

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
LICENSED PSYCHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2024**

- 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, Tiffany Johnson, Sarah Kirk, Christopher Leonard, Jay Middleton, and Doug Wright were present via Zoom. Abby Callis Edward Hunter were absent.
- BSRB Staff.** David Fye was present via Zoom.
- II. Agenda Approval.** Matthew Guelker moved to approve the agenda, and Linda Heitzman-Powell seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Public Comment by Dr. Jason Malousek, Kansas Psychological Association.** Jason Malousek, President of the Kansas Psychological Association, spoke to the Committee requesting changes to the requirement of a postdoctoral year of experience.
- IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on October 8, 2024.** Mark Goodman moved to approve the minutes. Doug Wright 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.
- VI. Update for Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) Annual Meeting from October 30 to November 3, 2024, in Dallas TX.** The Executive Director attended the ASPPB annual meeting with Linda Heitzman-Powell. In 2022, the Board of ASPPB implemented a requirement that, starting January 1, 2026, any states wishing to use the licensing examination (EPPP) must require their applicants to take and pass both the EPPP and the EPPP-2. At that time, ASPPB would consider it to be one examination, the EPPP, with two parts. The cost for the EPPP is \$600, while the EPPP-2 costs an additional \$450. There have been concerns that this additional cost and having to pass two examinations could result in a difficult barrier to licensure for applicants.

Representatives from the Texas licensing board for psychologists raised concerns about being unable to pass the new requirements through legislation, which would leave their Board without a licensing test available for psychologist applicants, so they proposed a bylaw amendment to the ASPPB bylaws allowing states to determine whether to require the EPPP-2 as a condition of licensure. Prior to the annual meeting, both the Licensed Psychology Advisory Committee and Master's Level Psychology Advisory Committee recommended the Board of the BSRB support the bylaw amendment proposed by Texas.

The BSRB Board indicated their agreement and directed the Executive Director to support the bylaw amendment at the annual meeting.

A week before the annual meeting, the ASPPB Board met and issued a letter to the members-states stating the ASPPB Board was pausing their previous decision to require passage of both tests and expressed their intent to work with the members of the body to form a task force which could look at integrating concepts from the EPPP and EPPP-2 into one test. At the annual meeting, the Executive Director continued to support the bylaw amendment proposed by Texas, but with the decision by the ASPPB Board, it lacked the support to pass. However, the Executive Director reported that there was significant discussion at the meeting about major revisions to ASPPB, including allowing changes to be brought to the body in a more efficient manner and the Executive Director noted that he believes the efforts to support the bylaw amendment prior to the annual meeting were helpful in convincing the ASPPB Board to withdraw the January 1, 2026, mandate for the test.

VII. Update on PSYPACT Commission. The Executive Director attended the PSYPACT annual meeting on November 18 and 19, 2024, in Washington, DC. This meeting was the last meeting for the Executive Director as the PSYPACT Commissioner, as the role of Commissioner will be shifting to Board member and Advisory Committee Chair Richard Nobles. The Executive Director noted that the agency had been attempting to track the loss of psychologist out-of-state licensees due to the PSYPACT compact. In Kansas, psychologists renew their licenses in June of even-numbered years. At the end of this June 2024, 120 psychologists did not renew their license in Kansas. Of those who failed to renew their license, 20 former licensees were still operating under PSYPACT, so the Executive Director estimated that the loss of licensees for the last two-year period was about 20 out-of-state licensees. It was noted that PSYPACT is collecting data on the different states out-of-state compact authorization holders are practicing into. It was estimated that, due to PSYPACT, about 150 out-of-state psychologists were providing at least some telehealth services into Kansas under PSYPACT authority.

VIII. New Business

A. Discussion Possible Changes to K.A.R. 102-1-12 Education Regulation. The Executive Director summarized changes the BSRB Board has made to the education regulations for the other professions regulated by the BSRB over the past year. For four other professions, the definition of “in residence” was changed to allow classes to be taken either at a physical location for a school or remotely by synchronous videoconferencing. For the licensed psychology profession, the definition of “in-residence” continued to be limited to being physically at the location of a school. Partially to avoid issues with a definition meaning two different things, based on different professions, the Executive Director proposed to the Advisory Committee removing the definition of “in residence” from the regulation and including the specific language for what classes needed to be received while physically at a location identified by the school. By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended the changes to the Board.

- B. Discussion on Post-Doc Year for Psychologist.** Due to time constraints, this topic was tabled to a future meeting.
- C. Discussion on Possible Flexibility in Supervision.** The Executive Director noted that the Professional Counseling profession is requesting the Board seek statutory language to allow individuals seeking a clinical professional counselor license to obtain up to half of the supervision hours from someone outside of the professional counseling profession, upon the request of the person seeking the hours, rather than the current standard of showing an extenuating circumstance for needing an exception to the rule. Some Advisory Committee members expressed support for members of other professions providing at least some of the supervision hours for individuals seeking to become psychologists, but there was no specific recommendation from the Advisory Committee on this item.

IX. Old Business

- A. Review Proposed Changes to Continuing Education Regulations.** The continuing education requirements for psychologists are in the process of being reduced from 50 hours to 40 hours every two-year license period. Leslie Allen, the Assistant Director for the BSRB, created a spreadsheet outlining new totals for various categories of hours and asked for feedback on these changes. A new category has been added for cross-disciplinary training relevant to profession, as this was present for other professions, but not for the licensed psychologist profession. By consensus, the Advisory Committee recommended the proposed changes. The Executive Director will present the recommendation to the Board for final approval.
- X. Annual Training for Board and Advisory Committee Members.** The Executive Director provided the first half of the annual training for Board members and Advisory Committee members. The second half of the training will be presented at the next Advisory Committee meeting.
 - XI. Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date.** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 6 pm.
 - XII. Adjournment.** Linda Heizman-Powell moved to Adjourn. Doug Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed.