



Examining Board of Psychology Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Board members present:	Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair Ruth Varkovitzky, Ph.D., ABPP, Vice Chair Patience McGinnis, Psy.D. Shari Roberts, Public Member Leslie Cohn, Ph.D. Michelle Giresi, Ph.D. Phillip Hawley, Psy.D. Elena Lopez, Psy.D. Cedar O'Donnell, Ph.D.
Board members absent:	None
Staff members present:	James Chaney, Executive Director Stacey Saunders, Program Director Karen Gohlsen, Program Support Nancy Delgado, Program Support Joyce Roper, Assistant Attorney General Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney Melody Casiano, Policy Analyst Ashley Bell, Behavioral Health Coordinator
Guest presenters:	None

On July 30, 2021, 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 9:01 a.m. Introductions included three new board members: Phillip Hawley, Psy.D., Elena Lopez, Psy.D., and Cedar O'Donnell, Ph.D.
- 1.2. Approval of the Agenda: *Motion to approve the agenda, seconded, vote 9-0.*
- 1.3. Approval of May 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes: *Motion to approve the minutes, seconded, vote 6-0, with three abstentions (new members did not attend previous meeting).*

2. Public Comment – Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair Chair

- 2.1. Florence Katz Burstein read aloud and proposed changing the language to the public comment statement (deleted text indicated by strike-through, added text indicated by underline):
“The board will discuss revising the current statement read aloud to: Thank you for taking the time to ~~present 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. Samantha Slaughter, Psy.D of the Washington State Psychological Association (WSPA) welcomed the new board members and provided an overview of WSPA’s role in working with the board. She added that her work was currently focused on providing information to help those with questions and concerns about transitioning back to an office setting.

3. Land Acknowledgement – Stacey Saunders, Program Director

- 3.1. Program Director Stacey Saunders lead the discussion on the option to include at meetings an acknowledgement that the land we use belonged to indigenous peoples. Michelle Giresi, Shari Roberts, and Ruth Varkovitzky volunteered to work with the program director to draft the language to be presented at the next board meeting on September 17, 2021.

4. Application Subcommittee—Stacey Saunders, Program Director

- 4.1. Non-routine application review - The board was presented with and discussed draft guidelines on how to review non-routine applications. The vote to adopt the guidelines has been tabled until the next meeting to allow board members additional time to review and submit any comments they may have.

- 4.2. Administrative rule revision – The board was presented with a draft CR-101 to consider. The CR-101 proposes an effort toward amending the requirements for licensure for consistency with the American Psychology Association (APA) and other accreditation standards, to address new national examination options, and to address concerns with minimum competency standard. The board may also consider updates and housekeeping changes to clarify and streamline Chapter 246-924 WAC. *Motion to approve the draft language and authorize the filing of the CR-101, seconded, vote 9-0.*
- 4.3. Policy statement – The board was presented with a draft policy statement clarifying its interpretation of what constitutes “one continuous year of full-time residency” and “face-to-face educational meetings” under WAC 246-924-046(5). *Motion to approve the policy statement “Residency Requirement for Doctoral Programs”, seconded, vote 9-0.*
- 4.4. Documentation for Seasoned Psychologists in Non-Substantially Equivalent States – The board was presented with a proposal to grant the credentialing unit delegated authority to approve applications from psychologists licensed at least two years in a non-substantially equivalent state, if that state meets the same standards for delegated authority of routine applications from first-time applications (graduation from an APA doctoral program, completion of an APA internship, and no other concerns or deficiencies with application). *Motion to approve proposal, seconded, vote 9-0.*

5. 2022 Meeting Dates – Stacey Saunders, Program Director

- 5.1. The board discussed meeting options for 2022. Locations will be determined by DOH in the future due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic. The dates for 2022 are:

January 7, 2022	July 22, 2022
March 4, 2022	Sept 30, 2022
May 6, 2022	Nov 18, 2022

Motion to approve the meeting dates with locations to be determined by DOH at a later date, seconded, vote 9-0.

6. Timing and Instructors for Board Refresher Training – Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair

- 6.1. Chair Florence Katz Burstein briefed the board on roles and responsibilities. Decisions regarding topics to be covered and who will be providing the training at future board meetings have been tabled until a future meeting.

7. ASPPB Annual Meeting – Stacey Saunders, Program Director

- 7.1. The board discussed the 2021 ASPPB virtual annual meeting scheduled for October 15-16, 2021 and who will be attending. There is also a request for the board to present at the meeting. Phillip Hawley, Psy.D., Patience McGinnis, Psy.D., and Chair Florence Katz Burstein have volunteered to attend.

8. Subcommittee Assignments – Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair

The board discussed filling the vacancies on the rules, continuing education, and applications subcommittees.

- 8.1. The rules subcommittee has one vacancy. However, the subcommittee is not currently meeting as the review of the psychology WAC has been put on hold. There is no need to add an additional member to the subcommittee at the present time.
- 8.2. The continuing education subcommittee has one vacancy and is not currently meeting as there are no outstanding continuing education issues. There is no need to add an additional member to the subcommittee at the present time.
- 8.3. The applications subcommittee has one vacancy. Cedar O'Donnell, Ph.D. volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

9. Rules Update - Melody Casiano, Policy Analyst

- 9.1. Revised Policy Statement on Partial Credit for Supervised Experience Hours – Policy Analyst Melody Casiano asked for the board's approval of the revised policy statement "Application of Supervised Experience Hours for Applicants of a Psychologist License", which spells out the board's position that if a block of supervised experience hours does not meet all applicable requirements in the rules, partial credit will be given for those hours that do meet requirements. *Motion to adopt the statement as written, seconded, vote 9-0.*
- 9.2. Equity Continuing Education (CE) implementation plan – Policy Analyst Melody Casiano briefed the board on the timeline for implementing [ESSB 5229](#), which requires the following: "By January 1, 2024, the rule-making authority for each health profession licensed under Title 18 RCW subject to continuing education requirements must adopt rules requiring a licensee to complete health equity continuing education training at least once every four years.". There will be an agencywide CR-101 issued sometime this fall to initiate the rulemaking process creating model rules that establish minimum standards for health equity CE programs. She anticipates development of CE standards to begin by spring 2022 and the draft language created sometime in the summer of 2022. The board would need to begin revising its continuing education rules in early 2023 in order to complete rulemaking by the statutory deadline of January 1, 2024. DOH will need to adopt model rules by January 1st, 2023, while individual professions must adopt rules on health equity CE by January 1, 2024.

10. Board-Provided Ethics CE - James Chaney, Executive Director

- 10.1. Executive Director James Chaney led the discussion regarding the ethics training session, which is offered every other year by the board. The board has decided to hold the ethics training for continuing education credit on October 19th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and to be attended by two professional members (Patience McGinnis and Michelle Giresi) and two public members (Chair Florence Katz Burstein and Shari Roberts). *Motion to approve the ethics training date, seconded, vote 9-0.*

11. Assistant Attorney General Update - AAG Joyce Roper

- 11.1. AAG Joyce Roper briefed the board on guidelines for practicing telepsychology and asked the board to vote on their adoption. *Motion to adopt the telepsychology guidelines as written, seconded, vote 9-0.*
- 11.2. AAG Joyce Roper asked the board for direction on temporary practice permits. It had been previously determined that an emergency rule regarding the issuance of a temporary practice permit to professionals located in states that were deemed to not be substantially equivalent was counter to the RCW language and could not move forward. The board concluded that unless the RCW can be amended, they cannot change the rule.

12. Management Reports – DOH Staff

- 12.1. Program Update—Program Director Stacey Saunders informed the board that there are multiple non-routine applications to review and she would be distributing those to board members. The three new members will be assigned a mentor to support them in the review of applications.
- 12.2. Policy Analyst Update – Policy Analyst Melody Casiano had nothing to report.

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

- 13.1. The communications subcommittee presented the 2021 newsletter to the board for review and approval. The newsletter will be distributed via GovDelivery and posted to the [DOH psychology website](#). *Motion to approve the distribution of the 2021 newsletter, seconded, vote 9-0.*

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

- 14.1. The board received a request from Edwards Psychotherapy to offer continuing education opportunities for mental health professionals in emotion-focused therapy. *Motion to approve, seconded, vote 9-0.*
- 14.2. The board received a request from R. Cassidy Seminars to mail brochures continuing education events for mental health professionals. *Motion to approve, seconded, vote 9-0.*
- 14.3. The board received a request from TalkPath Live to offer employment opportunities to therapists licensed in various disciplines. *Motion to reject request, seconded, vote 9-0.*

15. Requests for Continuing Education Waivers & Extensions - Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair

There were no requests for continuing education waivers or extensions.

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

- 16.1. Stakeholder engagement plan for upcoming administrative rule revisions (September)
- 16.2. Board refresher training
- 16.3. Update on the WSPA prescription privilege committee
- 16.4. APA accreditation standards presentation (September)
- 16.5. EPPP2 presentation (September)

17. Follow-Up on Remaining Topics from Previous Meetings - Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair

No topics were discussed.

18. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Submitted by:

Stacey Saunders, Program Director
Examining Board of Psychology

Approved by:

Florence Katz Burstein, Chair
Examining Board of Psychology

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