

**Minutes**  
**Arkansas Psychology Board**  
**101 East Capitol, Suite 415**  
**Board Room**  
**January 20, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Russell Dixon, Acting Chair, at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members present: Dr. Joe Alford, Dr. Sabra Hassel, Dr. Bettye Hoffman, Mr. Larry Lawrence, Dr. Steve Shry, Mr. Dwight Sowell, and Mr. Dwight Sperry.

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

Guests present: Mr. Pat Aydelotte, Dr. Anna Clark, Ms. Elizabeth Glenn, and Ms. Crystal McLeod.

**Welcome to New Board Member**

Dr. Dixon extended his welcome to the new Board member, Mr. Dwight Sperry. Mr. Sperry is a Licensed Psychological Examiner practicing in Texarkana.

**Meeting Agenda**

Dr. Dixon presented the agenda. Dr. Joe Alford made a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Dwight Sowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes**

Dr. Dixon presented the December 9, 2005 minutes. Mr. Sowell made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Bettye Hoffman 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 #04-11 Action:** Ethical violations potentially invoked by the allegations would conceivably involve Standards 2.01 Boundaries of Competence; 2.04 Bases for Scientific and Professional Judgments; 2.05 Delegation of Work to Others; 3.04 Avoiding Harm; and various Section 9 Standards regarding Assessments, as well as professional negligence also being potentially invoked by the allegations. Due to complexities in proving a sustainable violation (i.e., withstanding an appeal of an adverse Board finding of a violation and/or applied sanction(s)), the Screening Committee is recommending that we pursue at this time a negotiated

Consent order involving a letter of caution, with or without admission of any wrongdoing, rather than proceeding to a hearing in this matter. Discussion followed. Dr. Sabra Hassel called the question. Mr. Sowell voted nay. The motion passed.

At this time, Dr. Dixon turned the meeting over to Dr. Steve Shry.

### **Proposed Consent Order**

Ms. Amy Ford, Assistant Attorney General, presented to the Board a proposed consent order for Dr. Anna Clark. Dr. Clark will be issued a letter of reprimand by the Board and she will pay \$1000 in fines within 90 days of this day. At this time, Dr. Clark is not practicing. When she does return to practice, she will need to submit a name of a Board approved supervisor who will supervise Dr. Clark for twelve months. At the end of the twelve months, the supervisor will make a recommendation for the second year if supervision will still be needed and if the supervisor will continue or if there needs to be a new supervisor. Dr. Clark must provide all information to the Board. If the Board does not take action or respond to Dr. Clark, the action will be considered assumed approved by the Board. Dr. Dixon called the question. The Consent Order was approved unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Oral Exam Appeal – Marie Wood**

Dr. Wood proposed a change in her Statement of Intent so that she may be licensed. The updated Statement of Intent will reflect objective and projective testing under supervision of Dr. Cynthia Patton. Dr. Hassel and Mr. Larry Lawrence made a motion to approve Dr. Wood's proposal and to issue a Psychologist license at this time. Dr. Wood must update her Statement of Intent to perform objective and projective testing under supervision. She must perform a set amount of ten of each type of test under supervision that she would like to include. The supervisor must state in writing after completion if Dr. Wood is capable of performing any or all of the tests independently. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Oral Exam Appeal – Will Lassiter**

Mr. Lassiter submitted a proposal to meet the requirements of the Board to meet licensure status including his original request of completing course and independent book studies and reapplication for a second oral examination in April 2006. Dr. Hassel stated that she talked to Mr. Lassiter and stated that his internship was approved; his first job is where he did not get to use his testing skills. Mr. Lassiter has stated in writing that a new internship would not be feasible for him at this time. Dr. Dixon made a motion that Mr. Lassiter, when he has an appropriate job to use his education background and testing skills, could work under a provisional license with correct supervision and apply for an oral examination at a later date. Dr. Alford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Provisional License Extension**

Chris Murphree requested a provisional license extension. Dr. Alford made a motion to approve the extension. Mr. Sowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dan Stutts requested a provisional license extension. Dr. Alford made a motion to approve the extension. Mr. Sowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Scott Maid requested a provisional license extension of six months. Dr. Alford made a motion to approve the extension. Mr. Sowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bridgette Simone requested a provisional license extension of twelve months. Dr. Alford made a motion to approve the extension. Mr. Sowell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Supervisor Status**

Dr. Wendy Ward-Begnoche requested supervisor status. Mr. Sowell made a motion to grant supervisory status. Dr. Alford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Dan Johnson requested supervisor status. Mr. Sowell made a motion to grant supervisory status. Dr. Alford seconded the motion. Dr. Dixon abstained. The motion passed.

Dr. Anne Stermock requested supervisor status. Dr. Dixon made a motion to grant supervisory status. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Continuing Education Units Deadline Extension – Denise Gilliam**

Dr. Gilliam has requested a CEU deadline of May 1, 2006 due to personal conflicts. Mr. Lawrence made a motion to approve the request. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Supervision Question – Kathy Kordsmeier**

Ms. Kordsmeier would like to provide pastoral counseling and would like to know if supervision would be required for Church based bereavement ministry. Dr. Alford made a motion to respond to Ms. Kordsmeier in writing supervision would be required. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. Mr. Sowell abstained. The motion passed.

**Application Questions – Crystal McLeod**

Crystal McLeod has applied for a Psychological Examiner license. Several items of her file were not approved during a credential review. Ms. McLeod addressed the Board for clarification of what was needed for her file to pass credential review. After discussion, the Board stated that her practicum supervisor(s) could provide references and letters along with the current paperwork that is in the application file.

**Continuing Education Questions – Daniel Fasko**

Dr. Daniel Fasko has requested the amount of continuing education hours he could count towards a learning community he participated in for approximately nine months. After discussion, the Board stated that more information and documentation would be needed to make a decision. The Board stated that the late fee would be waived for Dr. Fasko.

**FAREWELL TO MR. LARRY LAWRENCE**

Mr. Lawrence served on the Board for five years. His time given to the Board and to the staff has been greatly appreciated and he will be missed.

**Oral Examinations**

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

**ADJOURN**

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