

**Minutes**  
**Arkansas Psychology Board**  
**via Teleconference**  
**Board Meeting**  
**May 17, 2024**  
**9:00AM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Arkansas Psychology Board meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Board, Dr. Kleitsch, at 9:07AM.

**ROLL CALL**

Board members present: Dr. Edward Kleitsch, Dr. Fowler, Dr. Lisa Fitzgibbons, Mr. Jonathan Priest, Mr. Jim Furgason and Mr. Mickey Shell.

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

Ms. Julie Chavis was present as the Board's Attorney General's representative.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Dr. Kleitsch made a motion to table toward the end of the meeting. Dr. Fowler seconded the motion as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES**

Dr. Fowler made a motion to approve the February 16, 2024, April 2, 2024, and April 19, 2024 Board meeting Minutes. Mr. Priest seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Furgason made a motion to table the Treasurer's report. Dr. Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

No report

**SCHOLARSHIP UPDATES**

Dr. Fowler made a motion to contact the candidates, advising them of their statuses. Mr. Shell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Fowler made a motion to send a notice along with W9s and to set the application deadlines as July 1<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Fitzgibbons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **REPORT FROM THE COMPLAINT COMMITTEE**

The Complaint Committee made a recommendation to dismiss C#24-6 due to lack of ethical violations. Dr. Fowler made a motion to accept the recommendation to dismiss. Dr. Fitzgibbons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Complaint Committee made a recommendation to temporarily suspend the license immediately and to reconvene for a hearing, if needed, one week from current Board meeting C#24-8. Dr. Fitzgibbons made a motion to accept the recommendation. Mr. Furgason seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Davies advised the Board of the following:

- The Annual ASPPB meeting will be held in Dallas, TX, October 30, 2024- November 3, 2024. Dr. Fitzgibbons and Dr. Fowler advised that they would like to attend;
- Dr. Petersen (social media Psychologist);
- The APB Rules with changes/increases for Psychological Examiners was denied by the Governor and must keep the current requirements. As of the end of 2024, LPE-I status will no longer be accepted. Once the Rules have been checked for grammatical/language errors, the Rules will be sent back to the Governor's office for approval. After approval, we will provide the 30-day Public Comment period.
- The Arkansas Department of Health Finance division advised that the reduced fees (application, licensure, etc.) will continue through 2025.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Dr. Kleitsch reported to the Board of the following:

- The ASPPB Zoom meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, regarding EPPP 2, in which would be implemented January 2026.
- ASPPB "whitepaper" regarding Continuing Education hours is now open for comment.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Continuing Education Inquiries**

Dr. Marcela Weber submitted inquiries regarding Continuing Education guidelines. The Board advised for her to refer to the APB Rules, Section 9.

#### **License Reinstatement**

Dr. Travis McNeal submitted a request to reinstate psychology license to active status. Dr. Fowler made a motion to deny the request due to non-submission of 20 CE certificates. Dr. Fitzgibbons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Statement of Intent-Telehealth**

Dr. Cindy Duncan submitted an appended Statement of Intent to include Telehealth. Dr. Fitzgibbons made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Furgason seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Supervision Agreement and Plan**

Mr. Daniel Warwick submitted a Supervision Agreement and Plan removing Projective Testing, Couples therapy and Geriatrics. Dr. Fowler made a motion to accept. Dr. Fitzgibbons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **CREDENTIAL REVIEWS**

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

#### **Full Licensure**

Dr. Karen Kobliska submitted an application to be considered as a Fully Licensed Psychologist. Dr. Fowler made a motion to deny licensure due to the program attended does not meet Arkansas criteria. Dr. Fitzgibbons seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Fitzgibbons made a motion to adjourn at 11:30. Mr. Priest seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.