

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: June 7, 2024

Time: 12:30 p.m.

In-Person Location: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: Jill Oliveira Cabbab, Ph.D., Chairperson
June Ching, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Jeffrey Stern, PhD, Member
Don Pedro, Psy.D., Member
Andrew Kim, Esq. Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Christopher Fernandez, Executive Officer (“EO”)
Rochelle Araki, EO
Candace Ito, Supervising EO
Cortnie Tanaka, Secretary

Excused: None.

Guests: Safieh Fard

Call to Order: **12:50 p.m.** After a roll call confirming that the Board had met quorum, Chair Oliveira Cabbab brought the meeting to order.

Meeting Minutes Review & Approval: A. February 2, 2024: Open Meeting and Executive Session
After Chair Oliveira Cabbab asked other members if they had any changes or corrections, it was motioned by Dr. Pedro, seconded by Vice Chair Ching, and unanimously carried to make non-substantive corrections to the executive session minutes, and to approve the open session minutes with following amendments:

- On page 3:

“He added, since the decision making had not been released from the House Health committee for HB1830, he was unsure if the requests to amend the language to allow applicants to sit for examination on a degree and internship by other testifiers, including the Hawaii Psychological association were accepted.”

- On page 3:
“Vice Chair Oliveira Cabbab was concerned that the language as it was written was not clear and that it should be so that applicants do not believe they can take the exam prior to their postdoctoral experience.”

EO Fernandez requested if the Board could take a brief recess, which Chair Oliveira Cabbab acknowledged.

RECESSED at 1:00 p.m.

RECONVENED at 1:05 p.m.

B. March 8, 2024: Open Meeting and Executive Session

It was motioned by Dr. Stern, seconded by Vice Chair Ching, and unanimously carried to approve the executive session minutes with a non-substantive correction and the open session meeting minutes with the following amendments:

- On page 5:
“EO Fernandez informed the Board that HB1830 was alive and that it had passed through its 3 committees: Health and Homelessness (“HLT”); CPC; and House Finance (“FIN”) committee”.
- On page 6:
“Vice Chair Oliveira Cabbab asked if this process is similar to the process the Board uses to review non-APA programs. She added that the Board would want to see that the internship was an organized sequence of training, and the criteria is laid out nicely, e.g., APPIC standards”.
- On page 6:
“EO Fernandez discussed his experience with developing the provisional license with the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology”.
- On page 7:
“On a motion by Dr. Stern, seconded by Vice Chair Oliveira, the Board unanimously voted to support the intent of HB1830 HD2 and to provide comments”.

Chapter 91, HRS
Adjudicatory
Matters:

In the Matter of the Psychologist’s License of Reuben Lelah, Psy.D.; PSY 2023-11-L Settlement Agreement Prior to filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and the Board’s Final Order.

Chair Oliveira Cabbab called for a recess in order to enter Chapter 91 to review this settlement agreement.

RECESSED at 1:10 p.m.

RECONVENED at 1:21 p.m.

After reconvening the meeting, Chair Oliveira Cabbab announced that the Board voted to accept settlement agreement PSY 2023-11-L, in the matter of the psychologist license of Dr. Reuben Lelah.

Applications:

On a motion by Vice Chair Ching, seconded by Dr. Pedro, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at **1:23 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 **2:23 p.m.**, it was moved by Dr. Stern, seconded by Dr. Pedro, and unanimously carried to return to open session.

TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

Referring back to agenda item # 2C, Chair Oliveira Cabbab announced the Board was deferring review and approval of the May 3, 2024: Open Meeting and Executive Session minutes.

RETURN TO AGENDA ORDER

A. Board Review of Applications for:

Examination

(1) Safieh Fard

On a motion by Dr. Pedro, seconded by Vice Chair Ching, and unanimously carried by members present, the Board voted to deny the application of Dr. Fard for examination, pursuant to:

HRS §465-7(a)(1)(A) and (B)

HRS §465-7(a)(2)(A) and (B)

HAR §16-98-8(b)(1)

HAR §16-98-9(d) and (e)

HAR §16-98-23(a) and (b)

HRS §436B-19(1)

Examination Waiver

(2) Marie Quiton-Buaya
On a motion by Vice Chair Ching, seconded by Dr. Pedro, and unanimously carried by members present, the Board voted to defer the application of Dr. Quiton-Buaya based on her own request to gather additional information.

(3) Breann Martin
On a motion by Vice Chair Ching, seconded by Dr. Stern, and unanimously carried by members present, the Board voted to approve the application of Dr. Martin for licensure by examination waiver.

B. Ratification List

Chair Oliveira Cabbab noted that Dr. Rosemarie Charles, who was included in the ratification list of the agenda, was approved at the Board’s previous meeting and therefore should be removed from the list prior to its ratification.

After removing Dr. Rosemarie Charles from the ratification list, and on a motion by Vice Chair Ching, seconded by Dr. Pedro, and unanimously carried by members present, the Board voted to ratify the following list of individuals for licensure:

PSY-2166	Heather M Nash	National Register
PSY-2167	Mwende Mualuko	National Register
PSY-2168	Stephanie R Salisbury	National Register
PSY-2169	Mindy B Mechanic	CPQ
PSY-2171	Tracey Meyers	Exam Waiver

Board
Administrative
Matters &
Planning:

Chair Oliveira Cabbab opened the conversation to updating Board member assignments, such as the Permitted Interaction Group (“PIG”) regarding rules change and legislative session.

DAG Kim suggested that members consider assigning (2) members to research subjects, so that the use of a PIG is not needed for subject matters not needing them. He added that there are specific statutory purposes for creating a PIG which are strict, and the PIGs are limited in purpose requiring 3 separate meetings to create the PIG, for the PIG to report findings, and then a meeting to address the subject.

Dr. Pedro asked what advantages there are to create a (2) person committee, as opposed to a PIG.

DAG Kim explained that Hawaii sunshine law bars the Board as a whole from speaking outside of meetings. He stated that an ongoing (2) person committee would not have this issue since it was under the maximum allowed by sunshine laws.

After some discussion which provided a brief outline of the rules change process set forth by HRS chapter 91, the Board decided to continue the rules change preparation leading up to its next meeting. Tasks include research and planning, specifically members are encouraged to identify which sections will require updates, and review laws and rules related to the process including sunshine laws. The Board also requested to hear from DAG Kim who will provide a brief overview of the sunshine laws governing member permitted interactions outside of meetings.

Next Meeting: August 30, 2024
12:30 p.m. HST
King Kalakaua Conference Room

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Oliveira Cabbab at **2:54 p.m.**

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Christopher Fernandez
Christopher Fernandez
Executive Officer

/s/ Cortnie Tanaka
Cortnie Tanaka
Secretary

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7/28/24

[] Minutes approved as is.
[X] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of October 18, 2024.