

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
LICENSED PSYCHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 10, 2025**

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 Richard Nobles, Linda Heitzman-Powell, David Stevens, Abby Callis, Mark Goodman, Matthew Guelker, Edward Hunter, Tiffany Johnson, Sarah Kirk, Christopher Leonard, and Jay Middleton. Jessica Hamilton was absent.
- BSRB Staff.** David Fye and Leslie Allen were present via Zoom.
- II. Agenda Approval.** Mark Goodman moved to approve the agenda. Christopher Leonard seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on April 29, 2024.** Linda Heitzman-Powell moved to approve the minutes. Edward Hunter seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Discussion on Recommendations on New Advisory Committee Members.** During the last meeting, it was discussed that there will be openings on the advisory committee due to two members reaching their maximum term limits. The Executive Director sent a message to all licensees, inviting those interested in being considered for the committee to submit a letter of interest along with their resume or CV. The committee reviewed the candidates and recommended Dr. Robert Twillman and Dr. Jennifer Fontaine be added to the Advisory Committee. The Executive Director will draft a letter summarizing the committee's review of the applicants and its recommendations. This letter will be forwarded to the Chair of the Board, David Anderson. The Chair the Board may appoint new members at the next Board Meeting on July 28, 2025.
- 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. The Executive Director collected feedback from Advisory Committee members on utilization of CE Broker services, noting that he would meet with representatives of CE Broker in the near future to gather information on how many licensees were using the services and how the Board could further assist individuals in using beginning to use these free services.
- VI. Update on PSYPACT Commission.** The Chair, Richard Nobles, is the Kansas Commissioner for PSYPACT. He will be attending the PSYPACT midyear meeting on July 14, 2025.

VII. Old Business

A. Continued Discussion on Possible Changes to Post-Doc Year Requirement.

During the previous meeting, there was a discussion involving guests from the Kansas Psychological Association (KPA). Representatives from KPA recommended that the Advisory Committee recommend allowing flexibility in the completion of the postdoctoral year. The Executive Director included a draft of K.A.R. 102-1-5 in the materials. Assistant Director Leslie Allen addressed the regulation, stating that a minimum of one year must be spent in a postdoctoral internship, requiring at least 1,800 hours that meet the internship requirements. The additional year and the remaining 1,800 hours of supervised experience can be a combination of pre-doctoral and post-doctoral supervised experience. The Assistant Director asked questions about adding additional language comparable to other states that have increased flexibility. The Advisory Committee expressed concern whether states that have increased flexibility have seen an increase in licensees or an increase in complaints against practitioners, and it was requested that BSRB staff reach out to representatives of the KPA and see if they have research on these topics.

B. Continued Review and Discussion of Draft Survey Report for Licenses. At the previous meeting, the Executive Director provided a walkthrough of the draft survey report. Advisory Committee members were asked to continue reviewing the report for discussion at the next meeting. Advisory Committee members discussed the report. For discussion at the next meeting, the Executive Director requested that the Advisory Committee members specifically review and be ready to discuss Question 12: *“Over the last two years, based on your observations and experiences in the psychology profession, could you share any practice-related negative issues you have encountered? This includes areas where practitioners may need more continuing education or training in specific areas.”* Additionally, he asked Advisory Committee members to review and be ready to discuss Question 15: *“Over the last two years, have you experienced any negative issues involving supervision? If so, please explain.”* It was noted that Advisory Committee members should review both the summary information in the report, as well as the open-field responses from licensees in the appendices at the back of the report. The Advisory Committee will discuss questions 12 and 15 at the next meeting.

C. Continued Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence. At the state level, there is a group called the Information Network of Kansas (INK). INK previously assisted the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (BSRB) with the payment portal for the agency’s website. Recently, INK hosted a forum to create additional tools for small agencies, such as licensing boards, including the potential integration of AI technologies to create tools such as a chat box for FAQ information. The Executive Director also noted that there is a bill at the federal level that, if passed, would prohibit states from regulating artificial intelligence for a period of ten years. The Executive Director will continue to monitor this legislation and report back to the Advisory Committee at a future meeting.

VIII. New Business

- A. Discussion on Jurisprudence Live!** Currently, Kansas does not require a Jurisprudence exam for licensure, but there has been some discussion about whether it should be required, such as the model used by certain other states. In some states, the licensing board either allocates funds to create and administer the exam for a fee or outsources it to a company, which then creates and administers the examination for a fee. The BSRB Board has been reluctant to impose any additional costs on licensees, though it does support licensees becoming more knowledgeable about the information in a traditional jurisprudence examination. The solution offered by the Executive Director, and supported by the Board, is to create and offer free webinars for licensees, focused on the same topics a jurisprudence examination would cover. Participants will receive a free hour of continuing education as an incentive. The Executive Director is seeking two volunteers to help develop questions for the exam. Tiffany Johnson and Mark Goodman volunteered during the meeting.
- B. Discussion on Alternative Pathways to Licensure.** The Chair of the Board, David Anderson, asked that Advisory Committees discuss alternative pathways to licensure, specifically regarding licensing examinations. The Executive Director offered to research licensing requirements in different states and provide this back to the Advisory Committee to help the members have an informed discussion on this topic.
- IX. Recognition of Departing Advisory Committee Members.** The Executive Director and Advisory Committee thanked Abby Callis and Doug Wright for their service on the committee.
- X. Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date.** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 6 pm.
- XI. Adjournment.** Mark Goodman moved to Adjourn. Linda Heitzman-Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed.