



Examining Board of Psychology Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2023

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Board members present:	Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair Leslie Cohn, Ph.D.* Phillip Hawley, Psy.D. Cedar O'Donnell, Ph.D. Elena Lopez, Psy.D. Ruth Varkovitzky, Ph.D., ABPP, Vice Chair Erin Olson, Ph.D. Jessica Carlile, Ph.D. Vanessa Goosen, Psy.D. Jan Bleakney, Public Member <i>*arrived during item 3 (9:50 a.m.)</i>
Board members absent:	Evan Freedman, Ph.D., ABPP
Staff members present:	Shawna Fox, Director, Office of Health Professions Harold Wright, Jr., Executive Director Nancy Delgado, Program Manager Karen Gohlsen, Program Support Lilia Lopez, Assistant Attorney General Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney Melody Casiano, Policy Analyst Rachel Campbell, Financial Analyst
Guests:	Bill O'Connell, Ed.D., LMHC, NCC, Director, Behavioral Health Support Specialist Clinical Training Program, University of Washington

On January 20, 2023, the Examining Board of Psychology met online via Microsoft Teams. Notice of the meeting was published on the Examining Board of Psychology [profession website](#) and was sent out through the GovDelivery listserv.

Open Session:

1. Opening of Public Meeting – Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair

- 1.1. Call to Order: The chair called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. followed by introductions of board members, department staff, and the Assistant Attorney General.
- 1.2. Approval of the Agenda: *Motion to approve the agenda, seconded, vote 9-0.*
- 1.3. Approval of November 18, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes: *Motion to approve the minutes, seconded, vote 9-0.*

2. Public Comment – Ruth Varkovitzky, Ph.D., ABPP, Vice Chair

- 2.1. Vice Chair Dr. Ruth Varkovitzky read aloud the public comment statement:
“Thank you for taking the time to be with us today. We are eager to hear from you. We typically provide notice to our constituents and other interested parties before taking action on any topic, so we seldom take action on topics unexpectedly raised by the public or others if not on the agenda. While individual board members may ask questions or make comments about your presentation, please be aware that individual board members do not represent the board as a whole and that the subject of your comment may not be acted upon today or in the near future. We will include your comments in our meeting minutes for possible review if the matter you raise is brought up for formal discussion and/or a vote at a subsequent board meeting.”
- 2.2. A member of the public shared their frustration regarding the time it has taken to process her application.
- 2.3. Dr. Slaughter from the Washington State Psychological Association (WSPA) reported on legislation the association was monitoring during the current legislative session.

3. Behavioral Health Support Specialist Training Program – Bill O’Connell, University of Washington

- 3.1. Dr. O’Connell briefed the board on the need for a bachelor’s level behavioral health credential in Washington State.

4. Management Reports - Nancy Delgado, Program Manager

- 4.1. Budget – The board reviewed the budget numbers for December 2022. The current fund balance was \$731,174.
- 4.2. Credentialing Report – The board reviewed the current credentialing statistics as of June 2022. There were currently 3,444 active psychology licenses (392 pending applications) and 241 active temporary permits (82 pending applications). The presentation also included statistics on application processing time by type of application (regular, exception, non-routine, and military).
- 4.3. Program Update – Ms. Delgado announced that four new board members and seven pro tem members were onboarded. The pro tem members will be assisting with non-routine application reviews and disciplinary cases. In addition, she presented non-routine application statistics to the board.

4.4. Policy Analyst Update – Ms. Casiano provided an update on policy statements that were discussed at the previous board meeting (September 30, 2022). [*Use of Telepsychology to Fulfill Experience Requirements during the COVID-19 Declared Emergency*](#) and [*Virtual Supervision for Psychology Internships and Preinternships during the COVID-19 Declared Emergency*](#) were filed with the Code Reviser and published in the Washington State Register.

5. Lists & Labels Requests - Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair

5.1. E Care Behavioral Institute has applied to receive lists and labels to distribute information regarding continuing education offerings. *Motion to approve, seconded, vote 10-0.*

6. CE Indefinite Waiver and Extension Requests - Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair

6.1. There was a request from a retired psychologist to be granted an indefinite waiver. *Motion to approve, seconded, vote 10-0.*

7. Board Officer Elections – Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair

7.1. Vice Chair Dr. Varkovitzky nominated Dr. O’Donnell to serve as chair for the remainder of 2023 and the first meeting of 2024. *Motion to approve, seconded, vote 10-0.* Dr. Lopez nominated Dr. Varkovitzky to be elected vice chair for another year. *Motion to approve, seconded, vote 10-0.*

8. Legislative Update – Nancy Delgado, Program Manager

8.1. Ms. Delgado briefed the board on [HB 1041](#) (Authorizing the prescriptive authority of psychologists).

9. Board Training - Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair

9.1. The board reviewed guidelines for board conduct and the basic functions of the board.

10. Licensure Rules Draft (Supervision Hours) – Nancy Delgado, Program Manager

10.1. Ms. Delgado presented a draft copy of revisions to [Chapter 246-924 WAC](#), which will be distributed for public comment. *Motion to approve the draft language, seconded, vote 10-0.*

11. Subcommittee Work & Reports – Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair

11.1. Subcommittee membership - Updating subcommittee membership was tabled until the March 3, 2023 board meeting.

11.2. Communications Subcommittee – Nothing to report.

11.3. Diversity Workgroup – Dr. Varkovitzky briefed the board on current activities and Drs. Olson and Carlile, who are both new to the board, volunteered to join the workgroup.

11.4. Applications Subcommittee – The subcommittee continues to work on draft licensure rules based on the public comment they have received.

- 11.5. Rules Subcommittee – Membership to be determined once new members are appointed.
- 11.6. Continuing Education Subcommittee - Membership to be determined once new members are appointed.

12. Future Agenda Items – Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair

- Subcommittee appointments (pending the appointment of new board members)
- Application Subcommittee report (ongoing)
- DEI workgroup update (ongoing)
- Ethics training CE (ongoing)
- Technology guidance (HIPAA compliance, recordkeeping, etc.)
- Full administrative rules review
- EBOP-DOH operating agreement update

13. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Submitted by:

Nancy Delgado, Program Manager
Examining Board of Psychology

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Approved by:

Florence Katz Burstein, Chair
Examining Board of Psychology

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