



Board of Psychology Public Session Minutes
Psychologists Board
Friday, October 4, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Attendance: James Nicholls – Chairman, Alicia Key, Christine Gauthier.

Absent: Sheri Friedrich & Robert Walrath.

Staff: Carson Hansford – Board Administrator, Elizabeth Eaton, Esq. – Board Counsel.

Minutes:

I. Call To Order at 9:00 a.m.

JN called the meeting to order at 9:09AM

II. Review of Public Minutes

Motion: Upon a motion by JN and a second by CG the Board voted to approve the minutes as presented; unanimous.

III. Bethany Cotrell- Division Director 9:00AM

A. Discussion Regarding the Use of Psychedelic Drugs in Different Therapies

Bethany talked to the Board about Ketamine and the use of it as prescription. Bethany would like to create a work group with couple of the Boards within the OPLC.

Motion: Upon a motion by JN and a second by AK the Board voted to authorize AK to participate in the workgroup; unanimous.

IV. Deanna Juris (Dee)- Executive Director 9:15 AM

A. Introduction to Dee

Dee introduced herself to the Board, the Board introduced themselves to her as well. Board would like to have a standing report from Michelle regarding where cases are.

V. Rules- Tina Kelley

A. Public Hearing on Rule Changes 9:30AM

1. PSYCH 101
2. PSYCH 301 and 305
3. PSYCH 401.01-401.02
4. PSYCH 500

The Board opened the rules hearing at 9:54AM

The Board heard oral testimony from Celina Oliver for the NHPA, Nate Jones, and Travis Bickford

The Board Closed the rules hearing at 10:50 AM

VI. Rules With Tina Kelley

A. PSYC 303.04 IP

Motion: Upon a motion by CG and a second by JN the Board voted to accept the initial proposal and being in the rulemaking proposal; unanimous.

B. Rulemaking requests

Motion: Upon a motion by AK and a second by JN the Board voted to request rulemaking support to add a JP exam to the 300's – initial licensure; unanimous.

Motion: Upon a motion by CG and a second by AK the Board voted to request rulemaking support for PSY 402.01 the Board would like to add BCBA & BACB to category A seminars and add the JP examination as an option for CE credit; unanimous. This vote is based on the ask from a public hearing.

VII. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

A. Jurisprudence Examination

The Board would still like to move forward with the exam. The next steps for the office are to obtain the JP exam from Traci and make sure everything is taken care of within the office. There was discussion around adding the JP exam to the 313's, that determination will have to wait until the JP exam is adopted in the 300's.

B. 2025 Meeting dates

The Board recommended to have the meetings every other month. Changes include moving to the first Friday of each month.

Motion: Upon a motion by CG and a second by JN the Board voted to adopt a meeting calendar consisting of meeting every other month on the first Friday of the month; unanimous.

C. Legislative Update: Board Counsel

1. SB 369

2. HB 518

Hearings changes

The Board talked to counsel about changes to RSA that impact the Board and the office's operation.

D. The Board will not meet in November.

VIII. Non-Public Session

Motion: Upon a motion by JN and a second by AK the Board voted to enter a non-public session conducted for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c) & (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges via Roll Call. Roll Call 3-0-0

IX. Motion to Seal the Minutes

Motion: Upon a motion by JN and a second by AK the Board voted to seal the minutes of the non-public session are sealed to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), on the grounds that public disclosure may adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member or render the proposed action ineffective via roll call vote. Roll Call: 3-0-0

X. Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 11:37AM