



Examining Board of Psychology Meeting Minutes

November 5, 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 Lilia Lopez, Assistant Attorney General Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney Melody Casiano, Policy Analyst Ashley Bell, Behavioral Health Coordinator
Guests:	David Shearer, Ph.D., Washington State Psychological Association Steven Curtis, Ph.D., Washington State Psychological Association Samantha Slaughter, Psy.D., Washington State Psychological Association Melanie Smith, Washington State Psychological Association

On November 5, 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 9:03 a.m. followed by introductions of board members, DOH staff, and the AAG.
- 1.2. Approval of the Agenda: *Motion to approve the agenda, seconded, vote 9-0.*
- 1.3. Approval of September 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes: *Motion to approve the minutes, seconded, vote 9-0.*

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

- 2.1. Florence Katz Burstein 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. Samantha Slaughter, Psy.D. of the Washington State Psychological Association (WSPA) reported that the American Psychological Association is moving forward with a master’s in clinical psych accreditation. She anticipates that occurring sometime in the next three to five years and requested the board add the topic to a future meeting agenda.

3. Prescriptive Authority, Washington State Psychological Association (WSPA)

- 3.1. Representatives from WSPA briefed the board on prescriptive authority, including intent to file a legislative bill in upcoming session. The board will wait until the bill is filed and reviewed before deciding whether to take any stance.

4. Board Training, Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney

- 4.1. Supervising Staff Attorney Bill Kellington presented on the DOH disciplinary process as per the Uniform Disciplinary Act ([18.130 RCW](#)).

5. Application Subcommittee—Leslie Cohn, Ph.D.

- 5.1. Board member Leslie Cohn, Ph.D. briefed the board on the subcommittee’s activities. The subcommittee reviewed the application and recommended changes. The subcommittee recommended the following time limits for applications:
 - i) One year from date application is received to submit all supporting documents. If an application is reviewed and found deficient, the application will have one year from

date of deficiency notice to provide additional information for a second review. Extension requests will be reviewed by the board, similar to requests for continuing education extensions.

- ii) Upon approval to take the EPPP, the applicant will be given two years to pass the EPPP exam.
- iii) If an applicant applies prior to a doctoral degree being conferred, the application will be denied and the applicant may reapply after the degree is conferred.

Motion to approve the recommendations from the subcommittee, seconded, vote 9-0.

6. Executive Session – Discussion of Public Member 2022 Vacancy

- 6.1. Prior to breaking into session, the board discussed the application process and deadlines. Two of the four applications were submitted after the recruitment had already closed. Chair Florence Katz Burstein announced that the board would be entering executive session and would reconvene the public meeting at 12:20 p.m.
- 6.2. The board broke into an executive session to review individual applicants at 11:58 a.m. and closed the session at 12:20 p.m.
- 6.3. The board resolved to reopen the recruitment, in conjunction with the governor’s office, to increase the applicant pool. *Motion to open the recruitment process, seconded, vote 9-0.*

7. Land Acknowledgement – Ruth Varkovitzky, Ph.D. ABPP, Vice Chair

- 7.1. Vice Chair Ruth Varkovitzky, Ph.D., ABPP, provided an update on the Land Acknowledgment project and discussion of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) focus of the board. She added that more research would be needed and will update the board at a future date.

8. Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board (ASPPB) Annual Meeting, Florence Katz Burstein, Chair; Patience McGinnis, Psy.D., and Philip Hawley, Psy.D.

- 8.1. Chair Florence Katz Burstein briefed the board on the two-day meeting, which took place virtually on October 15-16, 2021.

9. Board-Provided Ethics CE – Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair; James Chaney, Executive Director

- 9.1. The board discussed the ethics continuing education course planned for November 9, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

10. Assistant Attorney General Update - AAG Lilia Lopez

- 10.1. AAG Lilia Lopez is temporarily supporting the board due to the retirement of AAG Joyce Roper. She hopes to have a new AAG assigned to the board by the end of the year.

11. Management Reports – DOH Staff

- 11.1. Credentialing Report – The board reviewed the latest credentialing report.
- 11.2. Program Update – Executive Director James Chaney explained the state of Washington’s vaccine mandate for state employees does not extend to board members at this time. There was also a discussion regarding the backlog of temporary permit applications, in large part due to out of state psychologists looking to provide telehealth to patients residing in Washington.
- 11.3. Policy Analyst Update – Policy Analyst Melody Casiano had nothing to report.

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

- 12.1. There were no subcommittee reports.

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

- 13.1. There were no requests for lists and labels.

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

- 14.1. There were two requests for continuing education extensions:
 - Request #1: Motion to extend CE deadline for six months, seconded, vote 9-0.
 - Request #2: Motion to waive CE indefinitely (active-retired), seconded, vote 9-0.

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

- 15.1. Land acknowledgement
- 15.2. Public member recruitment recommendations
- 15.3. Ethics training for CE recap and discussion
- 15.4. Administrative rules workshop (early 2022 meeting)
- 15.5. AAG board refresher training on board responsibilities (January 2022 meeting)
- 15.6. Application Subcommittee recommendations regarding updated APA-accreditation standards
- 15.7. 2022 legislation of interest
- 15.8. WAC revisions regarding telehealth

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

- 16.1. No topics were discussed.

17. Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

Submitted by:
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Approved by:
Florence Katz Burstein, Chair
Examining Board of Psychology

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