

**Minutes**  
**Arkansas Psychology Board**  
**via Teleconference**  
**Board Meeting**  
**August 21, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Arkansas Psychology Board meeting was called to order by the Chair of the Board, Dr. Edward Kleitsch, at 10:12 AM.

**ROLL CALL**

Board members present: Dr. Betty Everett, Dr. Fitzgibbons, Dr. Joyce Fowler, Ms. Marcia Fuller, Dr. Art Gillaspay and Dr. Edward Kleitsch were present.

Staff members present: Director Susan Cooper and Ms. Brandi Thompson.

Mr. Joe West was present as the Board's Attorney General's representative.

Mr. Matt Gilmore was present as the ADH Public Health Programs Policy Coordinator.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Dr. Fowler made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES**

Dr. Fowler made a motion to approve the July Minutes as amended. Dr. Gillaspay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**REPORT FROM THE COMPLAINT COMMITTEE**

The Complaint Committee recommends dismissal of complaint C#20-02 due to no evidence of ethical violations. Dr. Fowler moved to accept the recommendation. Dr. Gillaspay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

No report.

Mr. Matt Gilmore discussed filling the position of the Administrative Director after Ms. Cooper's retirement.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Board was advised that the agency continues to operate within its budget. The monthly expenditure for July was \$22,791.41, revenue was \$46,271.57, the remaining appropriations \$122,631.04, and the cash investment balance was \$901,792.82. Dr. Fowler made a motion to accept. Dr. Gillaspy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director Cooper reported the following:

- Cancellation of the October Board meeting and administering the Oral exams in September. Dr. Everett made a motion to cancel. Ms. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- The registration for ASPPB Annual Meeting October 16-17, 2020 and election of their new Board members. Dr. Fitzgibbons agreed to be the voting delegate for Arkansas.
- ADH needs a description of APB's services for their ADH Guide to Services. Dr. Fowler made a motion to use the mission statement variant for the guide and to remove the full second paragraph from the mission statement as shown on the website. All approved.
- ASPPB resource for licensing by state; Dr. Gillaspy volunteered to communicate Arkansas licensing rules to ASPPB.
- No findings for the FY19 Legislative Audit.
- Creating a Forms Updating Committee with Dr. Gillaspy and Mr. West. Ms. Cooper provided an updated verification form. Dr. Everett made a motion to approve the form. Ms. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Board voted to waive the in-person requirement for CE's accrued 7.1.20 to 6.30.21 for renewal period 21-22. Dr. Fowler seconded and all approved.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Dr. Kleitsch reported the following:

- Several states banned the use of Zoom products to hold Board meetings and several states have not held Board meetings in months.
- States have relaxed licensing Rules due to COVID-19.
- Tomas Granados is ASPPB's new President-Elect.
- PsyPact is operational as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The EPPP 2 will be a unified test operational November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Provisional License Extension**

Dr. Michael Watson submitted a request to extend his Provisional License for 6-months. Dr. Fowler made a motion to approve the request. Dr. Fitzgibbons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **CE Consideration**

Dr. Brad Williams submitted to request to consider reducing the number continuing education hours for the 2020-2021 renewal year to 10 (ten) hours. Dr. Everett made a motion to deny the request stating Section 9.1 of the Arkansas Psychology Board's Rules but noted the Board has waived the in-person requirement. Ms. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **License Reinstatement**

1. Dr. Caryanne Pope submitted a request to reinstate her license. Dr. Kleitsch and Dr. Fowler recused themselves. Dr. Everett made a motion to table the request until submission of documentation of progress in a program or treatment summary. Dr. Fitzgibbons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Ms. Danielle Reece submitted a request to reinstate her license. Dr. Fowler made a motion to approve the reinstatement. Ms. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Licensee Inquiry**

Dr. Toub submitted an inquiry regarding being an external reader for a student's doctoral dissertation. Dr. Fowler made a motion to advise Dr. Toub the Arkansas Psychology Board does not regulate academics. Dr. Gillaspay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Oral Exam request**

Dr. Melissa Hunt submitted a request to sit for the Oral Exam/Interview. The Board deferred the inquiry to the Credential Reviews.

### **One-Time Consultation**

1. Dr. Laura Edwards-Leeper submitted a request to conduct a telehealth evaluation in Arkansas September 2020. Dr. Fowler made a motion to deny the request stating she must have an Arkansas license to conduct Telepsychology in Arkansas. Dr. Gillaspay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Dr. Jamie Micco submitted a request to conduct a telehealth evaluation in Arkansas through January 2021. Dr. Kleitsch made a motion to deny the request stating she must have an Arkansas license to conduct Telepsychology in Arkansas. Dr. Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Dr. J. Robert Yohman submitted a request to conduct an evaluation in Arkansas through October 6, 2020. Dr. Gillaspy moved to approve and thank Dr. Yohman for his information. Dr. Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

### **Supervisor Status**

1. Dr. Tricia Benish submitted an application and documentation for Supervisor Status. Dr. Fitzgibbons made a motion to approve the request. Dr. Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Dr. Danielle Randall submitted an application and documentation for Supervisor Status. Dr. Fitzgibbons made a motion to approve the request. Dr. Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Statements of Intent-Telepsychology**

Dr. Gillaspy made a motion to approve the following submitted Statements of Intent. Dr. Fitzgibbons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephen Ash, Jessie Benham, Karlyn Boling, Timothy Cavell, Cara DeRoeck, Alexis Elmore, Nina Floyd, Erin Golden, James Luebben, Kaila Mitchell, Patty Nelson, Jon Nolan, Allison Patton, Shelly Sanford, Cynthia Vocque, Daniel Warwick, Vickie West, and Brandi Whitaker.

Dr. Fowler made a motion to approve Thomas Winans' statement of intent to add telepsychology pending re-submission of his appended form to affirm he has read, understood and agree to abide by APA's Ethical Principles of Psychologist's and Code of Conduct, ACA17-97-101 et. Seq, the law that governs the practice of Psychology in Arkansas and the Rules of the Arkansas Psychology Board. Dr. Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **CREDENTIAL REVIEWS**

**The Credential Review Committee made a fully seconded motion to approve the following credential(s):**

1. Dr. Sami Farhat submitted an application to be considered as a Licensed Psychologist-Provisional Licensee. Dr. Fowler made a motion to approve Provisional License. Dr. Gillaspy seconded the motion.

2. Dr. Melissa Hunt submitted an application to be considered as a Licensed Psychologist-Provisional Licensee. Dr. Gillaspy made a motion to approve credentials as a fully licensed Psychologist with no Oral exam required. Dr. Fowler seconded the motion.
3. Dr. Gene Chambers submitted credentials for Ms. Alyssa Lauffer for consideration as a Neuropsychological Technician. Dr. Fowler made a motion to deny due to lack of documentation of Tests and Measurements. Ms. Fuller seconded the motion.
4. Dr. John Phillips submitted an application to be considered as a Licensed Psychologist-Provisional Licensee. Dr. Fowler made a motion to table Provisional License pending submission of the Non-APA Internship form and to add the Non-APA Internship form and Non-APA Doctoral form to the website. Dr. Gillaspy seconded the motion.
5. Dr. Danielle Tipping submitted an application to be considered as a Licensed Psychologist-Provisional Licensee. Dr. Fowler made a motion to approve Provisional License pending submission of appended Telepsychology form and training. Dr. Gillaspy seconded the motion.
6. Dr. Ivan Vargas submitted an application to be considered as a Licensed Psychologist-Provisional Licensee. Dr. Fowler made a motion to approve Provisional License. Dr. Gillaspy seconded the motion.
7. Dr. Ming Yek submitted an application to be considered as a Licensed Psychologist-Provisional Licensee. Dr. Everett recused herself. Dr. Fowler made a motion to approve pending receipt and approval by two Board members of Post-Doctoral documentation. Dr. Gillaspy seconded the motion.

The motions passed unanimously.

### **QUARTERLY REPORTS**

**The Credential Review Committee made a fully seconded motion to approve the following Quarterly Report form(s):**

1. Dr. Lindsey Carnes' Quarterly Report for the period of March 1, 2020- May 31, 2020. Ms. Fuller recused herself. Dr. Fowler made a motion to accept and to send a letter of caution to submit reports in a timely manner and provide supervision logs. Dr. Gillaspy seconded the motion.
2. Dr. Hayley Layton's Quarterly Report for the period of April 7, 2020- July 14, 2020. Dr. Gillaspy made a motion to accept. Ms. Fuller seconded the motion.
3. Dr. Jon Nolan's Quarterly Reports for the period of May 1, 2020 - July 31, 2020 and June 2, 2020 - August 11, 2020. Dr. Gillaspy made a motion to accept. Ms. Fuller seconded the motion.

4. Dr. Kelcey Puskiewicz's Quarterly Report for the period of May 2, 2020 – July 31, 2020. Dr. Gillaspay made a motion to accept. Ms. Fuller seconded the motion.
5. Dr. Alexis Elmore provided a letter of explanation regarding her Quarterly Report. Dr. Gillaspay made a motion to accept pending submission of a Quarterly Report for the period of February 8, 2020 – March 10, 2020. Ms. Fuller seconded the motion.
6. Dr. Michael Watson's Quarterly Report for the period of January 20, 2020 – July 20, 2020. Dr. Gillaspay made a motion accept pending submission of a report for each quarter and advises to submit reports in a timely manner to avoid hours not being counted for Post-Doctoral supervision. Dr. Fitzgibbons seconded the motion.
7. Dr. Kathy White's Quarterly Report for the period of April 5, 2020 – July 5, 2020. Dr. Gillaspay made a motion to accept. Ms. Fuller seconded the motion.

The board advised APB staff to add the following to the Quarterly Report form: ***“Failure to turn this report in on time may result in hours not being counted and supervisor status may be re-evaluated.”***

The motions passed unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Fitzgibbons made a motion to adjourn at 3:15. Dr. Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.