

THE KENTUCKY BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGY MINUTES

January 8, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Examiners of Psychology was held on January 8, 2024 at 10:00am via video teleconference and in-person at 500 Mero St, Frankfort, KY 40601, the Mayo-Underwood Building, PPC Conference Room, 127CW.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joseph Dickhaus, M.S.- Vice Chair
Lorilea Conyer M.A.
Dennis J. Buchholz Ph.D.
Emily Skaggs Psy.D.
Leslie Jenkins Ph.D.
Elizabeth McKune, Ed. D
Harwell Smith Ph.D.
Eva Markham Ed.D.- Chair
Jay Prather-Citizen at Large

DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF

Jamar Carter, Executive Staff Advisor
Crystal Barker, Boards & Commissions Support Specialist
Sarah (Angel) Lopez, Boards & Commissions Support Specialist
Barry Sullivan, Board Counsel
Kristen Lawson, Commissioner
Jenna Wells, Fiscal Support Specialist

MEMBERS ABSENT

GUEST

Eric Russ, KPA

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Dr. Markham called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes from the December 4, 2023 board meeting & December 14, 2023 Special Meeting were presented to the Board for review. Dr. Markham made a motion to approve the December 4, 2023 meeting minutes as amended. Mr. Dickhaus second the motion and it carried. The special meeting minutes from December 14, 2023 were tabled until the next meeting.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Lawson provided an overview of HB 34

FINANCIAL REPORT

The December 2023 financial report was presented to the board for review. Dr. Jenkins inquired on the Other Professional Services expenditures and additional blank pages in the report.

COMPLAINTS/OTHER LEGAL MATTERS

Mr. Dickhaus presented the following recommendation from the complaints committee regarding reviewed complaints:

- 2019PSY00031 – Dismiss
- 2022PSY00015 – Dismiss
- 2023PSY00005 – Dismiss
- 2023PSY00012 – Dismiss
- 2022PSY00013 – Dismiss
- 2023PSY00001 – Dismiss
- 2023PSY00025 – Refer to Investigator Dr. Lanier
- 2023PSY00033 – Refer to Investigator Dr. Lanier
- 2023PSY00026 – Dismiss
 - Dr. McKune recused from discussion
- 2023PSY00027 – Dismiss
 - Dr. McKune recused from discussion
- 2023PSY00029 – Dismiss
- 2023PSY00031 – Dismiss
- 2023PSY00032 – Dismiss

Board Counsel, Mr. Sullivan notified the board that the contract for Neuropsychological Exams list is outdated, and the board must post an RFP due to cost exceeding \$1000. A motion was made by Dr. McKune for the board to move forward with an RFP for a Fitness for Duty Evaluator Dr. Smith second the motion & the motion carried. Board Counsel will work with the DPL Fiscal Department on getting it posted.

LICENSUER STATUS REPORT

The Board reviewed the licensure status report from December 2023. Dr. Jenkins requested clarification regarding how to calculate inactive numbers.

OLD BUSINESS

No update regarding Board Member training. Board Chair clarified ways to learn board member duties & volunteered to contact ASPPB and obtain a way to reach Dr. Seigel.

NEW BUSINESS

The board voiced their support & concerns regarding the amendments within HB35. Board Chair recommended that those wanting to voice their opinion on any changes should reach out to the Legislators or the assigned committee “KPA Lobbyist” as individuals not as Board Members.

The board discussed the proposed requirement of the Medicaid reimbursement for Bachelor Level Providers with concerns regarding Psychotherapy & supervision requirement & initial diagnosing & clinical supervision oversight. Dr. McKune provided a summary of the boards concerns regarding the proposed requirement. A motion was made by Mr. Dickhaus to designate Board Chair to formulate a response to DMS regarding the Medicaid correspondence. Dr. McKune second the motion and the motion carried. Dr. Smith abstained from voting.

Board Chair provided the board with the following committee reassignments:

- **Complaints**
 - Joe Dickhaus -Chair
 - Eva Markham
 - Liz McKune
 - Harwell Smith
- **Credentials**
 - Emily Skaggs - Chair
 - Lorilea Conyers
 - Dennis Buchholz
 - Harwell Smith
 - Eva Markham
- **Supervision**
 - Harwell Smith - Chair
 - Leslie Jenkins
 - Eva Markham
- **Exams**
 - Joe Dickhaus - Chair
 - Harwell Smith
- **CE**
 - Dennis Buchholz - Chair
 - Leslie Jenkins
- **Regulations**
 - Liz McKune
 - Dennis Buchholz
 - Jay Prather
 - Lorilea Conyers
- **Newsletter**
 - Jay Prather
 - Emily Skaggs
- **PsyPact**
 - Leslie Jenkins

ASPPB Survey

The board discussed the ASPPB Survey to be completed by Dr. Buchholz or Dr. Markham

ASPPB BARC Update

Boards & Commissions Support Specialist, Crystal Barker will forward the ASPPB BARC Update to the board for review.

Exam Dates

Ms. Lopez reported the 2024 exam dates. The board recommended changing the September 2, 2024 date to September 9, 2024 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. A motion was made by Mr. Dickhaus to accept the exam dates as amended, Dr. McKune second the motion & it carried.

Per Diem

Dr. Smith reiterated Per Diem for board members and made a motion to allowed Board Members to claim \$100 for each 3hours of board work, Dr. Buchholz second the motion and it carried.

Board Administrators Questions

None at this time

MONTHLY REPORTS

Supervision Report:

Dr. Smith notified the board that supervision has been updated.

Continuing Education Report:

Dr. Buchholz reported 5 CEU applications have been reviewed.

Credentials Review Committee:

Mr. Dickhaus moves, and Dr. Smith second the motion entering closed session at 11:45a.m., pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(j) for deliberations of quasi-judicial bodies regarding applications at which information protected by KRS 61.810(k) may be discussed & the motion carried.

Mr. Dickhaus moves and Dr. Smith second returning to open session & the motion carried.

Board Chair, Dr. Markham announces time returned from Closed Session at 11:53a.m.

Dr. Skaggs presented the following recommendations from Credentials Committee
13 applications reviewed:

- 7 Approved
 - D.Z., A.G., EPPP ONLY, B.L., L.R., EPPP ONLY, E.M., EPPP ONLY, S.M., K.F.
- 5 Deferred
 - J.I., J.M., E.J., S.R., S.J.
- 1 Denied
 - K.A.
- Cease & Desist until supervisory plans & goals have been received
 - L.R.

Examination Report

Mr. Dickhaus reported 1 with accommodation approved

Disciplined Psychologist Report:

1 at this time with no update but has been assigned to Dr. Purvis.

Newsletter Report:

Winter newsletter to be drafted by Mr. Prather who also request additional material from the board to be placed in the newsletter.

Regulations Committee Report:

Next meeting scheduled for January 17, 2024 @ 2pm

Ad Hoc Committee:

No update at this time

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A motion was made by Mr. Dickhaus to accept all committee recommendations, Dr. Buchholz second the motion & the motion carried. Dr. Jenkins abstained from voting.

PER DIEM & HONORARIA:

- Emily Skaggs
 - December 27, 2023 – Credentials Meeting
 - January 4, 2024 – Credentials
 - January 5, 2024 – Credentials Meeting
- Dennis Buchholz
 - January 5, 2024 CEU Review
- Harwell Smith
 - December 11, 2023 – Supervision Review
 - December 17, 2023 – Supervision Review
 - January 5, 2024 – Supervision Review
- Lorilea Conyer
 - January 5, 2024 – Credentials Meeting
 - January 6, 2024 – Credentials
- Joe Dickhaus
 - January 7, 2024 – Exams & Complaints Review
- Eva Markham
 - December 19, 2023 – Board Work
 - December 27, 2023 – Supervision Review
- Jay Prather
 - October 4, 2023 – Regulations
 - October 18, 2023 – Regulations
 - November 1, 2023 – Regulations
 - November 15, 2023 – Regulations

Mr. Dickhaus made a motion to approve travel, per diem and exam honoraria compensation for all eligible members attending today's meeting and other board business between meetings, Dr. Smith second the motion and it carried.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, February 5, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. McKune made a motion to adjourn at 12:14 p.m., Mr. Dickhaus second the motion, and it carried.