



## **Examining Board of Psychology Meeting Minutes**

**May 6, 2022**

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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Board members present: Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair  
Patience McGinnis, Psy.D.  
Leslie Cohn, Ph.D.  
Phillip Hawley, Psy.D.  
Cedar O'Donnell, Ph.D.

Board members absent: Elena Lopez, Psy.D.  
Ruth Varkovitzky, Ph.D., ABPP, Vice Chair  
Michelle Brandon, Ph.D.

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 Consultant  
Tiffany Drake, Credentialing Supervisor

Guests: Janet Orwig, MBA, CAE, PSYPACT Executive  
Director, ASPPB

On May 6, 2022, 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 9:23 a.m. followed by introductions of board members, department staff, and the Assistant Attorney General.
- 1.2. Approval of the Agenda: There was a request to change the agenda order to accommodate a scheduling conflict. It was decided to move item 9.4 (WSPA Rules Petition) to occur after item 4 (Board Member Discussion) to ensure there would be a quorum for the vote. *Motion to approve the agenda as revised, seconded, vote 5-0.*
- 1.3. Approval of February 7, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes: *Motion to approve the minutes, seconded, vote 5-0.*
- 1.4. Approval of March 4, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes: *Motion to approve the minutes, seconded, vote 5-0.*

### 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. There was no comment from the public

### 3. PSYPACT Presentation and Implementation

- 3.1. PSYPACT Presentation - Janet Orwig, PSYPACT Executive Director, Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)  
Janet Orwig presented an overview of [PSYPACT](#) and answered board members’ questions.
- 3.2. PSYPACT Implementation - Melody Casiano, Policy Analyst  
Policy Analyst Melody Casiano briefed the board on the implementation of [HB 1286 \(Adopting the psychology interjurisdictional compact\)](#). The adopted legislation was very similar to the original language of the compact, with the exception that the legislature authorizes the department and the board to adopt rules and requires that the department provide written notice of the effective date (June 9, 2022) to affected parties (licensees, government agencies, the legislature, etc.). Staff Attorney Bill Kellington added that there would need to be a mechanism added to the disciplinary process to track PSYPACT cases and requested assistance from staff in getting that set up.

- 3.3. PSYPACT Commissioner Designation - Florence Katz Burstein, Chair  
The compact requires that a member of the board be appointed to serve on the PSYPACT Commission, which is the governing body for the compact. The board opted to appoint an interim commissioner to attend the commission meeting in July and report back. A permanent commissioner will be voted on at the next meeting when there are more board members present. Board member Leslie Cohn volunteered to be the interim commissioner and no other nominations were put forth. *Motion to approve Leslie Cohn as the interim commissioner, seconded, vote 5-0.*

#### **4. Board Membership - Florence Katz Burstein, Chair**

- 4.1. Chair Florence Katz Burstein led the discussion regarding the appointment for the public member vacancy (pending appointment from the governor's office). Executive Director James Chaney also added that [SSB 5753](#) was signed into law and will go into effect June 9, 2022. This bill will add two additional professional members to the board and will increase board member compensation to \$250/day. Recruitment for the two new members will get underway soon by DOH staff.

#### **5. Proposed Changes to Licensure Requirements – Leslie Cohn, Ph.D.**

- 5.1. The application subcommittee presented their preliminary recommended licensure requirement changes to the board for consideration and future stakeholder input. It was recommended that the board open several sections within [Chapter 246-924 WAC](#) to propose the following changes: limiting licensure to individuals from APA-, CPA-, or PCSAS-accredited programs and eliminating the preinternship requirement and replacing that with a post-doctorate requirement. *Motion to approve opening the rules and proposing changes per the recommendations from the subcommittee, seconded, vote 5-0.*

#### **6. ASPPB 2022 Mid-Year Meeting Report - Cedar O'Donnell, Ph.D.**

- 6.1. Board member Cedar O'Donnell shared highlights from the meeting that was held in April in New Orleans (Board member Leslie Cohn and Executive Director James Chaney also attended). Topics included masters-level licensure, barriers to licensure, board composition (professional/public member ratio), North America-wide standards for licensure, EPPP2, and telehealth.

#### **7. 2022 Legislative Session Update—James Chaney, Executive Director**

- 7.1. Executive Director James Chaney briefed the board on the implementation of [SSB 5753 \(Increasing board and commission capacities\)](#) and goes into effect June 9, 2022. There are no rule changes required, however the board will be recruiting for two additional professional members and compensation for board business will be increased to \$250/day.

## **8. Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Update - AAG Lilia Lopez**

- 8.1. AAG Lilia Lopez briefed the board on the changes to the Open Public Meetings Act ([ESHB 1329](#)) and how that impacts board meetings. A decision from the board was requested regarding a section that was amended that gives the board the option to meet virtually (provided the public has access) during a proclaimed state of emergency as a safety precaution. *Motion to continue to meet virtually for the remaining 2022 meetings or until the state of emergency is lifted by the governor, seconded, vote 5-0.*

## **9. Management Reports – DOH Staff**

- 9.1. Budget Report – The board reviewed the latest budget numbers to the board. The current fund balance as of March 2022 is \$922,440. The board also discussed the need for an additional fee for those participating in the PSYPACT compact.
- 9.2. Credentialing Report – The board reviewed the current credentialing statistics. There are currently 3,366 active psychology licenses (394 pending applications) and 410 active temporary permits (53 pending applications).
- 9.3. Program Update – Nancy Delgado will be replacing Stacey Saunders as the program manager for psychology effective May 16, 2022. It was also announced that there will now be a new email address for licensure inquiries ([psychology@doh.wa.gov](mailto:psychology@doh.wa.gov)).
- 9.4. Policy Analyst Update – Policy Analyst Melody Casiano had two updates for the board. The policy statements that were voted on at the previous meeting have been filed with the Office of the Code Reviser.

## **10. Subcommittee Work & Reports – Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair**

- 10.1. There were no updates from the subcommittees.

## **11. Requests for Lists & Labels - Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair**

- 11.1. The IMA Group is a staffing agency and does not fit the definition of a professional association or an educational group. *Motion to deny the request, seconded, vote 5-0.*

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

- 12.1. The board received one request for a continuing education deadline extension due to illness. *Motion to extend the deadline to December 31, 2022, seconded, vote 5-0.*

## **13. Future Agenda Items – Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair**

- PSYPACT commissioner appointment (July meeting)
- Application Subcommittee report (ongoing)
- Professional member recruitment ranking (July meeting)
- Fees related to PSYPACT
- 2023 meeting dates (July meeting)

- DEI workgroup update (ongoing)
- WAC revisions regarding telehealth
- Ethics training CE (ongoing)
- Disciplinary process reform
- Presentation on guidelines for communicating with clients via text messaging
- Operating Agreement
- Rules workshop
- Industrial/organizational psychology

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

14.1. No topics were discussed.

**15. Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

**Submitted by:**

Nancy Delgado, Program Manager  
Examining Board of Psychology

**Approved by:**

Florence Katz Burstein, Chair  
Examining Board of Psychology

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