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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2601 North Third Street

One Penn Center, Board Room C

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

June 6, 2022

State Board of Psychology
June 6, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS:

Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., Chair
Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
Professional and Occupational Affairs
Donald McAleer, Psy.D., Vice Chair
Katherine Bradley, Ph.D., Secretary
Vito J. DonGiovanni, Psy.D.
Steven K. Erickson, Ph.D. - Absent
LaJewel Harrison, MBA, Public Member
Dean C. Maynard, Ed.D., Public Member
Richard F. Small, Ph.D.

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel
Dean F. Picarella, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Deputy Chief Counsel,
Prosecution Division
Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Kelsey Ashworth, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Christina Stuckey, Board Administrator
Marc Farrell, Deputy Director, Office of Policy,
Department of State

ALSO PRESENT:

Molly Cowan, Psy.D., Director of Professional Affairs,
Pennsylvania Psychological Association
Jen Smeltz, Republican Executive Director, Senate
Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure
Committee
Kari Orchard, Democratic Executive Director, House
Professional Licensure Committee
Seth Rolko, Democratic Executive Director, Senate
Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure
Committee

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2 State Board of Psychology

3 June 6, 2022

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
6 9:30 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
7 with Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the
8 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on
9 a number of matters that are currently pending before
10 the Board and to receive the advice of counsel. The
11 Board began open session at 10:30 a.m.]

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13 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
14 Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting
15 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
16 deliberations on a number of matters currently pending
17 before the Board and to receive the advice of counsel.

18 Ms. Wucinski reminded everyone that the meeting
19 was being recorded, and those who continued to
20 participate were giving their consent to be recorded.]

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22 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
23 Board of Psychology was held on Monday, June 6, 2022.
24 Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., Chair, called the meeting
25 to order at 10:30 a.m.

1 Katherine Bradley, Ph.D., Secretary, was not
2 present at the commencement of the meeting.

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4 Introduction of Board Members

5 [Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., Chair, requested an
6 introduction of Board members.]

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8 Approval of minutes of the April 4, 2022 meeting

9 CHAIR SPAYD:

10 Do we have any comments on the minutes
11 from the April 4 meeting?

12 I'll call for a motion to approve
13 the April 4, 2022 Psychology Board
14 Minutes as written.

15 DR. MCALEER:

16 So moved.

17 DR. DONGIOVANNI:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR SPAYD:

20 Roll call vote.

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22 Dr. Spayd, aye; Acting Commissioner
23 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.
24 DonGiovanni, aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr.
25 Maynard, aye; Dr. Small, aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 Report of Board Prosecution

4 [Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,
5 had nothing to report from the prosecutorial division.

6 Mr. Giunta thanked the Board for allowing him to
7 join everyone at the Pennsylvania Psychological
8 Association (PPA) Conference.]

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10 Report of Board Counsel

11 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, addressed
12 House Bill 2607 of 2022 Prescription Privileges for
13 Psychologists that would amend the Professional
14 Psychologists Practice Act to define educational
15 requirements and scope of practice for prescribing
16 psychologists.

17 Ms. Wucinski explained the bill would define the
18 collaborative agreement between the prescribing
19 psychologist and the provider and would identify the
20 formulary for medications that may be prescribed and
21 continuing education requirements for prescribing
22 psychologists.

23 Ms. Wucinski stated House Bill 2607 was created
24 in response to the growing national mental health
25 crisis and shortage of psychiatric specialists and was

1 referred to the Professional Licensure Committee on
2 May 23, 2022. She referred to the Association of
3 State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)
4 information showing five other states currently offer
5 prescriptive licenses to psychologists. She noted she
6 would reach out to Board members if asked to do a bill
7 analysis.

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9 [Katherine Bradley, Ph.D., Secretary, entered the
10 meeting at 10:35 a.m.]

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12 Chair Spayd informed Board members that she
13 invited Dr. Anthony Ragusea, who is leading the charge
14 to promote the bill, to do a presentation on the
15 history and to speak about regulations for the bill at
16 the next meeting on August 8. She commented that
17 other states have had a lot of different things
18 happen, including medical boards swooping in and
19 taking over.

20 Chair Spayd mentioned there are several lines in
21 the bill amending the Pennsylvania Professional
22 Psychologists Practice Act, and the Board needs to be
23 aware of it to continue to maintain some measure of
24 control over prescribing psychologists. She noted
25 that Dr. Ragusea informed her that the regulation had

1 not emphasized this because they did not want to
2 complicate the bill.]

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4 Report of Board Chairperson

5 [Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., Chair, thanked Dr.
6 DonGiovanni, Dr. McAleer, and Dr. Small for joining
7 her and Mr. Giunta in presenting at PPA. She noted
8 presenting on disciplinary actions of the State Board
9 for the Pennsylvania Psychological Association with
10 the goal of demystifying that process and hopefully
11 assuring ethical and reasonably competent
12 psychologists, where there was nothing to worry about
13 if the rules were followed.

14 Chair Spayd provided an update from the ASPPB
15 Meeting in April. She addressed master's level
16 accreditation, where the American Psychological
17 Association (APA) is in the process of determining how
18 to develop a model act to accredit master's level
19 licensure. She reported that 17 states allow a
20 master's level license at some level and all vary by
21 degree of scope of practice and level of supervision
22 versus independent practice.

23 Chair Spayd mentioned another point of interest,
24 where Missouri does their prelicensure criminal
25 background check and offers that before starting their

1 graduate program so individuals thinking about a
2 career as a psychologist will know ahead of time if
3 their past crimes would prohibit them from practicing
4 the profession. She noted the pro side is the lack of
5 available mental health services in general and the
6 idea there will be more mental health practitioners.

7 Chair Spayd addressed her virtual attendance at
8 the ASPPB Town Hall Meeting regarding the Examination
9 for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) Part 2,
10 which is being proposed by ASPPB to be its standard.
11 She noted seven jurisdictions are currently using it
12 and Minnesota is in the process.

13 Chair Spayd stated the cost of the exam has been
14 reduced to \$450 from \$600 with a \$30 practice exam
15 option. She mentioned ASPPB is advocating taking the
16 exam at the end of graduate school, which they believe
17 would result in a higher pass rate because knowledge
18 would be fresh. She also mentioned it helps separate
19 the cost by rolling it into someone's student loan if
20 it is prelicensure.

21 Chair Spayd commented that content validity is
22 the most important to ASPPB because they do not
23 believe predictive validity is the purpose of the exam
24 and believe criterion validity is an unattainable
25 thing.

1 Chair Spayd mentioned there has been a lot of
2 work and focus on test bias because the EPPP in the
3 past has been criticized for bias for different racial
4 groups and different socioeconomic status (SES)
5 groups. She noted the most recent study was a
6 differential item function analysis and 32 items were
7 flagged as potentially bias, where 4 of them were
8 removed.

9 Chair Spayd noted ASPPB's concern that they would
10 have less defense in a lawsuit if they made the EPPP
11 Part 2 optional. She reported ASBBP has not made a
12 final decision whether to mandate the test or make it
13 optional.

14 Chair Spayd stated that not many people had taken
15 the test but anecdotal evidence suggested the test
16 takers believed it was valid and reflected real-life
17 situations. It will take many years before there is
18 enough information gathered to see if EPPP Part 2
19 predicts disciplinary rates because of the low rate of
20 discipline in psychology in general. She also noted
21 the test is multiple choice that had been taken down
22 to three item choices.

23 Dr. Bradley addressed the absence of any kind of
24 criterion validity, where having a single content
25 validity is great but how do they know if it is really

1 doing anything more effective than the multiple choice
2 format in the first section.

3 Dr. Bradley also addressed reducing the items to
4 three, where they may be having difficulty coming up
5 with a viable fourth option because reducing below
6 four options is getting into more of a shaky
7 psychometric situation.

8 Dr. McAleer noted being fairly positive about
9 ASPPB's whole approach and believed ASPPB is pumping
10 the brakes and going in the right direction to allow
11 more time for discussion and to address some of the
12 important issues.

13 Dr. DonGiovanni provided an item of interest,
14 where several jurisdictions on ASPPB's website post
15 licensees who do not renew.

16 Dr. DonGiovanni announced the ASPPB Annual
17 Conference will be held in National Harbor, MD, in
18 October.

19 Chair Spayd asked Ms. Stuckey to place the
20 conference on the August agenda for discussion.]

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22 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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24 Report of Board Administrator - Application to
25 Practice Psychology for Persons Licensed in Other

1 States

2 MS. WUCINSKI:

3 At agenda item 3, I believe the Board
4 would entertain a motion to approve the
5 Application to Practice Psychology for
6 Persons Licensed in Other States for
7 Elisabetta Ambron, Ph.D.

8 DR. MCALEER:

9 So moved.

10 DR. BRADLEY:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR SPAYD:

13 Roll call vote.

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15 Dr. Spayd, aye; Acting Commissioner
16 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.
17 Bradley, aye; Dr. DonGiovanni, aye; Ms.
18 Harrison, aye; Dr. Maynard, aye; Dr.
19 Small, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 Report of Board Administrator - Review of Supervised
23 Experience

24 MS. WUCINSKI:

25 I believe the Board would entertain a

1 motion to accept the Supervised
2 Experience for Meghan Bridget Owenz,
3 Ph.D.

4 DR. MCALEER:

5 So moved.

6 DR. BRADLEY:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR SPAYD:

9 Roll call vote.

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11 Dr. Spayd, aye; Acting Commissioner
12 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.
13 Bradley, aye; Dr. DonGiovanni, aye; Ms.
14 Harrison, aye; Dr. Maynard, aye; Dr.
15 Small, aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 Report of Board Administrator - Applications for
19 Approval of Corporate or Fictitious Name

20 MS. WUCINSKI:

21 I believe the Board would entertain a
22 motion to approve the Fictitious Names
23 for agenda items 5 through 17 for Philly
24 Anxiety and ADHD Center, Inc.; Inner
25 Resilience Psychological Services, LLC;

1 Flagship Neuropsychology, PLLC;
2 Empowered Minds Psychological Center,
3 LLC; Congruence Coaching & Consultation,
4 LLC; Jigsaw Diagnostics, PC; Process
5 Pittsburgh, LLC; Surthriving
6 Psychological Services, LLC; Blue Fire
7 Therapeutics, LLC; Hydrangea
8 Psychological Services, LLC; Cardigan
9 Psychological, LLC; Olive & Oak
10 Psychology Center, PLLC; and The Davis
11 Group for Mental Health and Wellness.

12 DR. MCALEER:

13 So moved.

14 DR. BRADLEY:

15 Second.

16 CHAIR SPAYD:

17 Roll call vote.

18
19 Dr. Spayd, aye; Acting Commissioner
20 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, yes; Dr.
21 Bradley, aye; Dr. DonGiovanni, aye; Ms.
22 Harrison, aye; Dr. Maynard, aye; Dr.
23 Small, aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 Correspondence

2 MS. WUCINSKI:

3 Agenda item 20. I believe the Board
4 would entertain a motion to approve the
5 request of Lia E. Sandilos, Ph.D. to
6 waive § 41.32(1)(iv) of the Board's
7 regulations related to supervised
8 experience being completed within 10
9 years of the award of the doctoral
10 degree. The Board voted to grant a 1-
11 year extension on that waiver.

12 DR. MCALEER:

13 So moved.

14 DR. BRADLEY:

15 Second.

16 CHAIR SPAYD:

17 Roll call vote.

18
19 Dr. Spayd, aye; Acting Commissioner
20 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.
21 Bradley, aye; Dr. DonGiovanni, aye; Ms.
22 Harrison, aye; Dr. Maynard, aye; Dr.
23 Small, aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 Report of Board Members - No Report

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3 Discussion Items - Pennsylvania Psychology Law
4 Examination

5 [Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., Chair, referred to the
6 recommendation by Pearson VUE to use two forms for the
7 Pennsylvania Psychology Law Examination versus three.

8 Ms. Stuckey noted Board members decided to reduce
9 it from four to three but did not discuss two and is
10 on the agenda for review.

11 Dr. McAleer commented that Pearson VUE is the
12 expert and is willing to agree with whatever is
13 recommended.]

14 CHAIR SPAYD:

15 I'll make a motion that we accept the
16 Pearson VUE recommendation to reduce the
17 PPLE to two forms.

18 DR. MCALEER:

19 So moved.

20 DR. BRADLEY:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR SPAYD:

23 Roll call vote.

24

25 Dr. Spayd, aye; Acting Commissioner

1 Claggett, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye; Dr.
2 Bradley, aye; Dr. DonGiovanni, aye; Ms.
3 Harrison, aye; Dr. Maynard, aye; Dr.
4 Small, aye.

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

6 ***

7 Discussion Items - ASPPB Board of Directors - June 10,
8 2022

9 [Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., Chair, informed Board
10 members that Dr. Small would be attending the ASPPB
11 Board of Directors Meeting June 10 in Philadelphia.

12 Dr. Small will be attending the ASPPB Board of
13 Directors open meeting and lunch to discuss Board
14 issues. He asked Board members whether they had any
15 issues he could present for discussion.

16 Dr. DonGiovanni suggested looking at supervision
17 regulations that have been on books for some time,
18 especially requiring 2 hours of individual face-to-
19 face supervision per week. He noted advancements in
20 technology as well as understanding how supervision
21 works and suggested 1 hour of individual and 1 hour of
22 group supervision.

23 Dr. DonGiovanni commented that some of the
24 licensing laws are from the initial regulations in
25 1972 and should be reexamined to erase them or change

1 them to keep with the times.

2 Dr. Small noted ASPPB could act as a resource and
3 gather any information that might be helpful.]

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5 FYI Items

6 [Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., Chair, referred to the FYI
7 items for the Board's review.

8 Chair Spayd reported 36 states have now joined
9 the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT).

10 Chair Spayd noted there is a call for comment
11 from ASPPB regarding practicum experience for license
12 requirements that is open until early July.]

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14 Upcoming Meeting Dates

15 [Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., Chair, noted the next
16 scheduled meeting date is August 8 and the remaining
17 2022 dates are October 3 and December 5.]

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19 Adjournment

20 CHAIR SPAYD:

21 Do I have a motion to end the meeting?

22 DR. MCALEER:

23 So moved.

24 DR. BRADLEY:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR SPAYD:

2 See you in August.

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4 [There being no further business, the State Board of
5 Psychology Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.]

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8 CERTIFICATE

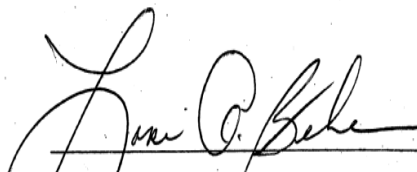
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10 I hereby certify that the foregoing summary
11 minutes of the State Board of Psychology meeting, was
12 reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and
13 that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of
14 the State Board of Psychology meeting.

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Lori A. Behe,

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Minute Clerk

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TIME	AGENDA
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