

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2021
2:30 PM

Virtual Meeting Notice

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Call to Order: 2:45pm

	<p><u>Roll Call:</u></p> <p><u>Board Members:</u> Dr. Teresa Grant, PhD- Board Member (Vice Chair) Joette James, PhD- Board Member L. Hamilton Ferguson, MSA- Board Member</p> <p><u>Absent:</u> Anthony Jimenez, PhD – Chairperson Eric Jones, PhD- Board Member</p> <p><u>HRLA Staff</u> Aisha Nixon, Executive Director LaTrice Herndon, Executive Director Fatima Abby, Health Licensing Specialist Joanne Drozdoski, Board Attorney Deb Moss, Investigator</p> <p><u>Visitor:</u> Francesca Alesi, Psychologist (DCPS)</p>	
<p>OS-0914-01</p>	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the September 14, 2021 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Joette James to accept the September 14, 2021 Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Teresa Grant, Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson, and Dr. Joette James voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0914-02</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"> A. Introduction of the New Executive Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. LaTrice Herndon introduced herself to the Board as the New Board Executive Director. B. Operational Status Update 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The DC Health Processing Center and Vital Record are opened to the public. Staff are in the office three days per week and are teleworking two days a week. The Board will continue to meet virtually until further notice; which might change in 2022. C. Update related to the Licensure Waiver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The waiver expired on July 25, 2021 and practitioners who were qualified are currently under the 60 days grace period (until September 23, 2021). DC is currently still under public emergency. D. Covid Vaccine/Vaccination Requirement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two (2) hours in Covid Vaccine CEs are required from all health practitioners and must be completed by September 30, 2021. Vaccination also required by September 30, 2021. E. Upcoming ASPPB Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ASPPB Annual meeting will be held on October 15, 2021 to October 16, 2021. F. Licensure Census There are 1520 psychologists 241 psychology associates. G. Renewal Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The renewal will start on the first week of October. The renewal is currently under User Acceptance Testing (UAT). • BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board Attorney reminded that the Covid Vaccine CEs can be used toward the public health priorities. • CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was no report from the Acting Chair. 	
<p>OS-0914-03</p>	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from July 13, 2021 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson to accept the July 13, 2021 Open Session Minutes. Seconded by Dr. Teresa Grant.</p>	

	<p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Teresa Grant, Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson, and Dr. Joette James voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0914-04	<p><u>Discussion-Change To Meeting Times and Dates</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Discuss times and dates for the Board’s meetings.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> The Board’s staff would like to discuss changing the time and dates of meetings to ensure the meetings are conducting within DC Health hours of operations.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No motion was made. The Board Executive Director provided recommendation which will require to move the meeting to earlier time and meet monthly. Tabled to the next Board meeting.</p>	
OS-0914-05	<p><u>COVID-19 Vaccine Continuing Education (CE) Requirement</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To determine whether the Board will accept the new 2 hour COVID-19 Vaccine continuing from non-APA approved courses towards the required 10% public health priorities.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Joette James to accept Non-APA approved Covid Vaccine CEs and can be counted toward the required 10% public health priorities; but all other public health priorities should be APA-approved. Seconded by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Teresa Grant, Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson, and Dr. Joette James voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0914-06	<p><u>EPPP2 (Part 2- Skills) Requirements</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to decide whether to accept the Board’s chair recommendation and adopt the EPPP2 examination.</p>	

	<p><u>Background:</u></p> <p>The EPPP 2 was under Beta Phase of the Exam. The EPPP2 Beta Phase has been completed. The Board Chair indicated that the EPPP2 has been effectively activated August 15, 2021 per ASPPB. The implementation of the EPPP 2 contingent upon the completion of the beta testing process.</p> <p>The Board Chair’s recommendation is to implement the EPPP 2 and to establish a date such as January 1, 2022 and require anyone who graduates after that date (January 1, 2022) to take the EPPP2, whether they are a new applicant by examination or by endorsement from a state that does not require the EPPP2 and if they also graduated after the designated date.</p> <p>The Board is to accept the Board Chair’s recommendation. Mr. Ferguson/second by Dr. James.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>Motion made by Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson to accept the Board Chair’s recommendation. Seconded by Dr. Joette James.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u></p> <p>Dr. Teresa Grant, Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson, and Dr. Joette James voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0914-07	<p><u>Review – Draft Fall Board Announcement</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p> <p>Review and discuss the draft announcement for licensees.</p> <p><u>Background:</u></p> <p>Board staff has drafted an announcement from the Board to licensees. The announcement would update licenses on all matters pertaining to the Board.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> <p>There was no motion. Dr. Joette James made a minor correction. The announcement will be shared with the Board for any additional feedback.</p>	
OS-0914-08	<p><u>Consent Agenda:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p>	

	<p>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 Open Consent Agenda. Seconded by Dr. Joette James.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Dr. Teresa Grant, Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson, and Dr. Joette James voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0914-09	<p><u>Jeremy Kozne, PhD, DC Psychological Association (DCPA):</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board requested to review the documents that were shared with them at this meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> In July 2021, Dr. Kozne shared information regarding the postgraduate licensure.</p> <p>The Board requested to see the shared documents at this meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> No motion was made. The Board has no additional concerns or questions.</p>	
OS-0914-10	<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,</p>	

discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigations pursuant to § 2-575(b)(14).”

Motion:

Motion made by Dr. Teresa Grant to close the Open Session Meeting. Seconded by Dr. Joette James.

Vote:

Dr. Teresa Grant, Mr. L. Hamilton Ferguson, and Dr. Joette James voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 9, 2021** at **2:30 pm**.

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