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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: 9:03 A.M.

BOARD ROOM C  
One Penn Center  
2601 North Third Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

August 6, 2018

State Board of Psychology  
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BOARD MEMBERS:

Vito J. DonGiovanni, Psy.D., Chairman  
Ian J. Harlow, Commissioner of Professional and  
Occupational Affairs - Absent  
Catherine S. Spayd, Ph.D., Vice Chair  
Katherine Bradley, Ph.D., Secretary  
Steven K. Erickson, Ph.D.  
Donald McAleer, Psy.D.  
Todd B. Narvol, Esquire, Public Member  
Richard F. Small, Ph.D.

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Bridget K. Guilfoyle, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
Liaison  
Chris Stuckey, Board Administrator

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2 State Board of Psychology

3 August 6, 2018

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5 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
6 Board of Psychology was held on Monday, August 6,  
7 2018. Vito J. DonGiovanni, Psy.D., Chairman, called  
8 the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

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10 [Chairman DonGiovanni welcomed Dr. McAleer to his  
11 first formal meeting.]

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13 [Chris Stuckey, Board Administrator, reviewed the  
14 emergency evacuation procedures for One Penn Center.]

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16 Approval of Minutes of the June 12, 2018 meeting

17 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

18 Approval of minutes of the June 12  
19 meeting.

20 [The Board discussed corrections to the minutes.]

21 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

22 Any other changes, amendments? All  
23 those in favor of approving the minutes  
24 as amended, please answer aye. Those  
25 opposed?

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 Report of Board Prosecution

4 [Bridget K. Guilfoyle, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
5 Liaison, introduced Alissa Harrison, Esquire, as a new  
6 Board Prosecutor. Ms. Guilfoyle also noted Tara  
7 Smith, Esquire, another Prosecutor joining the Board.

8 Chairman DonGiovanni welcomed Ms. Harrison.]

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10 Report of Board Counsel

11 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at  
12 9:09 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session  
13 with Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, and for  
14 the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations  
15 on a number of matters that are currently pending  
16 before the Board and to receive advice of Counsel.  
17 The Board returned to open session at 10:47 a.m.]

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19 [The Board recessed from 10:47 a.m. until 10:51 a.m.]

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21 MOTIONS

22 MS. WUCINSKI:

23 Having returned from Executive Session,  
24 I believe the Board will entertain a  
25 motion to deny the Motion for Early

1 Termination of Probation of Deborah Jean  
2 Gregg, M.A.

3 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

4 I need a motion?

5 DR. ERICKSON:

6 So moved.

7 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

8 So moved, Dr. Erickson. Second?

9 DR. MCALEER:

10 Second.

11 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

12 Second, Dr. McAleer. All those in  
13 favor? Those opposed?

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 MS. WUCINSKI:

17 I believe the Board will entertain a  
18 motion to approve the draft Adjudication  
19 and Order as final at File No. 17-63-  
20 12770, the name of that file being Keith  
21 A. Berfield, Ph.D.

22 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

23 Do I have a motion?

24 DR. SPAYD:

25 So moved.

1 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

2 Dr. Spayd. Second?

3 DR. BRADLEY:

4 Second.

5 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

6 Dr. Bradley. All those in favor? Those  
7 opposed?

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 MS. WUCINSKI:

11 I believe the Board will entertain a  
12 motion to direct Board Counsel to draft  
13 a proposed Adjudication and Order  
14 consistent with discussions in Executive  
15 Session for File No. 15-63-06795, the  
16 name of that file being Darlene Davis  
17 Link, Psy.D.

18 DR. ERICKSON:

19 So moved.

20 DR. MCALEER:

21 Second.

22 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

23 So moved, Dr. Erickson. Second, Dr.  
24 McAleer. All those in favor? Opposed?

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1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 MS. WUCINSKI:

4 After discussion in Executive Session, I  
5 believe the Board will entertain a  
6 motion to keep the case at File No. 16-  
7 63-14359 delegated to a Hearing Examiner  
8 to avoid undue delay.

9 DR. MCALEER:

10 So moved.

11 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

12 So moved, Dr. McAleer. Second?

13 DR. SMALL:

14 Second.

15 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

16 Second, Dr. Small. All those in favor?

17 Those opposed?

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 MS. WUCINSKI:

21 I believe the Board will entertain a  
22 motion to grant the Application to  
23 Request Approval to Sit for the  
24 Psychology Licensing Examinations of  
25 Jenny Anne Mutterperl Wallier, Ph.D.

1 DR. SPAYD:

2 So moved.

3 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

4 So moved, Dr. Spayd. Second?

5 DR. BRADLEY:

6 Second.

7 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

8 Dr. Bradley. All those in favor? Those  
9 opposed?

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 MS. WUCINSKI:

13 I believe the Board will entertain a  
14 motion to grant the Application to  
15 Practice Psychology for Persons Licensed  
16 in Other States for the following: Dawn  
17 Marie Raffa-Yoo, Ph.D.; and Lindsey Lee  
18 Wilner, Psy.D.

19 DR. SMALL:

20 So moved.

21 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

22 So moved, Dr. Small.

23 DR. MCALEER:

24 Second.

25 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:





1 DR. SMALL:

2 So moved.

3 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

4 So moved, Dr. Small. Second?

5 DR. BRADLEY:

6 Second.

7 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

8 Bradley. All those in favor? Those  
9 opposed?

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 MS. WUCINSKI:

13 Agenda Item No. 25. The Board has  
14 directed the Board Administrator to send  
15 correspondence to Carl J. Longosky,  
16 M.A., requesting additional medical  
17 documentation. And upon receipt of that  
18 documentation, I believe the Board will  
19 entertain a motion to approve his  
20 request to complete CE by home study for  
21 the 2015 through 2017 biennial period.

22 DR. SPAYD:

23 So moved.

24 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

25 Motion, Dr. Spayd. Second?

1 DR. ERICKSON:

2 Second.

3 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

4 Second, Dr. Erickson. All those in  
5 favor? Those opposed?

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 MS. WUCINSKI:

9 I believe the Board will entertain a  
10 motion to approve the request of Linda  
11 P. Erlich, Ph.D., to complete 24  
12 continuing education hours via home  
13 study and 6 hours via webinar for the  
14 2017 through 2019 biennial renewal  
15 period.

16 DR. BRADLEY:

17 I'll motion.

18 DR. MCALEER:

19 Second.

20 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

21 Dr. Bradley. Second, Dr. McAleer. All  
22 those in favor? Those opposed?

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 [Chairman DonGiovanni noted the Recusal Guidelines for

1 the Board's review.]

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3 Report of Board Chairman - The National Psychologist

4 "VA's Telehealth Rule Raises Licensing Concerns"

5 [Vito J. DonGiovanni, Psy.D., Chairman, noted an

6 article in The National Psychologist related to

7 licensing concerns regarding the VA's telehealth rules

8 and its impact on various licensing agencies. He

9 commented that the Association of State and Provincial

10 Psychology Boards (ASPPB) has the Psychology

11 Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT), which would

12 require a change to the law for this Board. He stated

13 ASPPB has not taken any formal position.

14 Chairman DonGiovanni stated the VA is permitting

15 telehealth within its system, which is not subject to

16 Board regulations.

17 Dr. Small questioned whether the Board has

18 jurisdiction over VA psychologists. Ms. Wucinski

19 advised that this Board does not have regulations on

20 the matter. The Board only has jurisdiction over

21 people receiving services who are physically located

22 in Pennsylvania. She stated some states do have

23 regulations, and until Pennsylvania does, this Board

24 has to go by jurisdiction.

25 Dr. McAleer noted that California has 30 days of

1 permission to practice outside of the state.

2 Ms. Stuckey noted that Pennsylvania has an  
3 aggregate of 14 days if someone has an active  
4 psychology license in another state. Ms. Wucinski  
5 mentioned a telehealth bill that will impact all of  
6 the health-related fields.]

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8 Report of Commissioner - No Report

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10 Report of Board Members - No Report

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12 Discussion Items - Act 53 of 2016

13 [Chairman DonGiovanni addressed Act 53 of 2016. He  
14 referred to a letter that stemmed from Dr. Spayd and  
15 Chairman DonGiovanni's communications with the  
16 Pennsylvania Psychological Association of Graduate  
17 Students (PPAGS) in June regarding changes in  
18 predoctoral experience and allowing those hours to be  
19 eligible for licensure supervision.

20 Chairman DonGiovanni stated the Board interpreted  
21 the changes to refer to predoc experience, meaning  
22 predoc internship. He noted that others felt that  
23 this could also include predoc practicum because it is  
24 a supervised experience. He suggested that the Board  
25 specify predoc hours as internship in the new

1 regulations and provide clarification of the predoc  
2 hours.

3 Ms. Stuckey commented that the law states that  
4 individuals must have two years of experience. The  
5 requirement that at least one year must be after the  
6 award of a degree was removed. She stated the Board  
7 has been interpreting the first year as the  
8 predoctoral internship. She noted that individuals  
9 could start their second year of experience after the  
10 completion of the predoctoral internship but before  
11 graduating. Ms. Stuckey stated, when reviewing the  
12 second year of experience on the supervised experience  
13 form, she considers the regulations that refer to  
14 postdoctoral experience. She noted that it is not  
15 necessarily postdoctoral, but she still refers to the  
16 same criteria, a minimum of 15 hours experience but no  
17 more than 45 hours and 2 hours a week of supervision.

18 Dr. McAleer addressed the history of the program,  
19 noting that the bulk of clinical experience was  
20 reserved for the internship and postdoc, where  
21 students now have more supervised face-to-face client  
22 experience during the program, which should be  
23 included as supervised experience.

24 Dr. McAleer mentioned the American Psychological  
25 Association (APA) model licensure and the social and

1 political issues requiring students to wait another  
2 year after graduating.

3 Ms. Stuckey stated the Board only reviews the  
4 second year of experience, and the predoctoral  
5 internship is a requirement their degree. She noted  
6 that no degree is awarded if an individual has not  
7 completed a predoctoral internship. The date is  
8 verified to mark the beginning of the second year.

9 Ms. Stuckey addressed the Examination for  
10 Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) and the  
11 Pennsylvania Psychology Law Examination (PPLE). The  
12 Board permits individuals to take these examinations  
13 immediately following graduation.

14 Chairman DonGiovanni referred to correspondence  
15 regarding Act 53. He discussed the Board's  
16 interpretation of the Act.

17 Ms. Stuckey noted the requirement within the law  
18 to graduate from an accredited college or university  
19 holding a degree in Doctor of Philosophy in  
20 Psychology, Doctor of Psychology, or Doctorate in  
21 Educational Psychology, and not less than two years of  
22 supervised experience, provided that such experience  
23 is acceptable to the Board pursuant to criteria  
24 established by Board regulations.

25 It was noted that the State Board of Psychology

1 is currently interpreting this section to mean any  
2 hours accumulated after the completion of a  
3 predoctoral internship may start counting experience  
4 toward the second year of supervised experience.

5 Ms. Stuckey stated the only documentation to  
6 verify the second year of experience is the  
7 verification of supervised experience form and  
8 questioned its use to verify practicum hours.

9 Dr. McAleer referred to the Association of  
10 Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers'  
11 (APPIC) detailed application, but questioned whether  
12 it meets the Board's regulations.

13 Chairman DonGiovanni stated the Board can  
14 designate predoc hours as predoc internship, and the  
15 other supervisory hours by approval by the Board.

16 Ms. Stuckey stated any experience completed  
17 before the predoctoral internship that meets the  
18 requirements within the regulations can be submitted  
19 for the Board to review. She will create a draft  
20 notice for the next meeting.]

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22 Association of State Provincial Psychology Boards

23 (ASPPB) Annual Meeting

24 [Chairman DonGiovanni noted the Association of State

25 Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) Annual Meeting in



1 Salt Lake City, UT, on October 17, 2018.]

2 DR. SMALL:

3 I'll make a motion that we ask Dr.  
4 DonGiovanni and Dr. Bradley to attend  
5 the ASPPB Meeting.

6 DR. ERICKSON:

7 Second.

8 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

9 Moved and seconded. All those in favor?  
10 Those opposed?

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 For Your Information

14 [Chairman DonGiovanni noted letters previously  
15 distributed.]

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17 Adjournment

18 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

19 Any other business to come before the  
20 Board? If not, I will entertain a  
21 motion to adjourn.

22 DR. SPAYD:

23 So moved

24 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

25 So moved, Dr. Spayd.

1 DR. BRADLEY:

2 Second.

3 CHAIRMAN DONGIOVANNI:

4 Second, Dr. Bradley. All those in  
5 favor? Those opposed?

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 [There being no further business, the State Board of  
9 Psychology Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.]

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12 CERTIFICATE

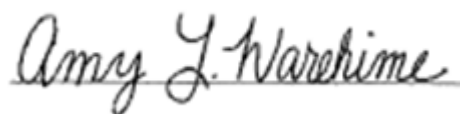
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14 I hereby certify that the foregoing summary  
15 minutes of the State Board of Psychology meeting, was  
16 reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and  
17 that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of  
18 the State Board of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

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Amy L. Warehime,

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Minute Clerk

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