



Examining Board of Psychology Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2022

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Board members present: Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair
Patience McGinnis, Psy.D.
Phillip Hawley, Psy.D.
Cedar O'Donnell, Ph.D.
Elena Lopez, Psy.D.
Ruth Varkovitzky, Ph.D., ABPP, Vice Chair
Michelle Brandon, Ph.D.
Jan Bleakney, Public Member

Board members absent: Leslie Cohn, Ph.D.

Staff members present: James Chaney, Executive Director
Nancy Delgado, Program Manager
Karen Gohlsen, Program Support
Lilia Lopez, Assistant Attorney General
Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney
Melody Casiano, Policy Analyst
Ashley Bell, Behavioral Health Programs Consultant

Guests: None

On July 22, 2022, the Examining Board of Psychology met online via Microsoft Teams. Notice of the meeting was published on the Examining Board of Psychology [profession website](#) and was sent out through the GovDelivery listserv.

Open Session:

1. Opening of Public Meeting – Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair

- 1.1. Call to Order: The chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. followed by introductions of board members, department staff, and the Assistant Attorney General.
- 1.2. Approval of the Agenda: Nancy Delgado, Program Manager requested adding an item regarding the ASPPB annual meeting in October to the agenda as item 9. *Motion to approve the agenda as revised, seconded, vote 7-0.*
- 1.3. Approval of May 6, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes: *Motion to approve the minutes, seconded, vote 7-0.*

2. Public Comment – Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair

- 2.1. Chair Florence Katz Burstein read aloud the public comment statement:
“Thank you for taking the time to be with us today. We are eager to hear from you. We typically provide notice to our constituents and other interested parties before taking action on any topic, so we seldom take action on topics unexpectedly raised by the public or others if not on the agenda. While individual board members may ask questions or make comments about your presentation, please be aware that individual board members do not represent the board as a whole and that the subject of your comment may not be acted upon today or in the near future. We will include your comments in our meeting minutes for possible review if the matter you raise is brought up for formal discussion and/or a vote at a subsequent board meeting.”
- 2.2. Several members of the public and the profession expressed concern over the draft changes to the licensure requirements rules.

3. Management Reports - Nancy Delgado, Program Manager

- 3.1. Budget – The board reviewed the budget numbers for June 2022. The current fund balance is \$952,123.
- 3.2. Credentialing Report – The board reviewed the current credentialing statistics as of June 2022. There are currently 3,391 active psychology licenses (393 pending applications) and 329 active temporary permits (65 pending applications).
- 3.3. Program Update – Scott Gadman from the Office of Investigative & Legal Services briefed the board on streamlining adoption of disciplinary recommendations when the outcome is clear. The change would require approval from one board member instead of the entire board panel. *Motion to approve the change in procedure, seconded, vote 8-0.*

Program Manager Nancy Delgado announced there were new procedures in place to improve the quality and frequency in communication with applicants who are waiting for board approval of non-routine applications.

- 3.4. Policy Analyst Update – Policy Analyst Melody Casiano presented to the board the final draft language to remove the AIDS education requirement from [WAC 246-924-](#)

[493](#). This requirement was repealed due to the passage of [ESHB 1551](#). *Motion to approve the final draft language and file the CR-103, seconded, vote 8-0.*

4. ESSB 5229 Update – Ashley Bell, Behavioral Health Programs Consultant

- 4.1. Behavioral Health Programs Consultant Ashley Bell provided an update on the implementation of [ESSB 5229](#), which requires all professions to include an equity training as part of continuing education requirements. Next steps: The board will need to open Chapter 246-924 to update the rules pertaining to continuing education. The deadline for implementation is January 1, 2024.

5. Lists & Labels Requests - Nancy Delgado, Program Manager

- 5.1. Refresh Mental Health – The board determined that the organization is a recruitment agency and not a professional association. *Motion to reject the request, seconded, vote 7-0.*
- 5.2. Center for Deployment Psychology at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (Uniformed Services) – Uniformed Services is an educational organization and would like to offer continuing education relevant to behavioral health. *Motion to approve, seconded, vote 7-0.*
- 5.3. Washington State Psychological Association (WSPA) – WSPA is a professional organization and would like to provide outreach to newly licensed psychologists. *Motion to approve, seconded, vote 7-0.*

6. Continuing Education Waiver - Nancy Delgado, Program Manager

- 6.1. A psychologist with retired-active status requested an indefinite waiver of the continuing education requirement for their license since they are not currently practicing psychology. *Motion to approve the waiver; provided the psychologist submits an affidavit according to the instructions on the [DOH psychology FAQ page](#) (“How do I get an indefinite waiver of the CE requirements?”), seconded, vote 8-0.*

7. 2023 Meeting Dates - Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair

- 7.1. The board selected meeting dates for 2023. Locations to be determined at a later date.
 - January 20, 2022 at 9 a.m.
 - March 3, 2022 at 9 a.m.
 - May 19, 2022 at 9 a.m.
 - July 21, 2022 at 9 a.m.
 - September 29, 2022 at 9 a.m.
 - November 3, 2022 at 9 a.m.

8. CLEAR 2022 Annual Educational Conference – Nancy Delgado, Program Manager

- 8.1. Board members Leslie Cohn, Ph.D., and Elena Lopez, Psy.D. as well as Executive Director James Chaney expressed interest in attending the Council on Licensure,

Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) [Annual Educational Conference](#), which will be held in Louisville, KY, September 14-17, 2022. *Motion to authorize travel to the conference, seconded, vote 8-0.*

9. PSYPACT Commissioner – Nancy Delgado, Program Manager

- 9.1. Board member Leslie Cohn, Ph.D. volunteered to represent the board on the PSYPACT Commission and board member Elena Lopez, Psy.D. volunteered to serve as backup. *Motion to authorize both members to represent the board on the commission, seconded, vote 8-0.*

10. Board Recommendations for New Appointments

- 10.1. There are two professional vacancies on the board due to the passage of [SSB 5773](#) and two members eligible for second terms. Applications were received and interviews were conducted earlier in the month and the interview panel posted their ranking of candidates for the board’s review and discussion. Board member Michelle Brandon announced that she would not be pursuing a second term. *Motion to approve the ranking, seconded, vote 8-0.* Next steps will be to submit the board’s recommendations, including a request that one board member be reappointed, and that extra candidate be selected to fill an anticipated vacancy in January, to the governor’s office for appointment .

11. Ethics Training CE – Florence Katz Burstein

- 11.1. This item was tabled until the meeting on September 30, 2022.

12. Subcommittee Work & Reports – Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair

- 12.1. Communications Subcommittee – The subcommittee is working on the newsletter for 2022, topics to include PSYPACT, post-COVID transitioning, Dobbs decision, and a rules update.

13. Rules Workshop – Nancy Delgado, Program Manager

- 13.1. The board has opened up multiple sections of Chapter WAC 246-924 and requested public comment after presenting a draft of suggested revisions. Comments were noted and will be considered when revising the draft to be presented at the next meeting on September 30, 2022.

14. ASPPB 2022 Annual Meeting - Nancy Delgado, Program Manager

- 14.1. The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) Annual Meeting will be held in National Harbor, MD, October 26-30, 2022. Vice Chair Ruth Varkovitzky, Ph.D., ABPP and Executive Director James Chaney have volunteered to attend. *Motion to authorize travel, seconded, vote 8-0.*

15. Future Agenda Items – Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair

- Subcommittee appointments (September meeting)
- Application Subcommittee report (ongoing)
- DEI workgroup update (ongoing)
- WAC revisions regarding telehealth
- Training for new and existing board members
- Ethics training CE (ongoing)
- Disciplinary process reform
- Guidelines for communicating via digital platforms: confidentiality and record keeping
- Administrative rules review
- Operating Agreement

16. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Submitted by:

Nancy Delgado, Program Manager
Examining Board of Psychology

Approved by:

Florence Katz Burstein, Chair
Examining Board of Psychology

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