

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2020
2:30 PM

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

Call to Order: 2:38pm

	<p><u>Roll Call:</u></p> <p><u>Board Members:</u> Anthony Jimenez, PhD – Chairperson Eric Jones, PhD- Board Member Joette James, PhD- Board Member Louis Hamilton Ferguson- Consumer Member</p> <p><u>Board Members Absent:</u> Teresa Grant, PhD- Board 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>	
<p>OS-0908-01</p>	<p><u>Approval of the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the September 8, 2020 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Eric Jones to accept the September 8, 2020 Open Session Agenda with addendum. Seconded by Dr. Joette James.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Joette James, Mr. Louis. Hamilton Ferguson and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0908-02</p>	<p><u>BOARD/DEPARTMENT’S REPORT</u></p> <p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</u> Ms. Aisha Nixon gave updates on the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensure Census: There are 1569 licensed psychologists and psychology associates [1404 licensed psychologists and 165 licensed psychology associates]. • The Health Regulation and Licensing Administration (HRLA) has recently gone under realignment. Ms. Ericka Walker has been hired as the Executive Director for several of the Allied and 	

	<p>Behavioral Health Boards (ABHB) and will be taking half of the ABHB. The Board of Psychology will remain with Ms. Nixon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms. Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Board Attorney, has been promoted and will no longer be under the Board of Psychology. The Legal Department has not assigned a new attorney to this Board yet. Another temporary attorney will be covering the November Board meeting. ○ The Psychology Subcommittee Meeting (<i>were working on implementing and updating new/old regulations</i>) will be placed on hold until a permanent attorney is assigned. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ASPPB 60th Annual Meeting of Delegates will be held online on October 16-17, 2020. The registration fee is \$50. ● ASPBB and PSYPACT Commission met with the Deputy Mayor, Mr. Turnage, Senior Deputy Director, Dr. Lewis and Executive Director regarding PSYPACT. DC Health presented its concerns related to adoption of PSYPACT. Deputy Mayor Turnage requested that the commission respond in writing to the concerns outlined by DC Health. <p>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AAG Vongjaroenrat said her farewell to the Board and thank them, as she is no longer their official attorney. The Board shared their gratitude and appreciation of her time. ● AAG Vongjaroenrat is now assigned to work on revising the Health Occupation Revision Act (HORA) and reminded the Board to think on whether or not they want to regulate the I/O Psychologist and whether to adopt the definition of practice on ASPPB Model Act. <p>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. Jimenez will share his personal and professional input regarding PSYPACT with the Board Executive Director and Senior Deputy Director. 	
<p>OS-0908-03</p>	<p><u>Open Session Minutes</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the July 14, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Eric Jones to approve the September 8, 2020 Open Session Agenda. Seconded by Joette James.</p>	

	<p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Joette James, Mr. Louis. Hamilton Ferguson and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0908-04</p>	<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 revised drafted Policy Statement regarding the enhanced EPPP (Part 1 & 2).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> ASPPB have delayed the initial launch to November 2020 to accommodate all the Early Adopting jurisdictions. The Board voted on a policy guidance on passage of the examination for professional practice of psychology (EPPP- Part 1 and 2) on May 12, 2020.</p> <p>Members of the public had questions and requests regarding whether or not the enhanced EPPP (Part 1 & 2) will be required from applicants by endorsement and from applicants (including by Examination) who have taken the exam prior to the ASPPB launching exam date but applying for the first psychology license in DC.</p> <p>The Board needed to make clarification on the initial EPPP policy statement regarding the EPPP 2. The Board stated that all examination applicants who are seeking a license in DC are required to take both parts (EPPP 1 & EPPP 2). Applicant who apply by endorsement that graduate on or after November 1, 2020 (EPPP 2 Effective Date) is required to take the both examinations.</p> <p>In July 2020, the Board voted to require all application by examination to take the enhanced EPPP and in addition, anyone (including application via endorsement) who graduated after November 1, 2020 will need to take the enhanced EPPP exam. A revised policy statement is included for Board’s review and decision.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Eric Jones to approve the updated policy statement and implementation of emergency/proposed regulation to adopt it. Seconded by Joette James.</p>	

	<p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Joette James, Mr. Louis. Hamilton Ferguson and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>Addendum</p>	<p><u>Emergency Rulemaking for Continuing Education Live Requirements</u></p> <p>The Board is to determine whether or not to waive the live interactive webinar continuing education and tele-supervision of immediate supervision during the public health emergency or allow the Board to suspend this rule as it's fit such as during the public health emergency.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Joette James to amend the regulations to give the Board the authority to modify, approve or suspend the continuing education requirements as needed due to certain circumstances and to change the definition of immediate supervision, and make it similar to the Board Policy Statement on Tele-Psychology and Remote Supervision. Seconded by Eric Jones.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Joette James, Mr. Louis. Hamilton Ferguson and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>OS-0908-05</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> 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 Joette James.</p> <p>Dr. Anthony Jimenez, Dr. Joette James, Mr. Louis. Hamilton Ferguson and Dr. Eric Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

OS-0908-06	<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>	
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The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 10, 2020** at **2:30 pm**.