

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
LICENSED PSYCHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 12, 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, David Stevens, Jennifer Fontaine, Jessica Hamilton, Edward Hunter, Tiffany Johnson, Sarah Kirk, Christopher Leonard, Jay Middleton, and Robert Twillman. Linda Heitzman-Powell and Matthew Guelker were absent.

BSRB Staff. David Fye and Leslie Allen were present via Zoom.
- II. **Agenda Approval.** David Stevens moved to approve the agenda. Jay Middleton seconded. The motion passed.
- III. **Welcome New Advisory Committee Members.** The Advisory Committee welcomed new advisory members Jennifer Fontaine and Robert Twillman.
- IV. **Summary of Advisory Committee Member Expectations.** The Executive Director provided a broad overview on expectations for new members. The Executive Director provides an annual training sessions for the Advisory Committee and Board members and will be making information about this training available in the near future.
- V. **Public Comment from Dr. Brendan Clark, Chair of the Department of Psychology at Wichita State University, Dr. Jessica Provines, Assistant Vice President for Wellness at Wichita State University, and Dr. Jason Malousk, Kansas Psychological Association.** Dr. Brendan Clark, Dr. Jessica Provines, and Dr. Jason Malousek provided public comment requesting more flexibility for the postdoc year requirement for licensure.
- VI. **Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on June 10, 2025.** Sarah Kirk moved to approve the minutes. Christopher Leonard seconded. The motion passed.
- VII. **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.
- VIII. **Update on PSYPACT Multi-State Compact**
 - A. **Updates from PSYPACT Midyear Meeting on July 14, 2025.** The Chair serves as Kansas Commissioner for the PSYPACT Compact. He attended the PSYPACT Commission midyear meeting on July 14, 2025. Currently, approximately 16,950 licensed psychologists are practicing under the PSYPACT regulations. In Kansas,

there are roughly 120 psychologists who designate Kansas as their home state. The Chair has joined a committee tasked with reviewing the bylaws and rules governing PSYPACT. The annual meeting for PSYPACT is scheduled to take place in November 2025 in Tucson, Arizona.

B. Proposed Rule Revisions for Public Comments. The Executive Director provided an overview of two proposed rule changes for PSYPACT, including reviewing accompanying documents. If these rules are passed by the PSYPACT Commission, the Advisory Committee will review the language to determine whether any recommended changes should be forwarded to the BSRB Board on licensure of psychologists, for consistency with the new PSYPACT rules.

IX. Old Business

A. Continued Review and Discussion of Draft Survey Report for Licenses.

The Advisory Committee members were previously asked to review and be prepared to discuss two questions at this Advisory Committee meeting, including a question on negative practice-related issues and a question on negative issues involving supervision.

The Committee discussed *Question 12: "Over the past two years, based on your observations and experiences in the psychology profession, could you share any practice-related negative issues you have encountered Specifically, are there areas where practitioners seem to need more continuing education or training?"* Advisory Committee members discussed the increasing demand for adult autism assessments and the resulting workforce shortage that affects the ability to meet this need, as well as the costs associated with these assessments. The discussion also covered diagnoses and assessments, along with multiple comments regarding Master's Level Psychologists. There is interest in providing continuing education units focused on assessment.

For the next meeting, the Executive Director asked the Advisory Committee members to be prepared to discuss their thoughts on the survey responses for the questions on supervision, telehealth, and use of artificial intelligence in practice.

B. Continued Discussion on the Possible Changes to Post-Doc Year Requirement. Due to time constraints, this topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

C. Continued Discussion on Regulation of Artificial Intelligence. Due to time constraints, this topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

X. New Business

A. Discussion on Advisory Committee Members. The Executive Director noted that Mark Goodman was no longer serving on the Advisory Committee, but the Executive Director and Chair thanked him for his service. The Executive Director

will provide materials from licensees who previously expressed a desire to be added to the Advisory Committee, so the Advisory Committee can discuss recommendations for a new member at the next 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 provided research on licensing requirements in other states, noting he had not come across another state that did not require passage of a licensing examination. He will attempt to collect additional information if he learns of alternate paths in other states.

XI. Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 6 pm.

XII. Adjournment. Sarah Kirk moved to Adjourn. Richard Nobles seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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