

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
LICENSED PSYCHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

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- 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 Richard Nobles, Linda Heitzman-Powell, David Stevens, Mark Goodman, Matthew Guelker, Jessica Hamilton, Edward Hunter, Sarah Kirk, Christopher Leonard, Jay Middleton, and Doug Wright were present via Zoom. Abby Callis and Tiffany Johnson were absent.

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

- II. Agenda Approval.** Mark Goodman moved to approve the agenda. Doug Wright seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on December 10, 2024.** Doug Wright moved to approve the minutes. Mark Goodman seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. 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.
- V. Update on PSYPACT Commission.** The Executive Director included the most recent newsletter from the PSYPACT Commission, dated December 2024, in the materials packet along with statistics from the commission. A mid-year meeting is scheduled for July 2025, and the Annual Meeting will take place on November 15 and 16, 2025, in Tucson, AZ.
- VI. Old Business**
- A. Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence.** The Executive Director included several documents for Advisory Committee members to review. The Executive Director reviewed a document from the Kansas Governor's Office in mid-2023 that outlines the permissible uses of AI services for the BSRB and other state agencies under the executive branch in Kansas, as well as uses that are prohibited. Other materials included a document from the American Association of State Counseling Boards and a guide for health organizations that was created by several entities, including the Kansas Health Institute. Sarah Kirk will send the Executive Director information from the APA on AI. Advisory Committee members discussed that there should be an ongoing discussion emphasizing that psychologists must remain aware of the field's requirements and ensure that AI does not replace

professional judgment while protecting clients' privacy. The topic will be discussed further in the next meeting when the survey results are available.

VII. New Business

- A. Discussion on Post Graduate Year Requirement for Licensure.** During the last meeting, a representative from the Kansas Psychological Association addressed the committee, urging them to consider recommending to the Board a change in the one-year post-doctoral requirement. Currently, the requirement states that individuals must complete at least one year of post-doctoral supervised experience. However, other states permit some hours from the doctoral program to count toward the total required supervised experience hours. In cases where the total is less than the required hours, the difference could be completed with post-doctoral hours. This change would allow individuals to obtain their licenses and enter the workforce more quickly. There was a discussion regarding the requirements of neighboring states and ongoing shortages in the workforce, and overall, there is considerable support for adjusting the current requirement. Lelsie Allen, Assistant Director and Licensing Manager for the BSRB, noted she would bring back a proposal showing draft changes to regulatory language, for the Committee members to review at the next meeting.
- B. Discussion on American Psychological Associations (APAs) Draft Ethical Principles of Psychologist and Code of Conduct.** The Chair of the Advisory Committee and Executive Director discussed the current version of the APA's ethics code, which is open for public comment (closing in March 2025). The Advisory Committee members discussed the differences between the standard for an association ethics code compared to a state's unprofessional conduct regulation, though it was noted that several states have adopted the APAs ethical code for their unprofessional conduct standard. Previously, Kansas received legal advice that the Board's language should remain independent from other entities to avoid dependency on potential future changes. The Executive encouraged the committee to review the APA code of ethics and identify any recommendations that could be presented to the BSRB Board to improve the unprofessional conduct regulations. Members were encouraged to review the final version of the document for possible future discussion.
- C. Additional Topics for 2025.** The Executive Director discussed future plans with the Advisory Committee, including Advisory Committee membership and feedback from surveys. Other topics may include pharmacology prescription of medications, clinical supervision, and the ability to supervise other professions.

VIII. Continuation of Annual Training for Board Members and Advisory Committee Members. The Executive Director completed the annual training for the Committee.

IX. Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 08, 2025, at 6 pm.

X. Adjournment. Mark Goodman moved to Adjourn. Jessica Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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