

**BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**  
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by § 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”).

Date: September 11, 2020

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar  
(use link below)  
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/993109617025>

Present: Marty Oliphant, Vice Chairperson  
Jill Oliveira Gray, Ph.D., Member  
Don Pedro, Psy.D., Member  
James Spira, Member, Ph.D., Member  
Christopher Fernandez Executive Officer (“EO”)  
Susan A. Reyes, Secretary  
Daniel Jacob, Esq. Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)  
Charlene Tamanaha, Licensing Administrator (“LA”)  
Ahlani Quiogue, Supervising Executive Officer  
Lei Ana Green, EO  
Sal L. Nicosia, Senior Systems Engineer, State Office of Enterprise  
Technology Services (“ETS”)

Excused: Sherry Sutherland-Choy, Psy.D., APRN-Rx,

Guests: Lei Fukumura, Special Deputy Attorney General (“SDAG”)  
Rise Doi, EO  
Dr. Bello McCloud  
Juliann Thompson

**A brief video regarding the virtual board meeting, including meeting procedures and helpful information regarding how members of the public can participate and interact with the board during the meeting, was played.**

Vice Chairperson Oliphant took roll call. Dr. Oliveira Gray, Dr. Don “Keith” Pedro, and Dr. James Spira confirmed that they were present with Chairperson Sutherland-Choy being excused by Vice Chairperson Oliphant who also informed attendees that he would be presiding over the meeting in her absence.

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Oliphant at 1:32 p.m.

Approval of the  
Meeting Minutes:

Vice Chair Oliphant asked if there are any members of the public who would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item, to which there were none.

Dr. Oliveira Gray wanted to correct page 5, Section iii, 3rd paragraph. The 3rd line should read as:

“...that **psychologists** would be eligible to be licensed in was...”

Also, on page 7, 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph, last sentence:

“The Board acknowledges that Dr. Oliveira Gray’s position will represent the legislative committee’s position and not the Board as a whole.”

Referring to the above, Dr. Oliveira Gray asked for clarification of who the legislative committee is.

EO Fernandez responded that the Board voted to have Dr. Oliveira Gray represent the Board as the member of committee at legislative hearings during the Hawaii state legislative session. He reminded members that any testimony that would have been provided to the legislature would have been based on the committee’s and not the Board’s position.

LA Tamanaha clarified that the committee would represent the Board if it has not had a Board meeting. She further explained that because of the way the legislative session works, there may not be time to have an actual board meeting prior to a hearing of a bill for the Board to form a position, therefore Dr. Oliveira Gray as the chairperson of the committee would provide a position on the bill. She concluded that if there is a board meeting, it would be the Board’s position, if there was not a meeting, it would be your position, until the Board has weighed in.

The final correction Dr. Oliveira Gray asked for was on the executive session minutes, specifically the title after her name shows as “Psy.D.”, when it should be “Ph.D.”.

EO Fernandez also presented a request to correct the minutes. He referenced the last board meeting on February 14, 2020, where Dr. Raymond Folen and Dr. Julie Takishima-Lacasa, from the Hawaii Psychological Association were guests, and participated in a discussion regarding continuing education. Dr. Folen, after discussing with Dr. Takishima-Lacasa, approached EO Fernandez to request edits of some of the comments he and Dr. Takishima-Lacasa had made. He asked if the Board would be willing to hear his requests.

Dr. Spira stated that he would be willing to hear his specific requests.

EO Fernandez said at the time that he received Dr. Folen's request, he informed Dr. Folen that this may be possible only if his requested edits did not change or affect any vote made by the Board. Also, if the Board chose to approve his request for edits, that it would need to be noted in the minutes that the specific corrections were made. In other words, it is not possible to strike it in the record completely, but the minutes can reflect the change. The following are the requested corrections:

On page 7, last paragraph, last sentence:

"He said that there is a CE provider called PESI and per his perspective, they are playing "fast and loose" in how they codify CEs."

Dr. Folen is requesting to change it to read as:

"He said that there is a CE **training program that** per his perspective, **appears to be** playing it "fast and loose" in how they codify **what they constitute is CE acceptable to the Hawaii Board of Psychology.**"

On page 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, first two sentences:

"Dr. Folen said that basically they are telling their members that when they ask if they can apply the PESI CEs towards licensure. PESI is saying that since they gave the same course in California two years ago and California said it was okay, it should be okay in Hawaii."

Dr. Folen is requesting to change it to read as:

"Dr. Folen said that **"fast and loose" were not the words he should have used to describe the situation. To clarify, when Hawaii psychologists ask if the CE training program courses will be accepted by the Hawaii Board of Psychology, psychologists have reported they have been told, that since their states have approved the course, it should be acceptable to the Hawaii Board.**"

On page 8, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, 1<sup>st</sup> sentence:

"Dr. Takishima-Lacasa said there has been interest by their members to take courses from PESI and she wanted to advocate for expanding beyond just APA approved CEs by this state and by this Board."

Dr. Folen is requesting to change it to read as:

“Dr. Takishima-Lacasa said there has been interest by their members to take courses from **CE training programs** and she wanted to advocate for expanding beyond just APA approved CEs by the state and by this Board.”

It was motioned by Dr. Spira, seconded by Dr. Oliveira Gray, and unanimously carried to accept all the changes to the open session and executive session minutes as noted above

Executive Officer's Report:

a. Record of Candidates Examined: For the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (“EPPP”)

EO Fernandez apologized but could not find the information at present and would provide it at a later date.

b. DCCA Disciplinary Actions Through July 2020

EO Fernandez said that there is a backlog of reports since the Board had not met since February stating he would start from March going forward. In March 2020, there was one disciplinary action, Phuong Thuy T. Tran. He concluded that from April 2020 through July 2020, there were no further disciplinary actions.

Dr. Oliveira Gray asked EO Fernandez if people are still taking the exams, even with the pandemic.

EO Fernandez said that, without getting away from the agenda, he can just report that ASPPB is in the process of transitioning from one registration vendor to another, and this along with the pandemic has partially disrupted the examinations. He is in the process of talking with Professional Vocational Licensing Division’s (“PVL”) Examination Branch about the updates as well as having discussions with ASPPB about the changes. He should have a better update by the next meeting.

Chapter 91, HRS Adjudicatory Matters:

Vice Chair Oliphant asked if there are any members of the public who would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item, to which there were none.

Vice Chair Oliphant called for a recess from the meeting at 1:54 p.m. to discuss and deliberate on the following adjudicatory matters pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS:

a. In the Matter of the Psychologist’s License of Jillian Inouye, Psy.D.: PSY 2019-22-L

- b. In the Matter of the Psychologist's License of Brett Valette aka Brett Edouard Valette; PSY 2019-28-L
- c. In the Matter of the Psychologist's License of Phuong Thuy T. Tran, Psy.D.: PSY 2019-19-L

The Board reconvened at 2:38 p.m.

Executive Session: Vice Chair Oliphant asked if there are any members of the public who would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item, to which there were none.

Vice Chair Oliphant announced that the Board will go into executive session at 2:40 p.m. to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses in accordance with HRS §92-5(a)(1), and to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, immunities and liabilities in accordance with HRS §92-5(a)(4).

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:29 p.m., it was moved by Dr. Pedro, seconded by Dr. Oliveira Gray, and unanimously carried to return to open session.

Vice Chairperson Oliphant, Dr. Oliveira Gray Dr. Spira, and Dr. Pedro confirmed that they were present.

It was moved by Dr. Spira, seconded by Dr. Oliveira Gray, and unanimously carried to approve the following applications:

Applications:

- a. Examination
  - ii. Brandon Henscheid
  - iii. Lindsey Mau
  - iv. Susan Pelowski
  - vi. Juliann Thompson
  - vii. Elizabeth McCloud

It was moved by Dr. Oliveira Gray, seconded by Dr. Pedro and unanimously carried to defer the following applications pursuant to HRS 436B-10(9):

- a. Examination
  - i. Rachael DeCosta
  - v. Carli Tamura

b. Examination Waiver

- i. Yael Gappell

It was moved by Dr. Spira, seconded by Dr. Pedro and unanimously carried to ratify the following applications:

c. Ratification(s)

i. Senior Psychologist

- a. Tracy Bennett
- b. Paula Humphries
- c. Cindy Westergaard

ii. National Register ("NR")

- a. Kim Barrus
- b. Stephen Harris
- c. Angela Heiligenthal
- d. Gabrielle Taylor
- e. Mary von Witzleben

Vice Chair Oliphant asked if there are any members of the public who would like to provide oral testimony on an agenda item, to which Juliann Thompson raised her hand.

Dr. Thompson stated that she is one of the applicants for examination that was approved this meeting but wished to inform the Board that she had already taken the examination. She said that it should have applied as an examination waiver and wanted to clarify if she had to wait until next month to correct this.

EO Fernandez asked Ms. Thompson, if she is licensed in another state.

Ms. Thompson answered that she is not.

EO Fernandez said the reason that she applied by application, is because those who apply by examination waiver must be licensed in another state. He explained that what will happen is, because the Board has approved Dr. Thompson's application, her EPPP score will be immediately applied to her requirement to take the examination and a license can be issued.

Dr. Thompson thanked the Board.

Future Board  
Meetings:

The Board will consider the frequency of board meetings for the remainder of the year.

EO Fernandez said because of administrative purposes, he would like to request to have future board meetings every other month, at least through the end of the year. If they approve this, the Board would need to make a motion and vote.

Dr. Oliveira Gray said that she would prefer to keep it at a monthly interval because there is a lot of information to digest in between meetings. Also, it is September already, so this will leave only November for this year if the Board were to move to every other month. She believes that the Board has now held a virtual meeting and can work off that momentum to improve its virtual efficiency.

Vice Chairperson Oliphant also voiced his wish to keep it monthly.

Dr. Pedro he agreed as well because based on the events of this meeting, there was a lot of information that the Board needed to deal with. He suggested monthly meetings for now and then re-evaluate.

Dr. Oliveira Gray said that if there is anything that the Board could do to help with the administrative burden or anything else, she is happy to help.

EO Fernandez said that the Board was scheduled to have a meeting in August and because of unforeseen situations, it had to postpone. The most difficult part for him, is to try to find a day where everybody is available. Not only this, but the Board is extremely reliant on staff, his peers, supporting the meeting facilitation. The fact that EO Green and his supervisors Ms. Quiogue and Ms. Tamanaha took time from their duties to support the meeting, is something that should be put into consideration. He went on to explain that the PVL also has limited times. Typically, if PVL is having in-person meetings, there could be as many as three meetings going on in the building at once and there wouldn't be any issue of overlap. But as it stands, it is really difficult to do more than one meeting and PVL has a lot of Boards that need to meet monthly. He does understand the Board's concern and conceded that the decision is the members. He just wanted to provide this information.

LA Tamanaha wanted to reiterate what EO Fernandez said. What PVL is finding is, yes telemeeting capabilities are allowing people to meet from wherever they are, but the only thing is that, it does take more staff. For a regular meeting it is just the EO and the secretary. But now with the virtual, the production side of it requires additional staff. So now, usually there are at least two additional people to help. We can try to schedule monthly meetings, but she wanted the Board to be aware that if we are unable to schedule additional staff, and because EO Fernandez and

Secretary Reyes cannot do it by themselves (taking minutes and running the production side), then the meeting will be pushed to a later date.

Vice Chairperson Oliphant stated that due to time, The Board would be deferring that last two agenda items #7 and #8 until the next meeting.

Next Meeting: To be determined

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Vice Chairperson Oliphant at 3:47 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Christopher Fernandez  
Christopher Fernandez  
Executive Officer

/s/ Susan A. Reyes  
Susan A. Reyes  
Secretary

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Minutes approved as is.  
 Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_.