

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 8, 2022
1:30 PM

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES NOVEMBER 8, 2022

Call to Order:

	<p><u>Roll Call:</u> Anthony Jimenez, PhD – Chairperson Joette James, PhD- Board Member L. Hamilton Ferguson, MSA- Board Member</p> <p><u>HRLA Staff</u> LaTrice Herndon, Executive Director Mavis Azariah, Health Licensing Specialist substituting for Fatima Abby, Health Licensing Specialist Joanne Drozdoski, Board Attorney Deb Moss, Investigator</p> <p><u>Visitors</u> Jeremy Kozne, DCPA</p>	
<p>OS-1108-01</p>	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the November 8, 2022 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Joette James to accept the November 8, 2022, Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Anthony Jimenez.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez and Dr. Joette James voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-1108-02</p>	<p><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT’S REPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Covid-19 Vaccine is still required to obtain license in DC. ○ Licensure Census <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Psychologist: 1492 ▪ Psychology Associate: 227 ● BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board of Psychology has only 3 Board members. With the current 3 Board Members, two (2) members will make a quorum. ● CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Jimenez attended the ASPPB and provided the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>EPPP (Part 1 & 2) Examination:</u> Effective January 2026, the ASPPB Board of Directors permanently approved the revised EPPP (Part 1 and Part 2) as one examination with two parts and which will be required from all the Licensing Boards in the USA and Canada as of January 2026. ▪ <u>Supervision:</u> Many jurisdictions shared their concern regarding the quality of the supervision of psychology associates or students that many psychologists are providing. ○ Dr. Jimenez also indicated that American Psychological Association (APA) is addressing the accreditation of the Master level degree programs. 	
<p>OS-1108-03</p>	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from May 10, 2022 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Joette James to accept the May 10, 2022, Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Dr. Anthony Jimenez.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson, and Dr. Joette James voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-1108-04</p>	<p><u>Telepsychology- Supervision Guidance</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To discuss and determine whether or not to extend the policy statement.</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>The Board drafted a guidance on tele-psychology and remote supervision during the COVID-19 Health Emergency policy statement. This policy guidance governs practice and supervision from March 11, 2020 to December 31, 2020. It was then extended until January 2022. It was then extended until August 31, 2022.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> The Board stated that the primary supervisor under whose supervision psychology associates can practice must be a licensed psychologist.</p> <p>Motion made by Dr. Joette James to extend the telepsychology supervision guidelines to January 31, 2023. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson, and Dr. Joette James voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-1108-05	<p><u>Psychology Associate Regulations- Clarification on Supervision of Psychology Associates:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review the definition of “the supervisor” on the psychology associate regulation and determine whether to keep psychiatrist as the supervisor or re-define with a Board policy.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The psychology associate regulation defines “the supervisor” as <i>a licensed psychologist with a doctoral degree in psychology or a psychiatrist</i>. Based on this definition, the supervisor mentioned under section 8611 can be a psychologist or a psychiatrist. Clarification from the Board is needed.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson to draft a policy statement clarifying the psychology associate regulation that the primary supervisor must be a psychologist. Seconded by Dr. Joette James.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u></p>	

	<p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson, and Dr. Joette James voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-1108-06</p>	<p><u>Consent Agenda:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> 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><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson to accept the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Joette James.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson, and Dr. Joette James voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-1108-07</p>	<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> 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 Meeting. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p>	

	<p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson, and Dr. Joette James voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
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The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 10, 2023** at **1:30 pm**.

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