

**KANSAS BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
BEHAVIOR ANALYST ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 9, 2024**

Draft Minutes

- I. Call to Order.** Linda Heitzman-Powell, Chair of the Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

Committee Members. Linda Heitzman-Powell, Denise Cyzman, Allyson Bell, Kelley Harrison, Emily Kessler, Pamela Neidert, Christine Marie Stiehl, Stephanie Willey, and Mike Williams were present by Zoom. Alice Zhang was absent.

BSRB Staff. David Fye and Leslie Allen attended by Zoom.

- II. Agenda Approval.** Allyson Bell moved to approve the agenda. Kelley Harrison seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Approval of Minutes from the Advisory Committee Meeting on June 14, 2024.** Christine Marie Stiehl moved to approve the minutes. Allyson Bell seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Executive Director's Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the BSRB, reported on agency operations, recent Board meetings, legislative updates, and other upcoming meetings.
- V. Old Business**
- A. Continued Discussion on Possible Survey for Behavior Analysts.** The Executive Director provided the Advisory Committee with draft survey questions for review. Regarding the question about whether licensees would be interested in joining a multi-state compact if one was formed, Advisory Committee members requested an open field response for licensees to fully explain their answers. Christine Marie Stiehl volunteered to make a few edits to the draft questions. Advisory Committee members expressed interest in adding a question about artificial intelligence and the topic of diversity, equity, and inclusion. Edits will be brought back to the next meeting.
- VI. New Business**
- A. Advisory Committee Membership.** At the previous Advisory Committee meeting, the Executive Director was asked to send a message to all licensees, to collect interest in individuals being added to the Advisory Committee. Five individuals submitted materials for consideration. After discussion of the applicants, the Advisory Committee recommended Alec Bernstein and Wes Dotson be added to the Advisory Committee. The Executive Director will draft a letter to the Chair of the Board with the recommendations of the Advisory Committee.

B. Discussion on Possible Recommendations to Board for Legislative Agenda.

The Executive Director noted the Board will hold the annual all-day off-site planning meeting in Lawrence, KS, on Sunday, September 29, and Monday, September 30. The Board sometimes plans items for its legislative agenda at that meeting, so the Advisory Committee was informed that the August Advisory Committee meeting may be the best time to make any recommendations to the Board for items requiring passage of legislation. Allyson Bell moved to recommend to the Board that a statutory change be requested to list a behavior analyst as a 13th board member. Christine Marie Stiehl seconded. The motion passed.

C. Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence. The Executive Director noted all Advisory Committees were asked to begin a discussion on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and make recommendations back to the Board on ways the Board could regulate this topic to protect the public. This topic will be left on the agenda for further discussion.

D. Discussion on Adding Description of Each Profession to BSRB Website to Inform Public of the Differences Between the Professions. The Executive Director noted the Board asked each Advisory Committee to discuss this topic. In the interest of the public, adding descriptions of each profession provides clarity. At a previous meeting, Advisory Committee members were asked to draft a few sentences that may be used to explain the behavior analysis profession to members of the public. The Executive Director for the BSRB provided Advisory Committee members with the definition of LBAs and LaBAs from K.S.A. 65-7502, which defines these professionals as individuals who are “Certified by the certifying entity as a certified behavior analyst and meets the licensing criteria as established by the board by rules and regulations,” but the goal is to have a more general description for individuals not education or trained in the different areas regulated by the Board. This item was tabled until the next meeting so that the new Advisory Committee members can consider language to bring back for discussion at a future meeting.

E. Discussion Topics for 2024. No new topics were discussed.

VIII. Next Meeting. Friday, October 11, 2024, at 1pm over Zoom.

IX. Adjournment. Allyson Bell moved to adjourn the meeting. Denise Cyzman seconded. The motion passed.