

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2020
2:30 PM

Virtual Meeting Notice

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES NOVEMBER 10, 2020

Call to Order: 2:34

	<p><u>Roll Call:</u></p> <p><u>Board Members:</u> Anthony Jimenez, PhD – Chairperson Eric Jones, PhD- Board Member L. Hamilton Ferguson- Consumer Member Teresa Grant, PhD- Board Member Joette James, PhD- Board Member</p> <p><u>HRLA Staff</u> Aisha Nixon, Executive Director Fatima Abby, Health Licensing Specialist Carla Williams, Board Attorney Deb Moss, Board Investigator Gregory Scurlock, Compliance Officer</p> <p><u>Visitor</u> Kelechi Fluitt</p>	
OS-1110-01	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the November 10, 2020 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Eric Jones to accept the November 10, 2020 Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Joette James.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Joette James, Dr. Teresa Grant, Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1110-02	<p><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT'S REPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Licensure Census</u>: There are 1606 licensed psychologists and psychology associates (1428 psychologists and 178 psychology associates). ○ Our Processing Center and DOH Vital Records are opened to the public by appointment only. Board staff continues to work remotely. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DC Health launched DC CAN which is a free DC COVID alert notice. Pubic can now download the application. This app uses the exposure notification system to help contract tracing efforts to help minimize the community spread. ○ HRLA is working on launching an online application system for initial applications, reinstatement and reactivation applications in the upcoming weeks. Staff completed a second round of User Acceptance Testing (UAT). ○ The several boards (6 Boards) are going through renewals and are currently using an enhanced version of portal previously used. ○ Update on PSYPACT will be given at the next meeting ○ ASPPB 2020 Annual Meeting was held visually on October 16-17, 2020. ● BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was no report from Board Attorney. ● CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updates on ASPPB 2020 Annual Meeting was provided. The Board chair provided a brief update on this year first virtual meeting. He indicated that the sessions took place over the course of two days. A minimal number of issues were addressed. Topics such as virtual psychology services, remote sessions, and the EPPP exam was addressed. 	
OS-1110-03	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from September 8, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Joette James to accept the September 8, 2020 Open Session minutes. Seconded by Dr. Eric Jones.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Joette James, Dr. Teresa Grant, Mr. Louis. Hamilton Ferguson and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

OS-1110-04	<p><u>National Register of Health Service Psychologist Request</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review National Register’s request regarding becoming a board approved continuing education sponsoring organization and determine whether or not to grant them the approval.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> National Register offers continuing education in a variety of formats, including in-person sessions, recorded videos, live webinars, and through articles in their <i>Journal of Health Service Psychology</i>. National Register specified that they have developed standards and procedures regarding accreditation of continuing education providers. They indicated that they have procedures in place to ensure that accredited agencies follow standard quality assurance protocols related to clear publication of program objectives, presenter qualifications, and grievance procedures. A summary of their accreditation standards and procedures was provided for the Board to review. They plan to begin accrediting continuing education providers in Spring 2021.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> The Board requested that the National Register provides clarification regarding the concern about whether or not the courses will be developed psychologist.</p> <p>Motion made by Dr. Anthony Jimenez to submit Board’s request to them to revise their request to incorporate information listed under section 6907.3(b) regarding the involvement of a psychologist in the development of the continuing education. Seconded by Dr. Joette James.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Joette James, Dr. Teresa Grant, and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Mr. Louis. Hamilton abstained.</p>	
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OS-1110-05	<p><u>Drafting a Formal Policy on Negotiated Settlement Agreement Issuance for Unlicensed Practices:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review and determine how staff should calculate the period for the assessment.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> In January 2020, the Board voted to issue a fine of fifty dollars (\$50) per month for psychology associates who are practicing without a license and one hundred dollars (\$100) per month for psychologists who are practicing without a license with a maximum of three thousand six hundred dollars (\$3600) or up to 3 years.</p> <p>A question came up regarding how the period of unlicensed practice is calculated. For example; for those individuals who have been practicing less than a month or less than 60 days, whether they will be fined for the full 30 days.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Eric Jones to clarify the policy for unlicensed practice which requires \$50 charge per month for psychology associate and \$100 charge per month for psychologist; month is counted as 31 days and more than 31 days will be charged as the full month. Seconded by Mr. Louis Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Joette James, Dr. Teresa Grant, Mr. Louis. Hamilton Ferguson and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1110-06	<p><u>Clarification on Reinstatement and Reactivation Continuing Education Requirements for Psychology Associate</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review and determine the period in which the continuing education requirements must be completed.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The psychology associate regulations' was updated in 2019 to include the 10% of public health priorities. It appears that language regarding the amount of CES required per year the license was expired or inactive was accidentally removed. The</p>	

	<p>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 to have the psychology associate to the same as psychology regulations in regards to CEs.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Anthony Jimenez to draft policy for reinstatement and reactivation CE requirement which should be the same standards as the psychology CE requirements. In addition, update the ethics requirements to 1.5 hours in both psychology and psychology associate reactivation/reinstatement continuing education requirements. Seconded by Dr. Teresa Grant.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Joette James, Dr. Teresa Grant, Mr. Louis. Hamilton Ferguson and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1110-07	<p><u>Board Fall Announcement</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review and provide any feedback/recommendation.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No motion was made. Any feedback will be emailed to Ms. Nixon.</p>	
OS-1110-08	<p><u>The Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP)- Board's Policy Statement- Licensure Requirements (FYI)</u></p> <p><u>Update:</u> The following clarification was added on the EPPP's Policy Statement "Accordingly, all applicants by examination or re-examination who submit their application on or after November 1, 2020 will be required to take both parts of EPPP." The Board Chair reviewed and approved the clarification.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No motion was made.</p>	
OS-1110-09	<p><u>Motion to Close</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p>	

	<p>To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> 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><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Joette James to close the open session agenda. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Joette James, Dr. Teresa Grant, Mr. Louis. Hamilton Ferguson and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1110-10	<p><u>Motion to Adjourn</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> 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>No motion made in Open Session.</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, January 12, 2021** at **2:30 pm**.