

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: October 9, 2020

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar
(use link below)
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/93109617025>

Present: Dr. Sherry Sutherland-Choy, Chair, Licensed Member
Marty Oliphant, Vice Chair, Public Member
Dr. Jill Oliveira Gray, Licensed Member
Dr. Don Pedro, Licensed Member
Dr. James Spira, Licensed Member
Christopher Fernandez Executive Officer (“EO”)
Susan A. Reyes, Secretary
Daniel Jacob, Esq. Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Ahlani Quiogue, Supervising Executive Officer (“SEO”)
Lei Ana Green, EO
Chelsea Fukunaga, EO
Kellie Teraoka, Secretary
Kelly Wei, Secretary

Excused: None.

Guests: Dr. Jordana Hazam
Dr. Thuy Tran
Dr. Kameron Nelson
Dr. Yael Gappell
Kevin Akiyama
Dr. Harold Ames

Call to Order: Chair Sutherland-Choy, Vice Chair Oliphant, Dr. Oliveira Gray, Dr. Pedro, and Dr. Spira confirmed they were present by roll call taken by Chair Sutherland-Choy.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chair Sutherland-Choy at 1:31 p.m.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes: It was motioned by Dr. Pedro, seconded by Dr. Spira, and unanimously carried by Dr. Oliveira Gray, Vice Chair Oliphant and Chair Sutherland-Choy to approve the open session minutes as distributed.

Executive Officer's
Report:

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

EO Fernandez reported that during the period of February 15, 2020 to October 9, 2020 eight candidates took the EPPP exam; four passed and four failed.

b. DCCA Disciplinary Actions Through July 2020

EO Fernandez said that there were no disciplinary actions.

c. Report on the ASPPB EPPP Registration and Examination Schedule

EO Fernandez stated that at the Board's last meeting, Dr. Oliveira Gray asked what the status of examinations in Hawaii was. In response, he reached out to ASPPB for information and spoke to Candace Ohlmeier the Administrative Assistant for Examination Services and Governance. She said that Pearson Vue's exam facilitator had informed her that the Hawaii sites across the nation are still operating at 50% capacity with implemented social distancing requirements as required by each state's requirements. She also relayed a list of available dates for examination from Pearson Vue, which are as follows:

- 10/22/20 and 10/31/20
- 11/04/20 and 11/23/20
- 12/01/20, 12/07/20, 12/21/20 and 12/28/20
- 01/12/21, 01/20/21, 01/29/21 and 01/30/21

He further stated that the reason why he had contacted ASPPB was because a recent applicant had heard from a colleague that once they were authorized by the board, they could schedule an examination at any time. He was confirming his understanding that examinations were facilitated according to fixed dates, which we now know is correct. Additionally, ASPPB is currently not registering or scheduling exams due their transition into their new registration and scheduling system vendor called Certemy. The blackout period began September 30, 2020 and will end on October 15, 2020. Also, to clarify this will not affect Pearson Vue's facilitation of the examination.

Applications:

Chair Sutherland-Choy asked if there are any members of the public who would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item, to which Dr. Yael Gappell and Dr. Kameron Nelson raised their hands respectively.

Ms. Gappell thanked the Board and introduced herself as an applicant and that she would be glad to answer any questions that the Board may

have. She further stated that she has been a psychologist for many years in Israel and received her license in 1991. She has been in education psychology and clinical psychology and taught and supervised in psychotherapy. She was a director of psychological services in the city of Holon which has a population of 200,000 people. She understands that our system is different from Israel. In order to be a psychologist in Israel, you need a masters, which is equivalent to the Ph.D. in Hawaii according to U.H. Manoa's professor after reviewing her documents. She completed her internship in 2013, but it took at least a year to submit the paperwork that was required. She studied in 1980 and these documents were not in their computers. She feels that the education she received is similar to what is happening everywhere, and she has what it takes to be a psychologist.

Chair Sutherland-Choy thanked Dr. Gappell for providing testimony.

EO Fernandez told Dr. Gappell that the Board may call upon her if there are any questions when the Board is reviewing her application.

Dr. Nelson introduced herself and just wanted to say that she is an applicant and if the Board has any questions on her application that she will be available for any questions.

Executive Session: Chair Sutherland-Choy announced that the Board will go into executive session at 2:00 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).

Motioned by Vice Chair Oliphant, seconded by Dr. Pedro, and unanimously carried by all members, the Board entered into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Pedro left the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

At 3:53 p.m., it was moved by Vice Chair Oliphant, seconded by Dr. Oliveira Gray, and unanimously carried to return to open session.

Applications:

- a. Examination
 - i. Rachael DeCosta

It was moved by Dr. Spira, seconded by Dr. Oliveira Gray, and unanimously carried to approve a conditional license in pursuant to HRS §436B-19 (5), (7), (12) and (14).

- ii.. Michelle Morrell
- iii. Kameron Nelson
- iv. Carli Tamura
- v. Annie Anderson
- vi. Victor Yee

It was moved by Vice Chair Oliphant, seconded by Dr. Oliveira Gray, and unanimously carried to approve the above applications:

b. Examination Waiver

The following agenda item was taken out of order:

- ii. Jolene SK Young

It was moved by Dr. Oliveira Gray, seconded by Vice Chair Oliphant, and unanimously carried to approve the above application.

- i. Yael Gappell

It was moved by Dr. Oliveira Gray, seconded by Dr. Spira and unanimously carried to deny the above application pursuant to HRS §465-7.5 because the applicant has not demonstrated to the satisfaction of the board that the applicant's degree is substantially similar to a doctoral degree as set forth in HRS §465-7 and the applicable Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR"), and notes that the University of Hawaii was unable to certify the equivalency of the degree.

c. Ratification(s)

- i. American Board of Professional Psychology ("ABPP")

- a. Scott Porter
- b. Erica Ellis

- ii. National Register ("NR")

- c. Katherine Kuhlman
- d. Romi McIntire-Mann
- e. Yiling Zhang
- f. Jeanne Miller

It was moved by Vice Chair Oliphant, seconded by Dr. Oliveira Gray, and unanimously carried to approve the following ratifications for ABPP and NR applications.

Application Procedures/Reviews, and Board & Executive Officer Delegations

The Board will review application requirements and application review procedures, including, but not limited to the process for examination applicants, examination waiver applicants, and foreign graduate applicants. The Board will consider delegations to Board members, subcommittees, or the Executive Officer to address the impact of COVID-19 on the Board's responsibilities.

The Board requested to defer this until the next meeting.

Request for interpretation on the scope of practice of Hawaii licensed psychologists

Dr. Pashdag writes, "The statutes provide for both psychologists and mental health counselors to conduct assessment and diagnosis of mental and emotional disorders. However, the definition of mental health counseling does not specifically include psychological testing, whereas the definition of psychology does. Does this mean that psychologists are permitted to do psychological testing, including the use of established psychological tests to diagnose particular disorders, whereas mental health counselors are not"?

The Board requested to defer this until the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 13, 2020
1:30 a.m.
Virtual Videoconference Meeting -- Zoom Webinar

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Sutherland-Choy at 4:00 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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10/20/20

[] Minutes approved as is.
[X] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of 11/13/20.