



## Examining Board of Psychology Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2022

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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Board members present:	Florence Katz Burstein, Public Member, Chair Patience McGinnis, Psy.D.* Shari Roberts, Public Member Leslie Cohn, Ph.D. Phillip Hawley, Psy.D. Elena Lopez, Psy.D. Cedar O'Donnell, Ph.D.**  <i>*arrived after item #4 (9:37 a.m.)</i> <i>**attended sporadically and only participated in the vote for item 5.1</i>
Board members absent:	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 Jeff Orwig, Financial Manager
Guests:	None

On March 4, 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 9:05 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 5-0.*
- 1.3. Approval of January 7, 2022 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. Kenneth Cole, Psy.D., a representative of the Washington State Psychological Association (WSPA), had nothing new to report.
- 2.3. Stephen Feldman, J.D., Ph.D., who is an attorney representing WSPA, presented a proposal to amend the rules to extend the range of sanctions available to the board. Dr. Feldman agreed to waive the normal timeline to respond to a rules petition to allow the board to address the proposal and decide on a course of action at the next board meeting on May 6, 2022.

### 3. Rules Workshop - Florence Katz Burstein, Chair

- 3.1. Chair Florence Katz Burstein presented the [CR-101](#) that was filed on January 27, 2022 to open the administrative rules governing licensure requirements. There were no public comments.

### 4. Board Discussion of Processes - Florence Katz Burstein, Chair

- 4.1. Chair Florence Katz Burstein led the discussion regarding best practices and efficiencies for board activities, including process improvement for reviewing non-routine applications. To allow board members sufficient time to review each non-routine application, assignments will be at least two weeks apart. The board also requested department staff request additional information from applicants prior to sending forward to the board, and applicants can either provide the requested documents or request the board review their application as-is.

## **5. Update on Interpretive Statements and HB 1551 Implementation - Melody Casiano, Policy Analyst**

- 5.1. Policy Analyst Melody Casiano presented two draft interpretive statements to the board and asked for comment and a vote. *Requirements for Educational Meetings Completed in Lieu of Doctoral Residency* clarifies that graduates of online/hybrid programs do not have one continuous year of full-time residency at the institution granting the doctoral degree under [WAC 246-924-046\(5\)](#). *Supplemental Information Requirement for Applicants from Hybrid or Online Graduate Programs* clarifies what supplemental information is needed from applicants that complete educational meetings in lieu of residency under [WAC 246-924-046\(5\)](#), including activities that do not count towards the 750 hours. Chair Florence Katz Burstein suggested an addition to the fifth bullet on the second page of the first statement to read “Activities such as library orientation or writing skills, which are intended to teach or improve basic skills *and do not substantially relate to or focus on a doctoral psychology curriculum preparing students for licensure as an independently practicing clinical psychologist.*” *Motion to approve the interpretive statements with the suggested addition, seconded, vote 7-0.*
- 5.2. As a result of the passage of [HB 1551 \(Modernizing the control of certain communicable diseases\)](#) in 2020, the requirement for HIV/AIDS training was repealed. However, Policy Analyst Melody Casiano noted that the requirement was never removed from [WAC 246-924-493\(4c\)](#), which pertains to probationary licenses. The board has opted for expedited rulemaking, which shortens the rulemaking process and includes a written comment period of 45 days. *Motion to start the rulemaking process as specified, seconded, vote 6-0.*

## **6. ASPPB 2022 Mid-Year Meeting - James Chaney, Executive Director**

- 6.1. The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) will take place April 21-24, 2022 in New Orleans. The board will be sending members Leslie Cohn, Ph.D., and Cedar O’Donnell, Psy.D. as well as Executive Director James Chaney. *Motion to send two board members and one DOH staff member to the meeting, seconded, vote 6-0.*

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

- 7.1. Executive Director James Chaney provided an update on the three bills of interest to the board and the psychology profession.
  - [SHB 1286 \(Adopting the psychology interjurisdictional compact\)](#) - the bill has passed both houses of the legislature and is expected to be signed by the governor.
  - [HB 1863 \(Authorizing the prescriptive authority of psychologists\)](#) - the bill is not expected to pass.
  - [SSB 5753 \(Increasing board and commission capacities\)](#) - the bill is expected to pass.

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

- 8.1. AAG Lilia Lopez reported that her office is still in the process of assigning a new assistant attorney general to the board after the retirement of the previous AAG. She will continue to attend board meetings until that time.

## **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 January 2022 is \$977,522.
- 9.2. Credentialing Report – The board reviewed the current credentialing statistics. There are currently 3,329 active psychology licenses, 405 pending applications, 585 active temporary permits, and 60 pending temporary permit requests.
- 9.3. Program Update – The board approved Program Director Stacey Saunders participating in an ASPPB work group with ASPPB on equivalency standards for non-APA doctoral programs.
- 9.4. Policy Analyst Update – Policy Analyst Melody Casiano had nothing to report.

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

- 10.1. Board member Philip Hawley, Psy.D., in anticipation of the expected passage of SSB 5753 that will add two professional members to the board, reported that the Diversity and Inclusion (DI) workgroup is interested in participating in the recruitment process.
- 10.2. Board member Leslie Cohn, Ph.D. provided an update for the Applications Subcommittee. They are still reviewing the administrative rules and plan to have recommendations to present at the next meeting on May 6, 2022.

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

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

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

There were no requests for continuing education waivers or extensions.

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

- ASPPB Mid-Year Meeting Summary (May meeting)
- Application Subcommittee recommendations on licensure requirements (May meeting)
- Legislative update on passed bills impacting psychology (May meeting)
- Rules petition regarding streamlining board sanctions
- Public member appointment update
- DEI workgroup update
- WAC revisions regarding telehealth

- Ethics training CE
- Presentation on guidelines for communicating with clients via text messaging
- Operating Agreement
- Full administrative rule chapter review
- 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 11:57 a.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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