

THE KENTUCKY BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGY MINUTES
April 13, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of Examiners of Psychology was held on April 14, 2020 via Zoom teleconferencing.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jean Deters, Psy.D. - Chair
Joseph Dickhaus, M.S.
Erica Pristas, Ph.D.
Justin Gilfert – Citizen at Large
Jamie Hopkins, Ph.D. – Vice Chair
Stacy Seale, M.S.
Emily Skaggs, Psy.D.
Brenda Nash, Ph.D.
Elizabeth McKune, Ed.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT

DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

Courtney Cook, Board Administrator
Chessica Nation, Administrative Section Supervisor
Dr. Michael Newman, Commissioner
Robin Vick, Fiscal Administrative Section Supervisor
Lyndsay Sipple, Interim Board Administrator

OTHER

David Trimble, Legal Counsel
Kevin Winstead, DPL General Counsel
Katie McBride - KPA

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Deters called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes of the March 9, 2020 meeting were presented to the Board. Dr. Pristas made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Gilfert seconded the motion and it carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT & LEGAL FEES

The March 2020 financial report was presented to the Board.

DPL REPORT

Robin Vick presented the MOA with DPL. The only semantic changes were that the wording ‘Fiscal Management’ was changed to ‘Fiscal Operations’ and that there was a slight increase for the MOA. The Board decided to table and discuss at the next meeting in May. No motion was made at this time.

Ms. Vick also presented the Contracts with Investigators. She stated that there were currently three contracts. There was a motion made to renew Ms. Hall’s contract as an investigator. Dr. Pristas made the motion to approve and Dr. McKune seconded the motion and it carried. Ms. Vick stated that Dr. David Lanier and Dr. Paula Berry’s contracts cannot be renewed, therefore, two RFP’s will need to be posted for those. Dr. Pristas made a motion to issue two RFP’s for investigators for the Complaints Committee and Dr. Hopkins seconded the motion and it carried.

Ms. Vick presented the Neuropsychological Exams Contract. There was discussion that if the board needed any done on a licensee, that Ms. Vick could move forward with renewing that contract. The Board decided to table and discuss at the next meeting in May. No motion was made at this time.

LEGAL REPORT

Kevin Winstead presented the MOA with OLS. Mr. Trimble offered clarification. The Board decided to table and discuss at the next meeting in May. No action was taken or motion made at this time.

COMPLAINTS SCREENING COMMITTEE

Dr. Pristas reported that all complaints are ongoing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed options on how to proctor/provide exams during the state of emergency. April, May, and June exams are canceled. The Board tentatively plans to resume exams in July. Updates will be sent to applicants registered for these dates.

There will be another COVID-19 Memo that will cover issues that are being brought forth.

Katie McBride with KPA discussed frequent questions that they have been receiving related to COVID-19.

Dr. Deters created an Educational ADHOC Committee to help with graduate students concerns. Dr. Deters, Dr. Skaggs and Dr. Hopkins will make up that Committee along with Dr. Nash who will lead.

Email Questions

The Board discussed regular and COVID-19 questions received via email.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

The Board reviewed the licensure status report.

Dr. Deters suggested to send a letter out, after the state of emergency is lifted, to all temporary nonresidents to stop telehealth practicing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A motion was made by Dr. McKune to take the actions recommended by the corresponding committees. Dr. Pristas seconded the motion and it carried.

Supervision Committee

Dr. Hopkins discussed how a licensee wanted to conduct telephone supervision due to distance between them and the Supervisor. Dr. McKune stated that the board has the ability to approve telehealth, but that telephone is insufficient. Dr. Hopkins was advised to make the application incomplete and that they could authorize two-way video conferencing.

Continuing Education Committee

No report. – Dr. Nash and Dr. Hopkins to review after meeting

Credentials Review Committee

No report.

Examination Committee

There was reiteration on postponing the next couple of months of exams and hopefully have a tentative date by July.

Dr. Deters will contact ASPPB to see how they are handling the situation on their end.

Disciplined Psychologists Committee

No report.

Newsletter Committee

Mr. Gilfert stated that additional information on what is being done to address COVID-19 will be added and possibly a memo about supervision. Introduction to Dr. Brenda Nash as a new board member will be added as well as Courtney Cook becoming the new board administrator.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 11, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

PER DIEM

Mr. Gilfert made a motion to approve per diem compensation for eligible members attending today's meeting and other board business between meetings, including Dr. Deters' work on March 12th, 20th, and 30th responding to COVID-19 concerns and Dr. Hopkins' work on March 12th and 13th also responding to COVID-19 concerns. The motion, seconded by Mr. Dickhaus, carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Gilfert to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 p.m. The motion, seconded by Dr. Nash, carried.



Jean Deters, Psy.D. – Chair