

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board  
Board Minutes  
April 2, 2021**

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Chair Deb Stidham at 12:00 p.m.

**I. Roll Call**

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

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

**Guests.** None.

**II. Agenda Approval**

- Mary Jones moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the discussion of emergency disaster declaration extension. Carolyn Szafran seconded. The motion passed.

**III. Consideration of Possible Amendments for HB 2209**

- David Fye, Executive Director for the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board, discussed HB 2209, legislation concerning the multi-state compact for licensed psychologists known as Psypact. The Executive Director noted that following the Board’s last discussion of Psypact, he reached out to different states that participate in Psypact to learn information concerning the costs to those states, how those states deal with the topic of consumers filing complaints against out-of-state practitioners, investigations on out-of-state practitioners under Psypact, and what other states have needed to change in their regulatory process to implement the compact. The Executive Director noted that under Psypact, the state (BSRB) would be imposed a yearly assessment (by Psypact) of \$10 per Licensed Psychologist who chooses to practice in Psypact and lists Kansas as that provider’s home state. The Executive Director noted that representatives from the Kansas Psychological Association (KPA) who testified at the hearings for Psypact and advocated for Psypact had provided language for an amendment for the Board of the BSRB to consider. The amendment would allow the BSRB to charge a fee, up to \$25, at the time of licensure or license renewal, to any Licensed Psychologist who chooses to participate in Psypact and who lists Kansas as that provider’s home state. Members of the Board expressed positive remarks concerning the language and appreciated the assistance of representatives the KPA to work with the Board to resolve this issue. The Board noted its’ support of the language and encouraged the Executive Director to work with the KPA advocates to attempt to have this language added to the bill. The Executive Director noted that HB 2209 was voted favorably out of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, so while it was possible that an amendment could be added on the Senate floor, it was more likely that an amendment like this could be added to the bill in the

conference committee process.

**IV. Disaster Declaration Discussion**

- On April 1, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order 21-09, which extended the provision in prior executive orders to not expire occupational licenses until May 28, 2021, or the end of the state of emergency, whichever is earlier. The Executive Director noted that the new timeframe has been posted to the BSRB webpage for licensees.

**V. Discussion of Fall 2021 Board Member Retreat**

- The Board discussed options for dates and locations for the fall 2021 Board member retreat. The Board chose Kansas City for the location and decided that the retreat should take place from September 26-27, 2021.

**VI. Adjourn.** Leslie Sewester motioned to adjourn. Carolyn Szafran seconded. The motion passed.