

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
LICENSED PSYCHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2026
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, Jennifer Fontaine, Daniel Garlock, Matthew Guelker Tiffany Johnson, Sarah Kirk, Christopher Leonard, Jay Middleton, and Robert Twillman. Jessica Hamilton, Edward Hunter, and David Stevens were absent.

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

- II. Agenda Approval.** Robert Twillman moved to approve the agenda. Jay Middleton seconded. The motion passed.

- III. Development of an Alternative Psychology Licensure Exam by Robert Romig, Deputy Executive Director, Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council; and Ryan Bridges, Chair, Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.** Representatives from Texas provided information regarding a feasibility study for creating an alternate licensing exam to the EPPP. The necessity for a new exam originally arose from the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board's (ASPPB's) decision to require passage of the EPPP-2 as of a future date, but although ASPPB reversed that decision, the need continues to exist from concerns about the effectiveness of the current exam and inclusion of elements of the EPPP-2. Texas will maintain the requirement for passing a licensure exam and will continue accept passage of the EPPP, however this is intended to be a true alternative. Additionally, representatives from Texas were seeking feedback on whether other states would be interested in utilizing an alternative examination. The representatives answered questions from Advisory Committee members and asked for feedback on the concept of creating an alternative examination.

- IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on January 6, 2026.** Sarah Kirk moved to approve the minutes. Robert Twillman seconded. The motion passed.

- V. Executive Director Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory (BSRB), provided a report on agency operations, actions from recent Board meetings, and legislative updates.

- VI. Update on PSYPACT Multi-State Compact.** The Chair, who also serves as PSYPACT Commissioner for Kansas, provided updates on the multi-state compact.

- VII. Old Business**

- A. Continued Review and Discussion of Draft Survey Report for Licenses.** The Advisory Committee previously reviewed and discussed responses to specific survey questions from the psychologists who participated in the survey. Advisory Committee members were asked to continue to review the survey and provide feedback in the future on whether any topics examined in the survey would be helpful topics for the Advisory Committee to focus on for future review.
- B. Continued Review and Discussion on Regulations of Artificial Intelligence.** The Executive Director summarized various pieces of legislation enacted in other states on the regulation of artificial intelligence and the recommendations from different advisory committees. The Advisory Committee emphasized the importance of providing clients with informed consent about how their information is used, the option to opt out, and assurances of confidentiality. There was a discussion about the AI programs utilized by committee members, and a consensus was reached that regulations must be established to ensure clients are informed about AI usage. Additionally, the Committee examined the confidentiality of these programs and explored ways to verify that they adequately protect client information.
- C. Continued Discussion on Possible Change to Post-Doc Year Requirement.** Due to time constraints, this topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

VIII. New Business

- A. Discussion on the Texas Alternative Licensing Examination for Psychology.** The development of a new exam arose when the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) proposed that all states that use the EPPP as a licensure exam adopt the EPPP-2. Kansas, along with several other states, opposed requiring a second exam for applicants. In response, Texas decided to pursue an alternative licensure pathway through examination. Following discussions, the ASPPB chose to reimagine the EPPP-2 with the help of a task force. Texas has opened its licensure exam presentation for feedback from other boards. Concerns were raised about the EPPP test questions coverage, partnering with test prep, and the expected exam costs.
- B. Discussion on Possible Uniform Licensing Act for Psychology from the American Psychological Association (APA).** The APA is releasing a model practice act that is open for public comment. Since the comment period closes on March 3, 2026, the Executive Director informed committee members that they would need to comment as individuals if they commented prior to the deadline.
- C. Discussion on Advisory Committee Topics for 2026.** Due to time constraints, this topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

IX. Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date. Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6 pm.

X. Adjournment. Sarah Kirk moved to Adjourn. Matthew Guelker seconded the motion. The motion passed.