>Absent:</u> Louis Ferguson- Consumer Member</p> <p><u>HRLA Staff</u> Aisha Nixon, Executive Director Fatima Abby, Health Licensing Specialist Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Board Attorney Deb Moss, Board Investigator Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer</p> | |
| OS-0512-01 | <p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the May 12, 2020 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Eric Jones to approve the May 12, 2020 Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Teresa Grant.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Teresa Grant, Dr. Joette James, and Dr. Eric Jones, voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| OS-0512-02 | <p><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT'S REPORT</u></p> <p>A) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Ms. Nixon gave updates on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensure Census: There are 1505 licensed psychologists and psychology associates [1372 licensed psychologists and 133 licensed psychology associates]. • Updates from ASPPB regarding waivers of CE requirements in other states, criminal background check (CBC), the closure and reopening of the testing | |

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| | <p>centers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on recent matters within HRLA and Investigation department. • Updates on the DC Health's licensure waiver for healthcare practitioners who hold a license in good standing in another jurisdiction and working at a licensed DC healthcare facility, or providing continuity of healthcare services to existing patients. <p>B) BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT There was no report from the Board's attorney.</p> <p>C) CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT Virginia now joins the 12 other states that comprise the PSYPACT Commission.</p> | |
| OS-0512-03 | <p><u>Minutes:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Teresa Grant to approve the March 10, 2020 Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Dr. Eric Jones.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Teresa Grant, Dr. Joette James, and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| OS-0512-04 | <p><u>Telehealth</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To discuss the current telehealth guidance issued by DC Health.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor issued an Administrative Order that waived licensure requirements and the allowance of telehealth.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Joette James to draft a policy statement in regards to guidance on tele-supervision. Seconded by Dr. Teresa Grant.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Teresa Grant, Dr. Joette James, and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |

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| OS-0512-05 | <p><u>FAQs For Psychology/PsyA</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review and provide their recommendation and feedback.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No formal motion needed.</p> | |
| OS-0512-06 | <p><u>Supervised Practice Form</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to determine whether or not to issue supervised practice form to the pending psychologists and psychology associates applicant and under which circumstances.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Teresa Grant to accept the issuance supervised practice form for pending applicants who meet the educational and criminal background check requirements; exception to the Foreign trained applicants. Seconded by Dr. Eric Jones.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Teresa Grant, Dr. Joette James, and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| OS-0512-07 | <p><u>The Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP)- Board's Policy Statement- Licensure Requirements</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review the policy statement and determine whether or not to accept it.</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. The Board requested a draft of 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.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Eric Jones to accept the policy statement as it is. Seconded by Dr. Teresa Grant.</p> | |

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| | Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Teresa Grant, Dr. Joette James, and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously. | |
| OS-0512-08 | <p><u>Continuing Education Live Requirement for Renewals</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to determine whether or not to waive the live/face-to-face continuing education requirement.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Live webinars are counted toward face-to-face/live. However, in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing, a lot of in-person programs have been cancelled.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No formal motion needed. The Board indicated that live webinars are considered face-to-face.</p> | |
| OS-0512-09 | <p><u>Public Comment Request: ASPPB's Guidelines for the Use of Social Media by Psychologist in Practice and by Psychology Regulatory Bodies</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to discuss this matter.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The guidelines were developed by the ASPPB Social Media Task Force (SMTF) and were recently approved by the ASPPB Board of Directors to go out for public comment. ASPPB has committed itself to providing member boards with useful resources that can aid its licensees in providing safe and competent services, and aid member boards in their work to meet the mandate of public protection. The document proposes a need for specific guidelines for the use of social media by psychologists in their professional practice as well as in their personal use of social media. The guidelines are also intended to aid member boards in the adjudication of complaints that involve social media use by psychologists. The guidelines were developed in consideration of, and to align with, the ASPPB Code of Conduct, the Canadian and American Psychological Associations' code of ethics, and with best practices identified in the current literature.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> | |

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| | No motion was made. The Board agreed to forward this information to the psychology subcommittee members for their discussion. | |
| OS-0512-10 | <p>The Spooky, Loosely Regulation World Of Online Therapy”</p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> FYI only.</p> <p><u>Background</u> Board Attorney has requested the article be included on the agenda for informational purposes. https://jezebel.com/the-spooky-loosely-regulated-world-of-online-therapy-1841791137</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No formal motion needed.</p> | |
| OS-0512-11 | <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> 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> Motion made by Dr. Eric Jones to close the open session meeting. Seconded by Dr. Joette James.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Teresa Grant, Dr. Joette James, and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| OS-0512-15 | <p><u>Motion To Adjourn</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To adjourn the meeting.</p> | |

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| | <p><u>Background:</u></p> <p>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><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>Motion made by Dr. Eric Jones to adjourn the May 12, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Dr. Joette James.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Teresa Grant, Dr. Joette James, and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| <p><i>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.</i></p> | | |

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 14, 2020** at **2:30 pm**.