

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
January 8, 2016

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Drs. Michael Kollar, Rhea Merck, Christiana DeGregorie, Deborah Leporowski, Gable McCullough and William Wattles, Robert Howell and Alisa Liggett

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Marlo Thomas-Koger, Administrator; Donnell Jennings, Advice Counsel; David Love, OIE; Phil Flohr, OIE; Adrian Rivera, OIE; Alex Imgrund, ODC; Sheliah Jones, Administrative staff.

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the Board office and provided to any requesting persons, organizations, or news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the S.C. Freedom of Information Act. A quorum of members was present.

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM by Chair, Dr. Michael Kollar.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

After considering recommendations, additions, deletions and corrections, a motion was made to approve the agenda by Dr. Wattles and seconded by Dr. DeGregorie. All were in favor and the motion passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS -Chair- Dr. Michael Kollar; Vice-Chair- Dr. Rhea Merck

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

After considering recommendations, additions, deletions and corrections, a motion was made to approve the September 25, 2015 minutes by Dr. Leporowski and seconded by Dr. Howell. The motion and the minutes were unanimously passed.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT REPORT: David Love, OIE gave a report of investigations from January 1, 2015 – December 16, 2015 which detailed the status of complaints and the alleged issues.

COMPLAINTS/DISCIPLINARY MATTERS:

Complaint #2014-3- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to dismiss the complaint on a motion made by Dr. Merck and seconded by Dr. DeGregorie.

Complaint #2015-5- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to dismiss the complaint on a motion made by Dr. Leporowski and seconded by Dr. Wattles.

Complaint #2015-13- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to dismiss the complaint on a motion made by Dr. McCullough and seconded by Dr. Merck.

Complaint #2015-14- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to dismiss the complaint on a motion made by Dr. Wattles and seconded by Ms. Liggett.

Complaint #2015-15- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to dismiss the complaint on a motion made by Dr. DeGregorie and seconded by Dr. Wattles.

Dr. Leporowski recused herself from discussion and vote for Complaint #2015-5.

Complaint #2015-16 and Complaint #2015-19- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC to dismiss the complaint on a motion made by Dr. Wattles and seconded by Dr. Howell.

Complaint #2015-9- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC for a formal complaint on a motion made by Dr. Merck and seconded by Dr. Leporowski.

Complaint #2015-8- The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the IRC for a letter of caution on a motion made by Dr. DeGregorie and seconded by Dr. Howell.

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL REPORT:

Mr. Alex Imgrund presented the ODC Case Load Statistics report with one open case and one pending case as of January 6, 2016.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT AND OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL  
PROCESS AND PROCEDURE ORIENTATION:

David Love and Alex Imgrund provided an overview and discussion of processes and procedures for OIE and ODC.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION OF BOARD ORDER:

Dr. Rolison's request will be continued at the next board meeting.

REVIEW OF NEW LICENSEES: The Board reviewed list of newly licensed applicants issued from September 24, 2015 – January 6, 2016.

LLR CE PRESENTATION:

Mr. Dylan Sitterle discussed licensee options for automating and simplifying the license renewal process by tracking compliance. He also discussed benefits to board staff, board members, and most importantly licensees.

APPROVAL OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE COMMUNICATION:

Mr. Alex Imgrund provided an update on the Domestic Violence Task Force Communication. On a motion from Dr. Merck and seconded by Dr. Leporowski the board voted to approve LLR's Department of Technology & Security (DOTS) communication to licensed Psychologists.

Dr. Leporowski motioned that the e-blast would include a copy of Dr. Kollar's letter to Governor Haley, a list of approved partner violence continuing education courses that are available, and a cover letter stating the importance of this activity. The motion was seconded by Ms. Liggett and unanimously supported.

LEGAL UPDATE ON PROPOSED ASPPB INTERJURISDICTIONAL COMPACT (PSYPACT):

Donnell Jennings facilitated a discussion. Dr. DeGregorie motioned to go into executive session. Dr. McCullough seconded the motion and the motion was approved. Dr. Wattles motioned to come out of executive session. Dr. DeGregorie seconded the motion and the motion was approved. No votes were taken during executive session.

Ms. Liggett made a motion to establish a legislative subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Howell and all were in favor. Committee members will include Dr. Howell, Dr. Leporowski, Dr. DeGregorie, and Ms. Liggett. The chair will be Dr. Merck.

DISCUSSION OF PREDOCTORAL AND POSTDOCTORAL SUPERVISION DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED  
AND LICENSE VERIFICATION:

Ms. Liggett made a motion to create an application review committee to assist in reviewing non-standard applications and to update the current application. Dr. Merck seconded the motion and all were in favor. Committee members will be Dr. Leporowski and Dr. McCullough. Dr. Merck will continue to work on the application and will be an ad hoc member.

STATE EXAM VS. EPPP:

Dr. Leporowski and Dr. McCullough will develop for the website a decision tree that delineates the path to licensure for individuals who have held no prior license versus those who were licensed in another state prior to 1985.

NEXT BOARD MEETING DATES: The Board will meet again April 22, 2016, in room 105.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Dr. Merck and seconded by Dr. McCullough, the Board voted to adjourn at 1:06 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marlo Koger, Administrator  
Board of Examiners in Psychology