

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: May 3, 2024

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: Sherry Sutherland-Choy, Psy.D., Chair
Jill Oliveira Cabbab, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Don “Keith” Pedro, Psy.D., Member
June Ching, Ph.D., Member
Jeffrey Stern, Ph.D., Member
Christopher Fernandez, Executive Officer (“EO”)
Rochelle Araki, EO
Juliet Kalilikane, Secretary
Andrew Kim, Esq. Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)

Excused: None

Guests: Dr. Safieh Fard
Dr. Mandy Ramsey

Call to Order: Chair Sutherland-Choy provided the meeting attendees with instructions on how to participate remotely. She then confirmed that she and board members: Vice Chair Oliveira Cabbab; Dr. Stern; Dr. Pedro; and Dr. Ching were present in the meeting room, by roll call. With at least (4) members present quorum was established and Chair Sutherland-Choy then brought the meeting to order at **12:52 p.m.**

Applications: Chair Sutherland-Choy asked if there was any public testimony regarding this agenda item. Hearing none, on a motion by Vice Chair Oliveira Cabbab, seconded by Dr. Stern, members present unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at **12:55 p.m.** pursuant to HRS sections 92-5(a)(1) and 92-5(a)(4) to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section 26-9 or both and to consult with the board’s attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At **2:00** p.m., it was moved by Dr. Ching, seconded by Vice Chair Oliveira Cabbab, and unanimously carried by members present to return to open session.

A. Applications for Board Review

Examination

1) Safieh Fard

Chair Sutherland-Choy called for a motion to defer Dr. Fard's application pending:

- 1) A notarized verification of internship hours with a summary of duties (required for licensure);
- 2) Verification that her school is regionally accredited, or APA accredited.

The motion was made by Dr. Pedro, seconded by Vice Chair Oliveira Cabbab, and the Board voted unanimously to defer the application of Dr. Fard.

Examination Waiver

2) Rosemarie Charles

On a motion by Dr. Ching, seconded by Dr. Stern, the Board voted unanimously to approve the application of Dr. Charles.

B. Ratification of Approved Applications

After reviewing the ratification list attached to the agenda, and on motion by Vice Chair Oliveira Cabbab, seconded by Dr. Ching, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the list of applicants.

Legislative Session:

The Board to overview the legislative session and to review the following measures introduced by the Hawaii State Legislature for the 2024 legislative session.

Chair Sutherland-Choy asked if there was any testimony from the public.

Dr. Safieh Fard raised her hand on Zoom and was recognized by Chair Sutherland-Choy.

Dr. Mandy Ramsey raised her hand on Zoom and was informed that the Board would take her question second.

Chair Sutherland-Choy explained to Dr. Fard that since the Board would be discussing her application, it would need to go into executive session to discuss details with her.

Dr. Fard accepted.

On a motion by Dr. Pedro, seconded by Dr. Stern, members present unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at **2:00 p.m.** pursuant to HRS sections 92-5(a)(1) and 92-5(a)(4) to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section 26-9 or both and to consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

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At **2:21 p.m.**, it was moved by Dr. Ching, seconded by Vice Chair Oliveira Cabbab, and unanimously carried by members present to return to open session.

Chair Sutherland-Choy then asked staff if Dr. Ramsey was still present and requested, they be unmuted to talk to the Board.

Dr. Ramsey informed the Board that she was currently using her husband's Zoom account and apologized about the wrong name listed.

EO Fernandez introduced himself and explained to Dr. Ramsey that because her inquiry was not on the Board agenda, the Board could not speak on her matter. He instead stated that the Board could provide her 5 minutes and that if her matter could be considered confidential, she could be brought into executive session.

Dr. Ramsey opted to go into executive session to provide testimony.

On a motion by Chair Sutherland-Choy, seconded by Vice Chair Oliveira Cabbab, members present unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at **2:24 p.m.** pursuant to HRS sections 92-5(a)(1) and 92-5(a)(4) to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section 26-9 or both and to consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

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At **2:40 p.m.**, it was moved by Dr. Ching, seconded by Vice Chair Oliveira

Cabbab, and unanimously carried by members present to return to open session.

HB1830, HD2, SD1-Relating to Mental Health

Beginning on 7/1/2026, HB 1830 establishes provisional or associate-level licensure requirements for marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, and psychologists which authorizes insurance reimbursements in certain circumstances; authorizes psychologist license applicants who possess a provisional license to sit for the licensing examination before completing certain supervised experience requirements; and authorizes insurance reimbursements for services provided by a supervised social work intern in certain circumstances. Appropriates funds out of the Compliance Resolution Fund. (CD1)

EO Fernandez provided the Board an update on HB1830, informing that the bill passed through the legislature.

The Legislature accepted the Board's amendments for section IV of the bill including:

- (1) Specifying that the exemption for students of psychology be amended as those enrolled in a "professional psychology training program" as defined in HRS 465;
- (2) Changing when an applicant can sit for the exam. Now, applicants are able to sit for the exam upon receipt of provisional licensure. Additionally, authorization to take the exam will be for the duration of the (1) year term of the provisional license;
- (3) Amending the duration of the waiver for state-hired psychologists from undefined to "up to one year", which would allow a state-hired psychologist to be unlicensed for up to 3 years in order to meet licensure requirements.

Vice Chair Oliveira Cabbab asked when the bill becomes effective.

EO Fernandez stated that for the practice sections of the bill pertaining to provisional licensure (parts II, III, IV, and V), the effective date is July 2026. This would allow the Professional Vocational Licensing Division ("PVL") to develop the new license-types to ready for the effective date.

The Board concluded its discussion with the following:

- The desire to open better communication between the Board and the Hawaii Psychological Association; and
- The desire to better prepare for School Psychology bills in between sessions.

Officer

Elections:

Pursuant to HRS §436B-6(a), the Board will hold its annual election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

After a brief discussion, on a motion by Dr. Stern, seconded by Dr. Ching, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Dr. Jill Oliveira Cabbab the new Chairperson for the Hawaii Board of Psychology.

After a brief discussion, on a motion by Chair Sutherland-Choy, seconded by Dr. Stern, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Dr. June Ching the new Vice Chair of the Hawaii Board of Psychology.

Review and

Approval

Of Board Meeting

Minutes:

The votes to approve the following meeting minutes were deferred.

- A. Meeting minutes of February 2, 2024
- B. Meeting minutes of March 8, 2024

Next Meeting:

Friday, June 7, 2024
Virtual Conference—Zoom Webinar, and
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
HRH King Kalakaua Building

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Christopher Fernandez
Christopher Fernandez
Executive Officer

/s/ Juliet Kalilikane
Juliet Kalilikane
Secretary

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[X] Minutes approved as is.

[] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.