

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 18, 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

Virtual Participation: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar

Recording Link: <https://youtu.be/-lrN-oULEdo?si=l8-sq6-yCxQu2Lcg>

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
Marc Yoshimura, Secretary

Excused: None.

Guests: Richard Ries, Psy.D., M.S.Ed.

Call to Order: 12:50 p.m. After some opening comments providing information on how to participate in the meeting, a roll call confirming that the Board had met quorum, Chair Oliveira Cabbab brought the meeting to order.

Because Dr. Ching was attending remotely, she noted that she was alone with no other person’s 18 years or older present in her room.

Meeting Minutes Review & Approval:

A. Meeting Minutes

After confirming there was no public testimony, and that members had no edits, Chair Oliveira Cabbab called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes as follows:

On a motion by Vice Chair Ching, seconded by Dr. Pedro, the Board unanimously voted to approve the May 3, 2024 open meeting minutes.

On a motion by Dr. Pedro, seconded by, Dr. Stern, the Board unanimously voted to approve the May 3, 2024 executive meeting minutes.

On a motion by Dr. Pedro, seconded by Dr. Stern, the Board unanimously voted to approve the June 7, 2024 open meeting minutes.

On a motion by Vice Chair Ching, seconded by Dr. Pedro, the Board unanimously voted to approve the June 7, 2024 executive meeting minutes.

On a motion by Dr. Stern, seconded by Vice Chair Ching, the Board unanimously voted to approve the August 30, 2024 open meeting minutes.

Applications:

A. Ratification of Approved Applications

After Chair Oliveira Cabbab confirmed not testimony from the public, On a motion by Vice Chair Ching, seconded by Dr. Pedro, and with no objections or abstentions from members present, the Board voted to ratify the following applications:

PSY-2194	Darrin M Aase	ABPP Diplomat
PSY-2195	Arika J Bogunia	Exam Waiver
PSY-2197	Shenell D Evans	National Register
PSY-2198	Magdalene L Lim	Exam Waiver
PSY-2199	Stacy M B Taniguchi	National Register
PSY-2200	Veronica Dillon	Senior Psychologist
PSY-2201	Breann N Martin	Exam Waiver
PSY-2202	Crystal N Gayle	National Register
PSY-2203	Natalie A Ries	Exam
PSY-2204	Elise Michiko Yoshida	National Register
PSY-2205	Daniel A Rodriguez	National Register
PSY-2207	Maria K Petkus	Exam
PSY-2208	Wyatt Massey	Exam
PSY-2209	Jordan Atchinson	Exam
PSY-2210	Matthew Messier	Exam

RICO ACM

Appointments:

After Chair Oliveira Cabbab confirmed that there was no public testimony and after a brief explanation from EO Fernandez about the purpose, the Board held a brief discussion and then on a motion by Dr. Stern, seconded by Vice Chair Ching, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Regulated Industries Complaints Office's Advisory Committee appointee for psychology.

Administrative Rules Change:

After Chair Oliveira Cabbab confirmed there was no public testimony, she introduced the agenda item explaining that the Board was to continue reviewing information used to develop new rules around requirements for licensure, including the exam.

Dr. Pedro asked where the state was with the exam; whether the exam would be 1 or 2 parts.

EO Fernandez explained that the Board has authority to change the exam, but noted that in the administrative rules, there is a section identifying the EPPP exam. He added that the Board may need to complete the rules change for any updates to include a second exam.

Members asked if the part II exam was mandatory now, referring to the newly established EPPP part II praxis exam.

At the time of the meeting the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards ("ASPPB") has maintained that the part II exam is optional, but it was noted that ASPPB is intends to make it mandatory in 2026. It was also noted that ASPPB would be holding a hearing on it soon to decide if they will maintain that the exam is mandatory.

Dr. Stern noted controversy in making the second exam mandatory. He opined that instead of creating a whole new exam that is combination of the two parts, ASPPB decided to keep the first exam and add a second exam. He questioned if monetary reasons played a part.

He also noted the Board may be obligated to change its rules to address the changes from ASPPB.

Members maintained concern for ensuring that it complete any changes to the exam now while doing rule change.

Chair Oliveira Cabbab suggested the Board approach the rules with a scalpel as opposed to just updating every section. She suggested focusing on sections related to license requirements, exam, and provisional licensure. She added that some sections she believes are still in good shape not needing amendments.

Members discussed how to approach the actual drafting of the rules including appointing members to specific subjects, creating a working document to make notes and draft amendments in, and to present the suggested amendments at a Board meeting.

Members then focused on internship requirements and associated national standards.

After some discussion, the Board determined that it wished include language in the rules that would afford the Board authority to assess or at least require proof of meeting certain criteria for an internship. At the time of the meeting the Board has limited authority to assess internship and postdoctoral experience outside of requesting the hours, dates, and license status of the supervisor.

The Board also confirmed that members would like to keep internship hours separate from postdoctoral by requiring a hours in pre-doctoral internship.

EO Fernandez posed a scenario where an applicant, who is licensed in another

state, provides too little of hours of pre-doctoral internship. He added, to no fault of their own, an applicant could not meet requirements.

Dr. Stern suggested the Board tally hours together to reach 3800 hours, with a minimum number of required predoctoral internship hours of 1500. He suggested that this may remedy the issue presented by EO Fernandez, since .

Vice Chair Ching agreed that there should be a minimum pre-doctoral internship hours because an internship is more structured organized training including supervision and didactic training.

Dr. Pedro added other concerns that the Board would need to address in amending requirements, including noting what number of hours of training can be remotely accrued, as well as how to address training that happened at multiple sites.

The Board also considered doctoral degrees that may challenge to the requirements including psychology degrees with emphasis in assessments, but not therapy.

DAG Kim suggested the Board draft rules regarding degree and internship requirements and bring them to the next meeting.

Chair Oliveira Cabbab organized members into two pairs with Dr's Pedro and Stern focused on degree requirements, and Chair and Vice Chair Ching attending to internship requirements.

Dr. Stern asked other members if the training requirements should be reduced from 1900 hours to 1500 hours stating that it may increase access to Hawaii licensure.

Vice Chair Ching asked if increasing access was a goal, feeling that most interested parties know the number of hours they need for licensure.

EO Fernandez asked if internship programs in Hawaii should be contacted about rules change for internship requirements and whether programs would object to a reduction in hours.

Dr. Stern opined they may have already found that 1900 hours is required to properly train in Hawaii.

Dr. Pedro disagreed with a decrease in training hours.

Dr stern added to the conversation concern for cultural competency.

Members agreed it was important, but were unsure how to implement such a requirement.

EO Fernandez reminded members that a bill was introduced 2 years ago that would have established required cultural competency in continuing education. He added that the bill died quickly.

Returning to the subject of internship requirements, Vice Chair Ching voiced her opinion that the Board should not reduce the hours of training. She stated at least not until the Board review the rule making history to find out why 1900 hours was chosen back the statutes was enacted or amended last.

Members agreed.

DAG Kim asked members if they would consider entering Executive Session for him to provide counsel on sunshine law.

On a motion by Dr. Stern, seconded by Vice Chair Ching, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at 2:40 p.m. to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities in accordance with HRS section 92-5(a)(4) to review the executive session minutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:47 p.m., it was moved by Dr. Pedro, seconded by Dr. Stern, and unanimously carried by the Board to return to open session.

Chair Oliveira Cabbab provided notice to the public citing an issue with the agenda as the reason for entering Executive Session to consult with the Board's DAG. She added that the Board was changing its approach to rules changes. She noted that Dr. Stern and herself would be working on rules changes and at the next meeting the Board would select new members to continue the process.

In relation to amending the rules to address national exam changes, the Board made concluding remarks that it would like more information about the current objection to ASPPB's intended mandatory adoption of the EPPP2 exam in all states by Texas and others.

Members noted that they have not had input on the matter.

EO Fernandez reminded members that ASPPPB allows a member of Hawaii's board to attend their national conferences where these matters are addressed.

Next Meeting:

Friday, December 6, 2024
Videoconference Meeting—Zoom Meeting
&
In-person: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
HRH King Kalakaua Building

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned by Chair Oliveira Cabbab at 2:55 p.m.

Taken, recorded, and reviewed by:

/s/ Christopher Fernandez
Christopher Fernandez
Executive Officer

CF:

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

DRAFT