

Minutes
Arkansas Psychology Board
via Teleconference
Board Meeting
March 18, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Arkansas Psychology Board meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Board, Dr. Kleitsch, at 9:08 AM.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Dr. Joyce Fowler, Ms. Marcia Fuller, Dr. Edward Kleitsch, Mr. Mickey Shell, and Mr. Jim Furgason.

Dr. Lisa Fitzgibbons was previously excused at the February meeting.

Staff members present: Mr. Colin Davies and Ms. Brandi Thompson.

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

Mr. Charles Moulton was present as the Hearing Officer.

Ms. Allison Rasmusson was present as the Court Reporter.

HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF DR. RODNEY GOODWIN, Ph.D., RESPONDENT

Case No. C # 20-04

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

A hearing on the above-referenced matter was held before the Arkansas Psychology Board ("Board") on March 18, 2022, at the Main Street Mall 101 E Capitol Ave, Little Rock, AR 72201 and via ZOOM Teleconference. The Respondent appeared in person and *pro se*. The Board was represented by Assistant Attorney General Samuel J. West. The Board, from all the evidence presented and the stipulations of the parties, makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

F-1. Respondent is a Licensed Psychologist in the State of Arkansas and holds License No. 02-18P. Respondent maintains a practice in El Dorado, Arkansas.

F-2. On May 21, 2021, the Board held a hearing pursuant to a complaint filed against Respondent.

F-3. After consideration of the evidence submitted, the Board found that Respondent violated Ark. Code Ann. § 17-97-310(a)(7) by violating four sections of the American Psychological Association Code of Ethics.

F-4. The Board assessed sanctions against Respondent, including a requirement to “complete an undergraduate or graduate-level course on ethics with a concentration in professional boundaries taught by an accredited college or university.” Respondent was ordered to submit a certificate of completion to the Board by November 19, 2021.

F-5. The Board memorialized the sanctions in a Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order (FFCLO). It was signed by the Chairman and served on Respondent on June 8, 2021.

F-6. Per the FFCLO and the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, Respondent had thirty (30) days to file an appeal of the Board’s ruling. He did not do so.

F-7. On November 9, 2021, Respondent submitted a transcript from the University of Arkansas at Monticello indicating his completion of a Business Ethics course during Summer 2021.

F-8. On December 1, 2021, Board Staff informed Respondent that the course did not comply with the Board’s FFCLO and offered him a ninety (90) extension to complete a course that did comply with the FFCLO.

F-9. In an email to the Board Director dated January 3, 2022, Respondent submitted a certificate of completion from a continuing education course on ethics and boundaries and indicated that his attempts to register in another college-level course had not been successful.

F-10. The FFCLO also ordered Respondent to “engage in treatment for a minimum of one (1) year that is consistent with the treatment recommendations from the psychological evaluation. Quarterly reports shall be submitted to the Board.”

F-11. Respondent reported to Board staff on September 15, 2021, that he had selected Debi Rago LCSW for his treatment but has yet to submit a report on his treatment to the Board as of February 9, 2022.

F-12. Respondent is in contempt of the Board’s Order for failing to comply with the provisions of the FFCLO as stated in the above allegations.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

C-1. Respondent violated Ark. Code Ann. § 17-97-310(a) and Board Rule § 11.6 by failing to comply with the Board’s FFCLO to provide a certificate of completion of an ethics course by November 19, 2021, as stated in Findings of Fact F1-F12.

C-2. Respondent violated Ark. Code Ann. § 17-97-310(a) and Board Rule § 11.6 by failing to comply with the Board’s FFCLO by failing to submit quarterly reports of the Board-ordered treatment, as stated in Findings of Fact F1-F12.

ORDER

The provisions of the May 21, 2021, FFCLO are hereby incorporated by reference. Any provision of that FFCLO not amended below remains active and valid.

As to Paragraph 2 of the original FFCLCLO, Respondent is ordered to complete the COUN 6413 course at Southern Arkansas University. Respondent is to register for the first available course session. The course shall be completed by December 31, 2022.

As to Paragraph 4 of the original FFCLCLO, Respondent shall undergo a psychological re-evaluation. The re-evaluation shall be performed by a licensed PhD.-level psychologist with a background in forensics. Respondent shall submit the name and *curriculum vitae* of the evaluator for approval by the Board prior to the Board's next meeting on April 15, 2022. The results of the re-evaluation will be sent to Respondent's therapist and to the Board.

As to Paragraph 5 of the original FFCLCLO, Respondent is ordered to continue therapy for one (1) year following results of the new re-evaluation. Therapy will be based on the findings and recommendations from the re-evaluation. Respondent shall meet with his therapist for at least one therapy session per week. Quarterly reports for the therapy are due on the following dates: June 30, 2022; September 30, 2022; December 31, 2022; and March 31, 2023. Respondent is co-responsible for submission of reports. Respondent is to remind the therapist of the due date two weeks in advance and shall maintain a copy of the report for his own records.

Respondent is also co-responsible for quarterly reports of the supervision mandated in Paragraph 3 of the original FFCLCLO and shall have reporting requirements identical to the therapy quarterly reports.

The Board shall retain jurisdiction of this matter for purposes of implementing and enforcing this Order. Respondent's failure to comply with any term or condition of this Order shall constitute grounds to impose additional disciplinary actions.

A copy of this Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order shall be placed in Respondent's general licensure file, as well as the maintained specific complaint file. Respondent may appeal the Board's decision by filing a petition for judicial review in the Court in the county in which he resides or does business or in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County within thirty (30) days of the date on the certificate of service attached to this Order.

The Board recessed at 12:15

The Board reconvened at 12:50

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Fuller made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Shell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

Dr. Fowler made a motion to approve the February Meeting Minutes. Ms. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Fuller advised that the agency continues to operate within its budget. The monthly expenditure for February was \$9,458.39, revenue was \$2,038.31, the remaining

appropriations \$89,742.14, and the cash investment balance was \$937,482.24. Mr. Furgason made a motion to accept the report. Dr. Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Dr. Fowler advised of no report.

REPORT FROM THE COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

The Complaint Committee made a recommendation to close complaint C#21-15 without findings and to send a letter of no disciplinary findings. Dr. Fowler made a motion to accept the Complaint Committee's recommendation. Mr. Furgason seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Complaint Committee made a recommendation to dismiss C#21-01 due to no disciplinary findings. Mr. Shell made a motion to accept the Complaint Committee's recommendation. Mr. Furgason seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Davies advised the Board of the following:

- The newly revised Quarterly Report form and LPE/LPE-I Annual Report form. Dr. Fowler made a motion to include forms with the renewal notices. Ms. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Fuller also made a motion to make forms fillable and to implement on July 1, 2022 (third quarter). Mr. Shell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dr. Kleitsch reminded the Board of the ASPPB Mid-Year Meeting April 21-24, 2022 in New Orleans.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Eileen Croes-Orf submitted the requested documentation of training in Projective Testing for approval as a fully Licensed Psychologist. Dr. Fowler made a motion to approve full licensure. Ms. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. George Ellis submitted the requested documentation of training in Couples/Marital Therapy, Family Therapy and Group Therapy for approval as a fully Licensed Psychologist. Dr. Fowler made a motion to approve full licensure. Mr. Shell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

One-Case Consultation

Dr. Robert Connerley submitted a request for a One-Case consultation in Arkansas in 2022, with the dates unknown at this time, via telehealth.

Dr. Kelli Marvin submitted a request for a One-Case consultation in Arkansas in 2022, with the dates unknown at this time, via telehealth.

Dr. Kristen McCrary submitted a request for a One-Case consultation in Arkansas in 2022, with the dates unknown at this time, via telehealth.

Dr. Fowler made motions to accept only if they are members of PsyPact or the evaluations are performed in-person. Mr. Shell seconded the motions. The motions passed unanimously.

Statement of Intent Revisions

Dr. Robert Crouch submitted a revised Statement of Intent to include Diagnostic Interviewing. Ms. Fuller made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Furgason seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Sherese Hicks submitted a revised Statement of Intent to remove Projective Assessments. Dr. Fowler made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Shell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Statement of Intent-Telepsychology

Dr. Ronald Irwin submitted an appended Statement of Intent to add telepsychology. Mr. Furgason made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Fuller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Kendell Webb submitted an appended Statement of Intent to add telepsychology. Dr. Fowler made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Shell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

The Credential Review Committee made a fully seconded motion to approve the following Quarterly Report forms:

Dr. Chelsey Bull's Quarterly Report for the period of October 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021. Dr. Fowler made a motion to accept. Ms. Fuller seconded the motion.

Dr. Sherese Hicks' Quarterly Report for the period of November 24, 2021- March 3, 2022. Ms. Fuller made a motion to accept. Mr. Shell seconded the motion.

Dr. Meagan Miller's Quarterly Report for the period of November 24, 2021 – February 28, 2022. Dr. Fowler made a motion to accept the report and advises to add the missing weeks/hours at the end of her Post-Doctoral supervision. Ms. Fuller seconded the motion.

Dr. Chayla Slaton's Quarterly Report for the period of December 1, 2021- February 28, 2022. Ms. Fuller made a motion to accept. Dr. Fowler seconded the motion.

Dr. Rachel Wingfield's Quarterly Report for the period of December 1, 2021 – February 28, 2022. Dr. Fowler made a motion to accept the report. Ms. Fuller seconded the motion.

The motions passed unanimously.

CREDENTIAL REVIEWS

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

1. Dr. Jennifer Gess, Dr. Jennifer Kleiner and Dr. Chrystal Fullen submitted credentials for Ms. Masha Berman for consideration as a Neuropsychological Technician. Dr. Fowler made a motion to approve credentials. Ms. Fuller seconded the motion.
2. Dr. Ian Connick submitted an application to be considered as an Applicant Psychologist-Provisional Licensee. Dr. Kleitsch recused himself. Dr. Fowler made a motion to approve pending removal of Individual and Group Therapy from his Statement of Intent or include them on his Supervision Agreement and Plan. Fuller seconded the motion.
3. Dr. Kristina Metz submitted an application to be considered as a fully Licensed Psychologist. Dr. Fowler made a motion to approve. Ms. Fuller seconded the motion.
4. Dr. Mina Nguyen-Driver submitted a Senior Psychologist application to be considered as a fully Licensed Psychologist. Ms. Fuller recused herself. Dr. Fowler made a motion to approve credentials. Mr. Shell seconded the motion.

The motions passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Furgason made a motion to adjourn at 2:30pm. Mr. Shell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.