

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
LICENSED PSYCHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 11, 2024**

DRAFT Minutes

- I. Call to Order.** Richard Nobles, Chair of the Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Committee Members. Advisory Committee members present by Zoom were Linda Heitzman-Powell, David Stevens, Matthew Guelker, Tiffany Johnson, Jay Middleton, Edward Hunter, Mark Goodman, and Doug Wright were present via Zoom.

BSRB Staff. David Fye and Leslie Allen were present via Zoom.

- II. Agenda Approval.** Linda Heitzman-Powell moved to approve the agenda, Matt Guelker. seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Public Comment.** Representatives from Fielding Graduate University, including Dr. David W. Hollingsworth, Director of Clinical Training, and Dr. Connie Veazey, Program Director for Clinical Psychology, provided public comment on educational requirements for licensure.
- IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on April 9, 2024.** Mark Goodman moved the approve to the minutes. Jay Middleton seconded. The motion passed.
- V. Executive Director Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory (BSRB) provided a report on agency activities, actions from recent Board meetings, and legislative updates.

Updates from ASPPB Mid-Year Meeting. The Executive Director and public Board member David Stevens attended the mid-year meeting for the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). At this meeting, information was presented by representatives of licensing boards on new licensing techniques and struggles in their respective states. There was a discussion about legislation that was passed across states for licensing for military members and approaches some states are taking to aid individuals struggling to pass their licensing exams. In Minnesota, the licensing board is providing resources and scholarships for certain applicants who are unable to pass their examination.

There was ongoing discussion on the EPPP licensing exam. In 2022, the Board of ASPPB made a decision that as of July 1, 2026, the EPPP and EPPP-2 would be considered one test with two parts. Texas has voiced difficulty with this mandate and is exploring creating their own licensing exam.

ASPPB task forces have been created to help states dealing with evaluating applicants or educational equivalency. Even if an individual hasn't attended an American Psychological Association (APA) accredited program, some states allow alternative requirements in regulation. Some states may consider moving away from APA accreditation in favor of Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS) accreditation.

There was a conversation on technology and the increase in complaints related to issues with confidentiality and general practice in telehealth services. There is a consideration to add standards for telehealth services. ASPPB will hold its annual meeting later this year.

VI. Update on PSYPACT Commission. Currently, there are about 100 licensed psychologists, including both categories of PSYPACT authorization, with a home-state license in Kansas, practicing under PSYPACT authority. The Executive Director has included the 2023 yearly report in the packet of materials. PSYPACT will hold its annual meeting later this year, and the Executive Director will attend as the PSYPACT Commissioner for Kansas.

VII. Old Business

Continued Discussion on Possible Changes to K.A.R. 102-1-12 Educational Requirements. When an individual applies for licensure, the BSRB is charged to review KAR 102-1-12 and the statutes to ensure that applicants meet the educational requirements for licensure. If someone is applying from a non-accredited program, there are program-level requirements and coursework requirements that need to be fulfilled. This includes an in-residence requirement for certain coursework. It is mentioned in the regulations that even if someone receives their education from an APA accredited school, they still need to satisfy certain coursework requirements.

There is a discussion about changing the in-residence requirement to allow synchronous video conferencing, because it would help students receiving education remotely. This conversation was tabled to the next meeting.

VIII. New Business

A. Advisory Committee Membership. At the last meeting, it was discussed that one of the advisory committee members would be at the end of their term. The Executive Director sent out a message to all licensed psychologists, asking if they would like to be considered for Advisory Committee membership. Those individuals were asked to submit a letter of interest and a resume/CV. Six individuals responded to express their interest. The information for these applicants was sent to the Advisory Committee members for review and consideration at the next meeting.

B. Discussion on Possible Survey for Licensed Psychologists. In the past, professions like social work have conducted surveys to gather data and feedback. The BSRB has published reports on the BSRB website about the findings of those surveys. The Executive Director discussed potential questions that could be included in a survey of psychologists, and the Advisory Committee provided input on additional questions. The committee will review language for questions at the next meeting.

- C. Discussion on Possible Jurisprudence Examination or Alternative.** There have been many conversations about implementing a jurisprudence exam in Kansas, as Kansas currently doesn't mandate passage of a jurisprudence examination for licensure. The Board's primary purpose is to safeguard the public, regulate professions, and investigate complaints against practitioners. It may be beneficial to ensure that licensees are familiar with the requirements and laws of Kansas, with the hope of reducing violations. Some states require a jurisprudence exam for practitioners from out of state. While some states outsource this exam, others create their own and may charge a fee for it. The Executive Director explained the BSRB wants to avoid creating a financial burden or imposing additional requirements by adding a jurisprudence exam, so it proposed creating an optional jurisprudence webinar, allowing attendees to vote on responses to questions, which would be provided by the BSRB quarterly for each profession. This would allow practitioners to answer live questions with feedback from the presenter, at no cost to the licensee. Participants would earn a continuing education hour credit for their participation. By consensus, the Advisory Committee endorsed this approach, and the proposal will be presented to the Board for consideration.
- D. Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence.** This topic was tabled to the next meeting.
- E. Discussion on Adding Description of Each Profession to BSRB Website to Inform Public of the Differences Between the Professions.** This topic was tabled to the next meeting.
- IX. Recognition of Outgoing Advisory Committee Members.** The Chair and Executive Director thanked outgoing Advisory Committee member Rodney McNeal, who has reached the maximum length of eight years of service on the Advisory Committee.
- X. Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date.** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, at 6pm.
- XI. Adjournment.** Mark Goodman moved to Adjourn. Doug Wright seconded. The motion passed.