



**EXAMINING BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**March 28, 2013**

**LOCATION:** **This meeting was held via phone.**  
**The physical meeting address was:**  
Department of Health  
111 Israel Road  
Town Center Two, Room 124  
Tumwater, WA 98501

**BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT:** Thomas Wall, Ph.D., Chair  
Timothy Cahn, Ph. D., Vice-Chair  
Decky Fiedler, Ph.D.  
Ray Harry, Public Member  
Janet Look, Ed.D.  
Shari Roberts, Public Member  
David Stewart, Ph.D.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jorge Torres-Saenz, Psy.D.  
Christine Guzzardo, Ph.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Betty J. Moe, Program Manager

**AAG PRESENT:** Mark Calkins, Assistant Attorney General

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Heather Soares  
Nathan Corduan, Psy.D., Chief Psychologists, Frontier  
Behavioral Health

*On March 28, 2013, the Examining Board of Psychology (Board) met via phone. The physical address of the meeting was the Department of Health, Town Center Two, Room 124, 111 Israel Road SE, Tumwater, WA 98501. Notice of the meeting was published on the [website](#). Notice was sent to the Listserv.*

## **OPEN SESSION – 8:00 a.m.**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER – Thomas Wall, Ph.D., Chair**

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Dr. Wall, Chair – Role call was taken to identify meeting participants.

#### **1.1 Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved as written.

### **2. STATE REVIEWS –** The members of the Examining Board of Psychology reviewed the following states to determine whether the licensing requirements for the licensure or certification of psychologists in the state are equivalent to the licensing requirements under [RCW 18.83](#) and [WAC 246-924](#).

**California** – The Board reviewed the licensing requirements for the State of California. Dr. Stewart began the discussion with concerns that the California licensing laws did not require an internship, or practicum, and allowed for all of the supervised hours to be completed post-doctoral. For this reason Dr. Stewart believes the licensing laws and regulations in California are not equivalent to those in Washington State as doctoral clinical training is not required in California in the form of practicum or internship.

Dr. Cahn questioned if a determination of non equivalency would prohibit a California state licensed psychologist from obtaining a temporary permit. Ms. Moe indicated that it would, applications could still apply for full licensure through the licensure by examination process, but would not qualify for licensure through endorsement, or a temporary permit.

Dr. Cahn expressed concerns about creating additional barriers to licensure, when the legislature focused on decreasing barriers.

Mr. Calkins shared that the statute requires the Board to make a determination on equivalency, and in order to prevent inconsistent decisions the Board as a whole needs to make recommendations on equivalency.

Mr. Calkins stated that some state may require the total number of hours to be equivalent, but may not require the same sort of breakdown, for example, the 1,500 hours in an internship and 300 hours in a practicum. The Board needs to determine how to review the equivalence in a consistent manner.

Dr. Cahn expressed that his concerns are not around endorsement, because there is another avenue to licensure, but there is only one route to obtaining a temporary permit. Determining that California is not equivalent would prevent well-trained psychologists from providing forensic evaluations or providing any expert related work in this state.

Dr. Cahn asked what has been done with these applications in the past. Ms. Moe shared that under the Boards delegation, the applications were routinely approved; however in the process of updating the application it was determined that the statute requires the Board to make the equivalency determination. The Board is now working on determining equivalency.

Mr. Calkins shared that the Board does not have to continue the old practice, and now that they are aware need to make equivalency determination as a Board.

Dr. Corduan asked what is happening with the applications that are in limbo. Mr. Calkins responded that all individual applications are placed on hold while the Board determines the state equivalency.

Dr. Stewart made the following motion,

“The Board finds that the licensing laws and regulations in California are not equivalent to those in Washington State. We find, doctoral clinical training is not required in California in the form of practicum or internship. WAC 246-924-049 and WAC 246-924-056 state that the internship is a required element of a qualifying doctoral program and that the internship meets certain structural, content and hours requirements. We find that none of these requirements are present in the California laws and regulations.”

Dr. Cahn expressed that he still has discomfort creating additional barriers to licensure.

The Board was seconded. The motion passed 6-0. Dr. Cahn abstained.

**Minnesota** – The Board reviewed the licensing requirements for the State of Minnesota. A motion was made to approve Minnesota as equivalent to Washington. Motion approved (7-0).

Dr. Fiedler left the call.

**Utah** – The Board reviewed the licensing requirements for the State of Utah which include an internship as part of 4,000 hours. The Board considered a motion to approve Utah as equivalent to Washington. Motion approved (6-0).

### 3. ADJOURNMENT

**9:01 a.m.**

Submitted by:  
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Betty J. Moe, Program Manager  
Examining Board of Psychology

Approved by:  
Signature on File

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Thomas Wall, Ph.D., Chair  
Examining Board of Psychology

<b>Future Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Future Tentative Hearing Dates:</b>	<b>Future Exam Dates:</b>
May 17, 2013-Spokane The Davenport, Lusso Hotel Florentine Room 808 West Sprague Avenue, Spokane, WA 99201	April 5, 2013	March 8, 2013
July 19, 2013-Kent	June 7, 2013	April 12, 2013
September 20, 2013 Department of Health Town Center 2, Room 158 111 Israel Road SE Tumwater	August 9, 2013	May 10, 2013
November 15, 2013 - Kent	October 4, 2013	June 14, 2013
	December 6, 2013	July 12, 2013
		August 16, 2013
		September 13, 2013
		October 11, 2013
		November 8, 2013
		December 13, 2013