

Minutes
Arkansas Psychology Board
101 East Capitol, Suite 415
Board Room
July 15, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Stephen Shry, Chair, at 9:10 a.m.

Board Members present: Dr. Russell Dixon, Dr. Sabra Hassel, Mr. Larry Lawrence, and Mr. Dwight Sowell, and Dr. Michael Wyrick.

Staff Members present: Mr. James Ammel, Ms. Amy Ford, Ms. Janet Welsh, and Ms. Rebecca Wright.

Guests present: Dr. Robert Doyle.

Meeting Agenda

Dr. Shry presented the agenda. Dr. Sabra Hassel requested to add a brief discussion of Board hearings. Dr. Shry added the Complaint Committee Report to the agenda. Mr. Dwight Sowell made a motion to accept the amended minutes. Dr. Hassel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes

Dr. Shry presented the May 20, 2005 minutes. Dr. Michael Wyrick made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Larry Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. James Ammel presented the action item complaint reports with a motion to accept case recommendations.

Complaint #05-01 Action: The Respondent was advised to cease-and-desist the improper use of the offending words, even though his doctoral degree was in Counseling Psychology, and he subsequently promised to do so. A Board member has verified that the Respondent's new card is absent the improper designation. This matter is therefore ready to be closed, with a Screening committee recommendation that no further disciplinary action be taken and Respondent being advised that his card could properly contain a designation that his doctoral degree was in Counseling Psychology, provided that the card also made it clear that his license and practice was not in psychology. Mr. Sowell called the question. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

T. Miller: Request for Supervisor Status

Dr. Terri Miller requested Supervisor Status. Dr. Wyrick made a motion to grant Supervisor Status. Dr. Hassel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

T. Gilbert: Request to add remaining Internship hours to Post Doctoral Hours

Dr. Trudy Gilbert requested that she fulfill her remaining Predoctoral hours under the supervision of Dr. Stanley Rest, and that these hours be added to her postdoctoral hours. Dr. Hassel made a motion to approve Dr. Gilbert's request. Dr. Wyrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

M. Davis: Request for Provisional License Extension

Dr. Mike Davis has requested a Provisional License Extension so that he could take the EPPP again in October. Dr. Hassel made a motion to approve Dr. Davis' request through the January oral exams. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Flowers: Consideration of Renewal Late Fee Waiver

Dr. Anise Flowers did not renew her license before the June 30th deadline. She requested that her late fee be waived due to the online system not working properly and due to illness. Discussion followed. Dr. Wyrick made a motion to not approve Dr. Flowers' request. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A. Benham: Revision of Statement of Intent

Dr. Angeline Benham has requested to include psychotherapy of children on her Statement of Intent. She has provided documentation that she is capable of providing psychotherapy of children. Mr. Sowell made a motion to approve Dr. Benham's request. Dr. Wyrick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Powers: Questions regarding CEU and Late License Renewal

Dr. Cheralyn Powers asked the Board by letter if CEU home studies were acceptable. Dr. Wyrick stated that the Rules and Regulations state that any home study courses approved by the American Psychological Association were accepted.

Dr. Powers also asked that if a licensee does not renew his/her license by June 30th, is the person considered inactive. The Rules and Regulations state that as of July 1, any licensee that has not renewed is automatically suspended. Once the renewal fee and late fee are paid, the licensee can be re-instated.

Dr. Wyrick made a motion that the Board staff write to Dr. Powers with this information. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. Dr. Russell Dixon abstained. The motion passed.

ASPPB Annual Meeting

Ms. Janet Welsh presented the information concerning the next annual ASPPB meeting. The 2005 Annual Meeting will be held October 19-23 in Philadelphia, PA. Mr. Sowell, Dr. Hassel, and Dr. Dixon have requested to attend. Dr. Susan Skinner Holt will be named as an ASPPB Fellow at this meeting.

Licensure Renewal Process Update/Applicant Update

Ms. Rebecca Wright presented the report of the 2006 license renewal. A total of 814 licensees renewed their licenses and a total of \$123,000 was paid to the Board.

Ms. Wright presented the report of the 2005 applicants. At this time there are 26 Psychological Examiner applicants, 30 Psychologist applicants, 3 Upgrade applicants, and 3 Reciprocity applicants. The total is 62 applicants.

Hearing Discussion

Dr. Hassel stated that when a hearing is presented to the Board, that more issues should be considered to understand what is happening. Mr. Lawrence stated that the Board could not go beyond the bounds of the complaint. Dr. Wyrick suggested that many questions could be answered during the investigation of the complaint. Amy Ford, Assistant Attorney General, stated that any issue, regardless of the nature of the complaint, could be looked into to find an underlying cause.

Oral Examinations

The Board voted to recess for Executive Session to prepare and give Oral Examinations.

ADJOURN

Dr. Hassel made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.