

**S.C. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION
BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY
TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING
Friday, September 24, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Shirley A. Vickery, Chairperson
Martha R. Durham
Isabelle N. Mandell, Vice Chair
Sandra G. McCloy - **Absent**
Alisa C. Liggett- 11:00 Arrival

Staff Present:

Kate Phillips, Counsel, Communications and Governmental Affairs
Stacey Hewson, Advice Counsel
Roselind Bailey-Glover, Board Administrator
Tina Brown, Disciplinary Counsel
Christa Bell – Office of Investigation
Wanda Peake – WebEx- Host
Jack Beasley- WebEx- Co-host
Nadine Garnett, Court Reporter

Guest:

David Green
Zahra Hajiaghamohseni, SC ABA
Dane Hilton
Kerri Krauss
Lynette C. Smith

Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the office of the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Psychology, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building, 110 Centerview Drive in Columbia, SC, was posted on the Board website and provided to any requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30 4-80 of the 1976 South Carolina Code, as amended, relating to the Freedom of Information Act. A quorum is noted as *present/not present*. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

In accordance with the Governor’s directives regarding social distancing, the meeting was held via teleconference. Members of the public who wished to attend did so by telephone. The telephone number and access code was provided on the posted agenda.

Meeting Called to OrderDr. Vickery, Chair
The meeting was called to order by Dr. Vickery at 10:02 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Dr. Mandell made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Durham. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members

Motion: Dr. Durham made a motion to approve the absence of Dr. Liggett who will arrive at 11:00 a.m. and Dr. McCloy who could not be present today. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Mandell. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Approval of the April 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Dr. Mandell made a motion to approve the minutes from April 23, 2021 with corrections to page 2 and 4 as amended. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Mandell. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Chair's Remarks:

For the record, Dr. Vickery let board members know she did not testify on behalf of the Board on Tuesday, May 4th, 2021 since the meeting was cancelled. Dr. Vickery did, however presented testimony on behalf of the Board on Wednesday, May 5th, 2021

SC ABA Presentation on Behavioral Analysts Bill H.3731

Dr. Zahra Hajiaghamohseni, Dr. David Green, Dr. Kerri Krauss appeared before the board to provide information on their role in investigating licensure and regulating behavior analysts, and the services offered to the public. A copy of the presentation was provided to board members after the presentation. There was an exchange of questions and answers. Ms. Katie Phillips with LLR Governmental Affairs, answered questions on behalf of the board and clarified that the board could not comment on the bill at this time. The board does not write the legislation, board members only regulate what is handed down from the legislature. The team from SC ABA concluded their presentation and thanked the board members for their time.

Administrative Reports – OIE / ODC

Ms. Christa Bell, Office of Investigations and Enforcement reviewed the OIE Report which included various types of case issues and the number of cases closed in the first three quarters of 2021. There were two (2) formal complaints coming before the board at a future date. Ms. Bell let the board members know there were some staff shifts occurring within OIE and that the former investigator for the board, Angela Baldwin accepted another position within the agency, but Ms. Catherine Wilder would remain as investigator for the board. Ms. Bell expressed the importance of training investigators in the specialties covered by psychologist and was open to any national meetings or training sessions the board felt would be of benefit to the investigators would be welcome.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report

Tina Brown, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, had a meeting conflict and could not remain on the line, so Dr. Vickery read the ODC report into the record. There were five (5) open cases. There were no pending hearings and agreements, no pending closure, no closed and no appeals. The board members accepted the report as information only.

Administrators Remarks:

Financial Report – Presented three reports to the Board, the cash report, the monthly expense report and the general ledger report as information only. Ms. Glover provided a definition of direct and indirect expenses the Board had asked for at the last meeting.

2021 Renewals- Ms. Glover provided an overview of the licensure renewals in progress. Renewals started on: 8/1/2021, and will end on 11/30/2021. Late Renewal are as follows: 12/1/2021 - 2/1/2022. CE Broker information was placed on the Board's website under Continuing Education as approved by the Board.

Application Hearings:

Dr. Lynette C Smith – Return appearance with more information. Case originally heard on 4/29/2021.

Dr. Smith attended a Non-APA accredited school and testified on her own behalf. She submitted additional information for the board members to review. She stated that even though the school she attended was not APA accredited, the education was consistent with the requirements recognized by the Department of Education. She completed three years of full time study, practicum, and 1,700 additional internship hours. She was licensed in four (4) other states, however only the Illinois license is current. Oregon, Kansas and Colorado licenses are expired. Dr. Smith provided additional information to the board regarding cognitive core courses in psychology for the board's consideration regarding the cognitive affective courses and the differences. Dr. Smith answered questions the board asked and provided additional emails from her education program for the board's review.

The board thanked Dr. Smith for her testimony.

Motion: Dr. Mandell made a motion to go into executive session for legal advice. The motion was seconded by Dr. Liggett. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion: Dr. Liggett made a motion to go into return to public session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mandell. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion: Dr. Liggett made a motion to deny approval of the preliminary application for licensure since applicant's course information for #8230, #8200, #7560, #6320, courses 70-7551 and #7100 did not meet the criteria for licensure. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mandell. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Dr. Dane Hilton – Licensed in Virginia. No postdoctoral supervision hours completed. Dr. Hilton delivered an opening statement to the Board.

Motion: Dr. Durham made a motion to go into executive session for legal advice. The motion was seconded by Dr. Liggett. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion: Dr. Mandell made a motion to go into return to public session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Liggett. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Motion: Dr. Liggett made a motion to require Dr. Hilton to complete the criteria of 1500 hours of postdoctoral supervision, as required by the State of South Carolina in order to proceed with licensure. Dr. Mandell seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Disciplinary Hearing: None

New Business - Discussion and Vote

Travel/Teleconference Meetings –ASPPB 61st Annual Meeting: 10/15/2021 & 10/16/2021

Dr. Vickery was registered to attend the virtual meeting as a delegate from SC. Ms. Glover let the board know that none of the \$500 funds reserved for SC were used. Dr. McCloy may or may not attend.

Discussion Topics

Scope of Practice for a Licensed Professional Counselor /Therapist, applying for licensure as a school Psychologist with a PhD in School Psychology. Discuss training, experience and licensure.

Dr. Durham wanted clarification on school psychologist going into private practice. For example, an applicant was going into private practice as a therapist and was not working as a school psychologist. Dr. Vickery stated that a person who has training in school psychology can do private practice now, and that the scope of practice is not clearly defined. The scope of practice overlaps between a school psychology and private practice psychology. It also depends on the specialty area, training, experience, and what the educational program trained the psychologist to do. For example, there are school psychologist who will never work in a school.

CE Credits for Psychology License Renewal – Letter from David E. Barrett

Board members briefly discussed the letter.

Motion: Dr. Durham made a motion to approve Dr. Barrett’s request to use his editorial experience as a category ‘A’ continuing education requirement. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mandell. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Board Website Update on COVID-19 as of 6/7/2021. Cares Act information Removed

Ms. Hewson explained to the board that with the Governor’s state of emergency ending, the relaxed regulations which allowed someone out of state with an existing relationship with a patient in SC to continue has ended. It was agreed to remove any reference to the Cares Act from the website to avoid further confusion on the part of out of state licensees wanting to practice in SC without a SC license. Ms. Glover will remove the Cares Act reference from the website.

ASPPB - EPPP (Part 2 – Skills) survey will be available for membership to complete until August 31, 2021 (See board materials for link)

This subject was covered in a special called meeting so there was no further discussion.

ASPPB – Emergency Guidelines Survey- Due October 17, 2021

Ms. Glover provided the board with a copy of the survey questions to gain a collective agreement on each answer. The survey was completed.

ASPPB Model Regulations Excerpts – The information was provided to the Board members as information only.

ASPPB Mobility Program – The information was provided to the Board members as information only.

Review Licensee Reports with Demographics – Discussion & Vote

Ms. Glover provided the report to the Board as information only so it was clear from what state individuals were obtaining a SC license who were not a resident of SC. This data will be provided to the Board members for the last meeting in September of each year.

New Licenses Issued 6-21-2021- 9/21/2021

The information was provided to the Board members as information only.

Count of All Licensees by State as of 6/21/2021

The information was provided to the Board members as information only.

Board Member Report Out- Discussion of Conferences Attended

Dr. Vickery attended the ASPPB meeting in April. Several board members attended the SCPA meeting in April. Dr. Vickery will not be attending the SCPA meeting in October.

2022 Board Meeting Dates – Discussion and Vote

Motion: Dr. Mandell made a motion to approve the 2022 Board meeting dates. The motion was seconded by Dr. Durham. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Public Comments – There were none.

Board Meeting Dates Remaining – 2021 - The information was provided to the Board members as information only.

Lunch (Time of Lunch will be at the discretion of the Board Chair)

Adjournment: 3:16 p.m.

Motion: Dr. Mandell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Liggett. All were in favor and the motion passed.