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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  
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

TIME: 10:31 A.M.

June 7, 2021

State Board of Psychology  
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BOARD MEMBERS:

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

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Jaime D. Black, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison  
Chris Stuckey, Board Administrator  
Theodore Stauffer, Executive Secretary, Bureau of  
Professional and Occupational Affairs

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2 State Board of Psychology

3 June 7, 2021

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at  
6 9:00 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session  
7 with Jaime D. Black, Esquire, Board Counsel, to have  
8 attorney-client consultation and for the purpose of  
9 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations regarding the  
10 items on the agenda. The Board returned to open  
11 session at 10:30 a.m.]

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13 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
14 Board of Psychology was held on Monday, June 7, 2021.  
15 Richard F. Small, Ph.D., Chairman, called the meeting  
16 to order at 10:31 a.m.

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18 [Theodore Staffer, Executive Secretary, provided  
19 telephone instructions to those in attendance. He  
20 stated the meeting was being recorded and that  
21 participation in the meeting constituted consent to be  
22 recorded.]

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24 Introduction of Board Members

25 [Chairman Small requested the introduction of those in

1 attendance.]

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3 Approval of minutes of the April 12, 2021 meeting

4 CHAIRMAN SMALL:

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The first order of business is approval

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of the minutes. Does anybody have any

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questions, comments, et cetera?

8 DR. DONGIOVANNI:

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I'll move for acceptance.

10 DR. MCALEER:

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Second.

12 CHAIRMAN SMALL:

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All in favor? Opposed?

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 Report of Board Prosecution

17 [Nathan C. Giunta, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,

18 presented a Consent Agreement for Case No. 20-63-

19 011007.]

20 CHAIRMAN SMALL:

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Do we have a motion?

22 DR. SPAYD:

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I'll make a motion to approve the Consent

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Agreement.

25 DR. MAYNARD:

1 I'll second it.

2 CHAIRMAN SMALL:

3 All in favor? Opposed?

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 Report of Board Counsel

7 [Jaime Black, Esquire, noted that pursuant to Section  
8 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, the Board entered into  
9 Executive Session prior to the meeting for the purpose  
10 of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations and to  
11 receive advice of Counsel regarding the items on the  
12 agenda.

13 For the record Ms. Black noted the Board accepted  
14 the Consent Agreement, which is Commonwealth of  
15 Pennsylvania, Bureau of Professional and Occupational  
16 Affairs vs. Mark E. Bigger, Ph.D.]

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18 FYI

19 [Ms. Black referred members to Senate Bill 705 and  
20 House Bill 1176 for further discussion. She explained  
21 Senate Bill 705 was introduced on May 21, 2021, and  
22 relates to telemedicine. If passed, Senate Bill 705  
23 would authorize the regulation of telemedicine by  
24 professional licensing boards and provide insurance  
25 coverage of telemedicine. Ms. Black further explained

1 that the bill defines telemedicine, offers guidelines  
2 outlining who can provide telemedicine and provides  
3 clarity of insurance company reimbursement for the  
4 services. She explained the additional definitions  
5 included in the bill.]

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7 [Ms. Black explained that House Bill 1176 acknowledges  
8 the importance of culturally competent providers that  
9 are willing to adapt their practices according to the  
10 individuals and communities that they serve. It aims  
11 to ensure healthcare providers are providing inclusive  
12 care and would require all health-related boards in  
13 the Department of State to complete implicit biased  
14 training as part of the continuing education  
15 requirements. Ms. Black further noted that each Board  
16 would be tasked with promulgating regulations  
17 regarding competencies that must be achieved through  
18 the curriculum and delivery of training specified.]

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20 Status of Regulations/Guidelines/Statements of Policy  
21 Proposed Annex 16A-6320 - General Revisions

22 [Ms. Black stated an exposure draft of the proposed  
23 annex was published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, and  
24 no comments were received. She indicated the Board  
25 could vote to approve the proposed rulemaking and

1 direct Board Counsel to promulgate it through the  
2 regulatory review process. Board members had  
3 questions.

4 Dr. McAleer referred to the Board's previous  
5 discussion of the rulemaking with regard to someone  
6 being exempt from examinations, and noted this Board  
7 did not agree to exempt an individual from that, but  
8 rather the individual would have to meet the  
9 qualifications by understanding the laws governing  
10 psychology in Pennsylvania. He wanted to make sure  
11 the proposed annex was consistent with the Board's  
12 discussion regarding this matter.

13 Ms. Stuckey noted that Section 41.52 refers to  
14 persons licensed in other states and may be the  
15 language Dr. McAleer noted. There was further  
16 discussion regarding the matter.

17 Dr. McAleer was in favor of approving the annex  
18 with the language specifying either that the Board  
19 still required the PPLE or the exemption was from the  
20 EPPP.]

21 MS. BLACK:

22 Would there be a motion to approve the  
23 proposed rulemaking with those revisions  
24 and direct Board Counsel to promulgate it  
25 through the regulatory process.

1 DR. MCALEER:

2 I would so move.

3 DR. SPAYD:

4 I'll second that.

5 CHAIRMAN SMALL:

6 All in favor? Opposed?

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 MOTIONS

10 Review of Supervised Experience

11 MS. BLACK:

12 I believe the Board would entertain a  
13 motion to accept the supervised  
14 experience, completed from 8/16/16  
15 to 6/29/17 (920 hours), of Item No. 6, Ema  
16 Tanovic, Ph.D.

17 DR. MCALEER:

18 So moved.

19 DR. DONGIOVANNI:

20 Second.

21 CHAIRMAN SMALL:

22 All in favor? Opposed?

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 MS. BLACK:





1 MS. BLACK:

2 Right, for National and Regional  
3 Associations.

4 DR. MCALEER:

5 Second.

6 CHAIRMAN SMALL:

7 All those in favor? Opposed?

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 Correspondence

11 Correspondence regarding the Psychological Clinical  
12 Science Accreditation System

13 [Ms. Black referred to the correspondence regarding  
14 the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation  
15 System (PCSAS) noting the clinical psychology programs  
16 of the University of Pennsylvania, Penn State  
17 University, University of Pittsburgh, and Temple  
18 University were all accredited by the Psychological  
19 Clinical Science Accreditation System.

20 She stated the licensing boards of eight states  
21 recognize the PCSAS programs as having parity with APA  
22 and CPA programs for the purpose of psychology  
23 licensure and requested Pennsylvania to become the  
24 ninth state to accept these programs, noting that  
25 Pennsylvania was the only state with four PCSAS

1 accredited programs. Ms. Black further stated  
2 guidance was being sought from the Board on how to  
3 petition for a change in the regulations for the PCSAS  
4 program to provide a pathway to licensure along with  
5 APA and CPA.

6 Dr. McAleer suggested that PCSAS be encouraged to  
7 make a presentation to the Board. Ms. Black stated  
8 the organization would be welcomed to present before  
9 the Board concerning this matter and should contact  
10 the Board Administrator.]

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12 Mirya Feliciano Valentin, Psy.D.

13 [Ms. Black stated correspondence from Dr. Valentin was  
14 discussed in Executive Session. The Board  
15 Administrator will reach out to Dr. Valentin to  
16 request additional information as discussed.]

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18 Report of Board Chairman

19 [Richard F. Small, Ph.D., Board Chairman, referred to  
20 a previous discussion regarding making testing  
21 accommodations standardized for the EPPP. He noted a  
22 new form was sent to members.

23 Chairman Small indicated that an option could be  
24 to have a committee review these requests for  
25 accommodations, and if the committee cannot agree, the

1 requests would then be brought to the Board for  
2 review.]

3 CHAIRMAN SMALL:

4                   Looking for a motion to establish a  
5                   committee to review requests for  
6                   accommodations for EPPP.

7 MS. BLACK:

8                   I just want to make sure that the Board  
9                   actually only receives and approves the  
10                  EPPP accommodations and not the PPLE  
11                  which are actually done by Pearson VUE  
12                  as part of a multi-board contract that  
13                  the Department has with them.

14 DR. DONGIOVANNI:

15                   So moved.

16 DR. SPAYD:

17                   I'll second that.

18 CHAIRMAN SMALL:

19                   All in favor? Opposed?

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 CHAIRMAN SMALL:

23                   Does anybody want to present a motion to  
24                   nominate myself and Dr. Spayd to that  
25                   Committee?

1 DR. MCALEER:

2 I would present the motion that the Chair  
3 and the Vice Chair be the committee  
4 rather than naming individuals.

5 DR. DONGIOVANNI:

6 I'll second that motion.

7 CHAIRMAN SMALL:

8 All in favor? Opposed?

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 Report of Board Administrator

12 Upcoming Meeting Dates

13 [Chris Stuckey, Board Administrator, requested that  
14 Board members review the tentative 2022 Board Meeting  
15 Dates, which are February 7, 2022; April 4, 2022; June  
16 6, 2022; August 8, 2022; October 3, 2022; and December  
17 5, 2022.]

18 Mr. Stauffer noted there has not been any  
19 guidance from the Governor regarding whether or not  
20 meetings would continue to be held virtually or at  
21 some point return to being held in person.]

22 MS. HARRISON:

23 Motion to approve the 2022 meeting dates.

24 DR. ERICKSON:

25 Second.

1 CHAIRMAN SMALL:

2 All in favor? Opposed?

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 Report of Commissioner

6 [Theodore Stauffer, Executive Secretary, had no report  
7 on behalf of the Commissioner but offered to forward  
8 any questions to Mr. Johnson.

9 A question was raised whether a member would be  
10 permitted to meet either by videoconference or in some  
11 sort of hybrid fashion during inclement weather even  
12 though the Board might be meeting in person. Mr.  
13 Stauffer appreciated the suggestion and noted that  
14 discussions had already commenced regarding this  
15 matter.

16 Chairman Small referred to Mr. Stauffer as the  
17 "unsung hero of our meetings" and wanted him to know  
18 how much his pleasant efficiency was appreciated.]

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20 Report of Board Members

21 [Dr. DonGiovanni inquired if the Pearson VUE meeting  
22 scheduled for July to discuss items for the PPLE would  
23 be virtual. Ms. Stuckey noted it was scheduled to be  
24 held virtually and had received no updates regarding  
25 that matter. Dr. McAleer and some other members

1 stated they had received an email with a  
2 confidentiality waiver attached.]

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4 Miscellaneous

5 [Dr. McAleer and Ms. Black provided a brief  
6 presentation at the PPA Doctoral Summit regarding some  
7 of the current issues with the Board. He thanked Ms.  
8 Black for her support.]

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10 [Chairman Small is a member of the committee planning  
11 the ASPPB October 15-16, 2021 meeting, which will be  
12 held virtually but will be unable to attend due to a  
13 prior commitment. Dr. McAleer noted an interest in  
14 attending. The matter would be discussed further at  
15 the next meeting.]

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17 Adjournment

18 CHAIRMAN SMALL:

19 Do we have a motion to adjourn?

20 DR. SPAYD:

21 I'll make that motion.

22 DR. MCALEER:

23 Second.

24 CHAIRMAN SMALL:

25 All in favor? Opposed?

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 [The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 9,  
4 2021].

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6 [There being no further business, the State Board of  
7 Psychology Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.]

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10 CERTIFICATE

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

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Kelly Gallick,

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