

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Board Minutes
February 10, 2021**

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Chair Deb Stidham at 8:00 a.m.

I. Roll Call.

Board Members. Members present by Zoom: David Anderson, Mary Jones, Jacqueline Lightcap, Johnna Norton, Bruce Nystrom, Andrea Perdomo-Morales, Leslie Sewester, Danielle Johnson, Deb Stidham, Ric Steele, Carolyn Szafran and Laura Shaughnessy.

II. BSRB Staff. Staff present by Zoom: David Fye, Leslie Allen, Janet Arndt, Laine Barnard, Jane Weiler, Cindy D’Ercole and Ashley VanBuskirk.

III. Guests.

IV. Agenda Approval. Deb Stidham approved the agenda.

V. Review of Legislation. David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, discussed four different bills that were posted to the Legislature’s website that are open for consideration by the legislature: HB 2206, relating to telemedicine; HB 2207, concerning the prohibition of conversion therapy to minors; HB 2208, the bill with statutory changes for licensees that was requested by the Board of the BSRB; and HB 2209, a bill concerning Psypact in Kansas. Ric Steele, Chair of the Licensed Psychology Advisory Committee, noted the Advisory Committee met on February 9, 2021, and discussed HB 2209. Ric noted the Advisory Committee discussed concerns regarding how complaints and disciplinary actions would be handled under Psypact and the lack of clarity on the financial impact HB 2209 on the BSRB, should the bill pass. The Advisory Committee voted to recommend to the full Board that opponent testimony be provided at the bill hearing on HB 2209, noting the concerns raised and requesting that the bill be tabled during the 2021 Legislative session, so that the advocates for the bill would have more time to work with the BSRB on a Kansas specific bill. The Board discussed HB 2209 and discussed providing opponent testimony at the bill hearing on HB 2209. In the discussion, it was noted that the BSRB was not opposed to out-of-state providers practicing in Kansas, but would request the bill be tabled for the 2021 Legislative session, to allow more time for the advocates to work with the Advisory Committee and Board to work on a bill that accomplishes the advocates’ objectives while also ensure adequate protection for the public. The Board voted for the Executive Director to submit opponent testimony on behalf of the Board at the bill hearing on HB 2209, noting the discussion on the bill and the recommendation that the bill be tabled for this Legislative session. Bruce Nystrom voted to oppose the motion. The motion passed by majority vote.

VI. Adjourn. Mary Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting. David Anderson seconded. The motion passed.