

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
LICENSED PSYCHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2024**

Approved 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, Mark Goodman, Jessica Hamilton, Abby Callis, Edward Hunter, Tiffany Johnson, Sarah Kirk, and Jay Middleton, were present via Zoom.
- BSRB Staff.** David Fye and Leslie Allen were present via Zoom.
- II. Agenda Approval.** Mark Goodman moved to approve the agenda, and Jessica Hamilton seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Public Comment.** Mariah Berumen provided public comment on educational requirements for licensure and requested changes.
- IV. Presentation on the EPPP-2 by Mariann Burnetti-Atwell, Chief Executive Officer and Hao Song, Associate Officer of Examination Services for the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB).** Mariann Burnetti-Atwell and Hao Song delivered a presentation on the history of the EPPP, which they described as a knowledge-based examination, and the development of the EPPP-2, which was described as a skills-based assessment. The presenters also discussed the differences between EPPP and EPPP-2, as well as validation and bias prevention for the examinations, and provided an overview of the resources available for preparing for EPPP Part 2.
- V. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on June 11, 2024.** David Stevens moved the approve to the minutes. Mark Goodman seconded. The motion passed.
- VI. 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.

Update on PSYPACT Commission. The Executive Director included the 2023 yearly report in the packet of materials. The 4th quarter report data showed that approximately 51 people provided tele-health services in Kansas. When PSYPACT was passed, language in compact stated that the PSYPACT Commission would charge the BSRB a fee/assessment of \$10 per year for each licensed psychologist with a Kansas home-state license who receives authorization to practice under PSYPACT authority. To make up for this impact, an amendment was added to the bill authorizing the BSRB to charge a fee up to \$25 to these licensees at licensure or renewal. The Board agreed to assess a \$25 fee

upon renewal, so the BSRB has began charging this fee when psychologist with a home-state license in Kansas renew their Kansas license and are listed on the PSYPAT portal as practicing under PSYPACT authority.

VII. Old Business

- A. Continued Discussion on Possible Changes to K.A.R. 102-1-12 Educational Requirements.** The current regulations state that even if applicants have received their education from an APA-accredited program, they still need to meet specific course requirements. In contrast, some other professions allow applicants from accredited programs to move forward in the application process, while specific coursework requirements are only imposed on applicants who attended non-accredited programs.

Previously, for four other professions, "in-residence" was defined as receiving coursework while physically at the location of the school in face-to-face contact with core faculty. However, four professions have changed the definition of "in-residence" to allow an alternative to the requirement of being physical present at the institution in front of core faculty, to instead allow face-to-face interaction through synchronous video conferencing.

The Committee reviewed K.A.R. 102-1-12(b), and the recommendation was to adjust the language concerning coursework for non-accredited schools. If applicants receive their education from an APA-accredited program, there would be no additional coursework requirements. The Executive Director will work with the Assistant Director to bring back language for the committee to vote upon.

- B. Update on Possible Survey for Licensed Psychologists.** Due to time constraints, updates were tabled to a future meeting.

VIII. New Business

- A. Advisory Committee Membership.** The Executive Director sent a message to all licensed psychologists, asking if they would like to be considered for membership on the Advisory Committee. Those interested were requested to submit a letter of interest and a resume/CV. Six individuals expressed their interest. After discussing applicants, by consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended Dr. Christopher Leonard be added to the Advisory Committee. The Executive Director will prepare a letter to the Board Chair with the Advisory Committee's recommendation. If the Board Chair appoints the new member at the September meeting, the Executive Director will notify the applicants and inform the new committee member of the next meeting.
- B. Review of Proposed ASPPB By-Law Amendment from Representatives of Texas Psychology Licensing Board and Discussion on Possible Recommendation to BSRB Board.** Starting in January 2026, applicants who want to take the EPPP exam

will be required to take and pass both EPPP part one and EPPP Part 2. Some states have expressed concerns about being able to mandate passage of both parts which would prevent them from using the exam. These states are exploring alternative examination options, including developing their own examination. Representatives from the Texas licensing board for psychologist proposed a by-law amendment to the by-laws for ASPPB. If passed, it would allow states the flexibility to choose whether to make the EPPP-2 mandatory or not. ASPPB recently provided a letter to jurisdictions suggesting that applicants can take the exam over two days for a single fee to technically consider it as one exam. The Advisory Committee raised concerns about the financial burden, pass rates, and resources for the EPPP-2. By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommends to the Board that the Board support the proposed ASPPB by-law amendment at the ASPPB annual meeting later this year.

C. Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence. Due to time constraints, this topic was postponed to a future meeting.

D. Discussion on Adding Description of Each Profession to BSRB Website to Inform Public of the Differences Between the Professions. Due to time constraints, this topic was postponed to a future meeting.

IX. Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 6 pm.

X. Adjournment. Linda Heizman-Powell moved to Adjourn. Mark Goodman seconded. The motion passed.