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Board Meeting Minutes for August 3, 2026

Approval of Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2026 - Motion made to approve the meeting minutes with amendments by Dr. Markham. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hicks, and the motion carried unanimously.

DPL Report

Commissioner Lawson informed the board that the position for the second Psychology administrative position must be reposted because they did not have an eligible candidate.

Board Members and Staff Present

- Lisa Bond M.S. – Chair
- Eva Markham, Ed. D.
- Jamie Hopkins, Ph.D.
- Jerome Prather
- Heather Cornett, Ph. D
- Jeffrey Hicks, Ph.D.
- Kristen Lawson, Commissioner
- Lyndsay Sipple, Executive Staff Advisor
- Jenna Wells, Fiscal Support Specialist
- Lisa Traylor, Administrative Specialist Senior
- Mark Brengelman, Board Counsel
- Mike Nickles, Board Counsel Assistant
- Eric Russ, KPA

Financial Report

No questions.

Licensure Status Report

No questions.

Attorney Update

Mr. Brengelman reported that his deferred payment from March to June has been paid, and that if the agreed upon payment stays the same, he has been fully funded. Mr. Brengelman informed the board that he is still working through complaints and will be picking back up on Regulations work.

Complaints/Other Legal Matters

The complaints committee made a recommendation to approve the following:

- 2025PSY013: Recommend Dismissal.
- 2021PSY040: Dismiss with no further action.
- 2026PSY004: Recommend Dismissal.

Dr. Hicks seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Mr. Prather made a motion for DPL to submit a memo to the fiscal department for travel to the ASPPB meeting for the following board members:

- Lisa Bond.
- Jeffrey Hicks.
- Eva Markham
- Jamie Hopkins

Dr. Cornett seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Mrs. Sipple informed the board of HB657, which requires all KY boards who are in a Compact State to require all applicants for new licensing to have a State and Federal background check which requires an ORI number. Mrs. Sipple stated that the application for the ORI number has been sent but there is not currently a timeline as to when the PSY board will be given an ORI number, which would impact licensing applicants as of July 15th. Mrs. Bond asked Board Attorney Mark Brengelman what implications the board could face if they chose not to implement the new Statute. Board Attorney Mark Brengelman stated that the only risk would not be complying and that if the board does not comply with the Law, then they are just not complying with Statute and that he does not believe the PSY board would be fined or in trouble for not following the Statute because the KY Psychology board is under PSYPACT and the requirement for background checks with PSYPACT does not go into effect until 2027.

Dr. Cornett made a motion for the board to allow an alternative way for applicants to get background checks. Dr. Markham seconded the motion. There was discussion about applicants going to KSP and getting the background checks to submit to the board. Mr. Prather stated that he does not think that is an accurate alternative and suggested that the PSY board go ahead and issue licenses with the condition that once the board sends the licensee the ORI number, the licensee has 30 days to obtain their background check through the FBI. If the report comes back with information the applicant did not report to the Board, the Board will revoke their license.

Dr. Cornett amended the motion on the floor to allow the PSY board to accept applications and issue licenses to applicants without the required background check enforced by HB657 with the stipulation for new licensees that they would need to complete the required background check within 30 days of receiving the ORI number letter. Dr. Hicks abstained from voting due to the inability to hear the discussion due to poor audio, and the motion passed.

Committee Updates

- ***Supervision:***
- 35 total
- 28 approved
- 7 deferred

- ***CE:***
- 9 approved
- 1 deferred

- ***Credentials:***
- 31 total
- 14 approved
- 17 deferred

- ***Examinations:***
- 4 total
- 4 approved

- ***Financial:***
- No report.

- ***Disciplined Psychologists Report:***
- One disciplined licensee has paid fine and completed their required CE.

- ***Newsletter:***
- No report.

- ***Regulations:***
- Mr. Prather informed the board that the Regulations committee could not meet due to quorum but stated that Board Attorney Mark Brengelman informed Mr. Prather that sub committees do not need quorum to meet. Mrs. Traylor informed the board that all sub committees formed must also follow open meeting act. Mrs. Traylor asked Board Attorney Mark Brengelman to confirm that he is saying the board does not need to follow open meeting acts to have a meeting, and Mr. Brengelman confirmed once again that the Psychology board committees do not have to follow open meeting act.
- Dr. Hopkins made a motion to inform LRC of the Psychology board's intention to amend KAR 201. 130, 140 and 145. Dr. Markham seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

- ***ASPPB/PSYPACT:***
- Dr. Hicks informed the board that he attended the mobility meeting on July 9th.

Per Diem

Dr. Markham made a motion to accept the per diem provided on the monthly spreadsheet provided by DPL. Dr. Hopkins seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

- August 31, 2026 – Committee meetings @ 9:00am
- August 31, 2026 – Board meeting @ 1:00pm

Adjournment of Meeting

Dr. Markham made a motion to adjourn at 12:48pm. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hopkins, and the motion passed unanimously.