

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: November 5, 2021

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar
(use link below)
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/94415219216>

Present: Sherry Sutherland-Choy Psy.D., Chair
Marty Oliphant, Vice Chair
Jill Oliveira Cabbab, Ph.D., Member
Don Pedro, Psy.D., Member
James Spira, Member, Ph.D., Member
Christopher Fernandez Executive Officer (“EO”)
Susan A. Reyes, Secretary
Christopher Leong, Esq. Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Kawehionapua Mau, Secretary (Technical Support)
LaJoy Lindsay, Secretary (Technical Support)

Excused: June Ching, Ph.D., Member

Guests: Yael Gappell
Canaan Higa
Mun Yee Kwan

Call to Order: Chair Sutherland-Choy provided instructions for public participation during the meeting including providing testimony, which will be limited to five minutes per testifier per agenda item.

Chair Sutherland-Choy confirmed by roll call that she, Vice Chair Oliphant, Drs. Pedro, Spira and Cabbab were present with Dr. June Ching excused. Chair Sutherland-Choy then brought the meeting to order at 1:46 p.m.

Review and
Approval of
Meeting Minutes:

Chair Sutherland-Choy asked if there was any public person who wished to provide oral testimony; there was none.

After Chair Sutherland-Choy asked members if there were any corrections to the meeting minutes for September 3, 2021, and upon a motion by Vice Chair Oliphant seconded by Dr. Cabbab, the Board voted by roll call to approve the open session and executive meeting minutes for September 3, 2021 as circulated.

Executive Officer's Report:

EO Fernandez briefed the Board that from the last meeting there was four EPPP exams given, with two pass and one fail.

EO Fernandez stated that there have been no disciplinary actions from the last meeting through September 2021.

EO Fernandez also informed the Board that he received a Notice of Actions from the American Psychological Association ("APA") Commission on Accreditation regarding the voluntary withdrawal of accreditation by the following programs (effective dates noted):

Doctoral Programs

- 1) Chicago School of Professional Psychology University/Argosy Teach-Out (Irvine, CA); Clinical PsyD: 10/23/2021.
- 2) University of Iowa (Iowa City, IA); School PhD: 8/15/21
- 3) National Louis University, Chicago/Argosy Teach-Out (Chicago, IL); Clinical PsyD: 9/24/21
- 4) National Louis University, Tampa/Argosy Teach-Out (Tampa, FL); Clinical PsyD: 9/24/21

Doctoral Internship Programs

- 1) Headway Emotional Health Services (Richfield, MN): 10/23/21
- 2) Oakes Children's Center (San Francisco, CA): 8/11/21
- 3) Pennsylvania Counseling Services (Lebanon, PA): 7/14/21
- 4) South Arkansas Regional Healthcare (El Dorado, AK): 10/23/21
- 5) Texas Women's University Counseling Center (Denton, TX): 10/23/21
- 6) Wright State University (Dayton, OH): 11/1/21

Applications:

Chair Sutherland-Choy asked if there was any public person who wished to provide oral testimony and was notified by tech support staff of (2) persons wishing to speak. Chair Sutherland-Choy individually reminded testifiers that they had (5) minutes to provide testimony.

Ms. Yael Gappell identified herself as wishing to provide testimony. She noted that this is her second application. She informed the Board that since her last application, she has been providing Professor Papa*, who replaced Professor Floyd**, with her papers, credentials, and every document that was needed for him to determine her degree is equivalent to what is required in Hawaii.

**Anthony Papa, Ph.D., Director of Clinical Training at University of Hawaii, Manoa ("UH")*

***Frank Floyd, Ph.D., former Director of Clinical Training at UH*

She stated that Professor Papa was willing to explain to her in detail what he needed from her: what papers, what documents. She was able to provide much more than she provided Professor Floyd, and therefore she thought Professor Papa was able to come to clear conclusion about her papers, documentation, and credentials. She believes that this new application provides a fuller picture and hopes that makes it clearer why there is a second application. She added that she thinks Professor Papa was able to see in her documentation the specific situation of her education in Israel, specifically the different degrees that she has from there and hopes the Board will see it as well. She stated she was finished testifying unless there were questions from the Board.

Chair Sutherland-Choy asked if any Board members had questions; none were noted, and Chair Sutherland-Choy thanked Ms. Gappell.

Dr. Mun Yee Kwan identified herself as wishing to provide testimony on behalf of herself. She explained that she has been in communication with EO Fernandez who informed her that her application was scheduled to be reviewed at today's meeting and wished to be present in case the Board had any questions for her.

Chair Sutherland-Choy thanked Dr. Kwan for her letting the board know she was available if it had any questions.

Chair Sutherland-Choy announced that the Board would go into executive session at 2:12 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).

On a motion by Dr. Spira seconded by Dr. Pedro, the Board unanimously voted by roll call to enter executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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At 3:04 p.m., Dr. Pedro left the meeting

At 3:22 p.m., it was moved by Dr. Spira, seconded Vice Chair Oliphant, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to return to open session.

a. Board Review

Examination

Chase Conrad

Upon a motion by Dr. Cabbab, seconded by Dr. Spira, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to defer the application of Dr. Conrad, pursuant to HRS §436B-10(a)(9) and HAR §16-98-9(b) and (c). The Board requested further information regarding his training report, internship and dates of graduation.

Maya Matheis

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Oliphant, seconded by Dr. Spira, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to approve the application of Dr. Matheis upon receipt of license verification from California.

Daniel Wilkie

Upon a motion by Dr. Cabbab, seconded by Vice Chair Oliphant, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to approve the application of Dr. Wilkie.

Canaan Higa

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Oliphant, seconded by Dr. Cabbab, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to approve the application of Dr. Higa upon receipt of official transcript or verification of doctoral degree.

Examination Waiver

Mun Yee Kwan

Chair Sutherland-Choy invited Dr. Kwan to speak with the Board.

Upon a motion by Dr. Oliveira Cabbab, seconded by Dr. Spira, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to defer the application of Dr. Kwan for verification of coursework, pursuant to HRS §436B-10(a)(9) and HAR §16-98-9(b) and (c).

Dr. Oliveira Cabbab thanked Dr. Kwan for submitting her application materials and explained that the Board was deferring her application in order to receive more information about her coursework, specifically the graduate seminar course 790 listed in section A: Biological Bases of Behavior and section G: Scientific and Professional Ethics and Standards.

Dr. Kwan asked what the Board would require.

Dr. Oliveira Cabbab requested a written curriculum or syllabus so that the Board could see more structure and how the topics were covered. She also suggested as an alternative Dr. Kwan review her transcripts for other courses to use on the training report that may substitute in place of the seminars.

Dr. Kwan confirmed what was being asked of her and thanked the Board.

Susanna Epp

Upon a motion by Dr. Cabbab, seconded by Dr. Spira, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to defer the application of Dr. Epp for clarification of postdoctoral experience, pursuant to HRS §465-7 and HAR §16-98-8(b)(2).

Yael Gappell

Upon a motion by Dr. Spira, seconded by Dr. Cabbab, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to deny the application of Ms. Gappell, pursuant to HRS §465-7(a)(1).

Chair Sutherland-Choy invited Ms. Gappell to appear before the Board and explained that the Board determined that she did not possess a doctoral degree in clinical psychology. She thanked Ms. Gappell for joining the Board.

b. Ratification List

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| PSY-1935 | Daniel Dougherty | Exam |
| PSY-1936 | Bonnie M. Brown | Senior Psychologist |
| PSY-1937 | David G. Wellen | Exam |
| PSY-1938 | Mark S. Aronson | Senior Psychologist |
| PSY-1939 | Tiara I.H. Liquido | Exam |
| PSY-1940 | Susan I. Nastase | Exam |
| PSY-1941 | Sade E.C. Soares | National Register |
| PSY-1942 | Reva K.B. O'Hallarn | National register |
| PSY-1943 | Kevan M. Kamisato | Exam |
| PSY-1944 | Lynda Sosa Lowry | National Register |
| PSY-1945 | Robin R. O'Sullivan | National Register |

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| PSY-1946 | Crystal A. Hank | National Register |
| PSY-1947 | David N. Hawkey | National Register |
| PSY-1948 | Lyn R. Greenberg | Diplomate |
| PSY-1949 | Ginger Spaulding | National Register |
| PSY-1950 | Hollie Fay Granato | Exam Waiver |
| PSY-1951 | Ashley L. Casella | Exam |

Upon a motion by Dr. Cabbab, seconded by Vice Chair Oliphant, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to ratify the applications noted above, pursuant to HRS §465-7.

Legislative
Matters:

Chair Sutherland-Choy asked if there were any public attendees that would like to provide oral testimony, to which there was none.

After a brief discussion it was motioned by Vice Chair Oliphant seconded by Chair Sutherland-Choy to form a legislative committee for the upcoming 2022 legislative session, with committee membership consisting of one member: Dr. Oliveira Cabbab. The motion was carried by unanimous vote of members present.

EO Fernandez informed the Board that they can update the committee makeup at future meetings by another vote.

Application
Procedures
and
Requirements:

Chair Sutherland-Choy asked if there were any public members that would like to provide oral testimony, to which there was none.

EO Fernandez informed the Board that he is asking the Board their opinion about what qualifies as an internship as required by HRS 465-7(a)(2) which states:

The applicant for licensure shall demonstrate that the applicant has completed one year of postdoctoral supervised experience in health service in psychology, and:

(A) An internship approved by the American Psychological Association; or

(B) One year of supervised experience in health service in psychology in an internship or residency program in an organized health service training program;

He stated he has gotten requests for clarification from those who are looking at entering or already are in a remote degree program housed within regionally accredited university or school. From what those inquirers have stated, it does not appear that an internship program is

provided by the program and so they are responsible for finding and entering an internship program on their own. He added that he also wonders if there are internship programs on outer islands asking for the members expertise.

After some discussion the Board stated:

- 1) Currently if a doctoral student wishes to enter an APA accredited internship they will need to go to the mainland because there currently none in Hawaii; and
- 2) If an internship program is not APA approved then it should meet program requirements set by the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers ("APPIC"), who also provide national standards for postdoctoral and internship programs.

Dr. Spira stated that in his conversations with the APA, he found that it refers to APPIC for a lot of these internship training requirements.

Based on the above conversation Dr. Spira motioned to make an informal opinion that the Board considers HRS §465-7(a)(2)(B), which states:

One year of supervised experience in health service in psychology in an internship or residency program in an organized health service training program.

to be in alignment with what APPIC recommends as an organized health service training program. The motion was seconded by Dr. Oliveira Cabbab and unanimously carried by roll call vote by all members present.

Please be advised that in accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules §16-201-90, the above interpretation is for informational and explanatory purposes only. It is not an official opinion or decision, and therefore is not to be viewed as binding on the Board or the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Dr. Spira also asked with regard to supervision contracts, if there was anything that the supervisor must do during the supervision.

EO Fernandez stated that there really is not language about what the supervisor must do, but there is regarding what credentials and experience the supervisor must have, which is found in HAR §16-98 Subchapter 2.

Election of
Board Officers:

Chair Sutherland-Choy deferred this agenda item until the next meeting.

Board
Meeting
Schedule and
Next Meeting:

- a. 2022 Board meeting schedule

After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to have meetings every other month and change the start time from 1:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. pending approval by administration.

- b. Next meeting: TBD
Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Sutherland-Choy 4:30 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

CF:sar

11/26/21

- Minutes approved as is.
 Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.