

**Minutes**  
**Arkansas Psychology Board**  
**101 East Capitol, Suite 415**  
**Board Meeting**  
**January 11, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Sabra Hassel, Chair, at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members present: Dr. Joe Alford, Dr. Russell Dixon, Ms. Jane English, Dr. Tom Poling, Mr. Dwight Sowell and Mr. Dwight Sperry.

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

Guests present: Ms. Elizabeth Glenn.

**Meeting Agenda**

Dr. Hassel presented the agenda. Dr. Hassel requested that an executive session and an article on neuropsychology be added to the agenda. Dr. Joe Alford moved to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Dwight Sperry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes**

Dr. Hassel presented the December 7, 2007 minutes. Mr. Sperry moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Jane English 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 #07-11 Action:*** The Screening Committee found it totally preposterous that a doctoral-level clinical practitioner would be alleging an inability to competently conduct intelligence and achievement testing after a review of current manual(s) to update himself. Such a proposition, if believable, would seriously call into question the basic, entry-level qualifications to be licensed anywhere as a psychological practitioner at either a master's or the doctoral level. Instead, it is quite obvious that this matter is a supervisor-employee dispute, as the Respondent asserted and as supported by the numerous "whining" e-mails supplied by the Complainant, himself. The Screening

Committee unanimously and easily perceived the complaint to be frivolous and quite possibly a violation of 1.07 (improper complaints), itself; accordingly, it is recommending that this matter be dismissed as not involving any violation on the part of Respondent. The motion passed unanimously to dismiss the case with no violation.

## **Old Business**

### **Updated Office Forms**

Ms. Janet Welsh presented several updated office forms for approval.

The letter stating that a licensee has received licensure had an addition stating a caution that the licensee must confine areas to those listed on the Statement of Intent, and that the Statement of Intent must be updated when there are changes to the practice. Dr. Alford moved to adopt the language and make it a requirement to be stated in the letter. Mr. Sperry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The LPE-I Post-1997 Statement of Intent was approved with the addition of the “caution” in the above letter. Dr. Russell Dixon moved to approve the amended form. Dr. Alford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A newsletter article will be written.

The LPE-I Pre-1997 Statement of Intent was approved with the addition of the “caution” in the above letter. Dr. Dixon moved to approve the amended form. Dr. Alford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sperry moved that the “caution” line be added to the Psychologist Statement of Intent form. Dr. Alford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Dixon moved that the “caution” line be added to the Psychological Examiner Statement of Intent form. Ms. English seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Alford moved that a note be added to all Statement of Intents and to the website stating that submission does not constitute Board acceptance. All Statement of Intents must be Board approved. Dr. Alford added that a reminder be included at renewal to amend and submit a Statement of Intent if necessary. Mr. Sperry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The affidavit page of the application packet was updated to include questions used on the renewal affidavit form and questions submitted by Mr. Ammel. One question will be deleted, being redundant. Mr. Sperry moved to approve the amended updated page and include the page on all applications. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Alford moved that the renewal affidavit form be updated to reflect the above amendments. Ms. English seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The LPE-I Supervision Plan form was approved with changes. The itemized populations will be added to Statement of Intent forms. Mr. Sperry moved to accept the amended form and to use it for a short time. After that time, the form will be considered again for revisions, if necessary. Ms. English seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The LPE-I Certificate of Completion of Supervision form was created. Mr. Sperry moved to accept the form. Ms. English seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Supervisor Status Application form was updated as requested. Amendments were made to the form. Mr. Sperry moved to accept the amended form. Dr. Dixon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 10:25 a.m.

The Board resumed in public session at 10:45 a.m.

#### **P. Mulick: Clarification of Licensure with only Academia**

Dr. Patrick Mulick is licensed in Washington as a Psychologist. He did not have a 2000 hour post-doctoral experience. Arkansas law states that a 2000 hour post-doctoral experience is necessary for Arkansas licensure. The Board stated that Dr. Mulick can be licensed with only academia and his Statement of Intent must reflect that. However, to practice in a clinical setting, Dr. Mulick must have the post-doctoral experience.

Dr. Mulick requested clarification that he can be licensed with only academia. The Board stated that he could only supervise practicums and volunteers. He must have a 2000 hour post-doctoral experience for clinical work and doctoral level licensure. The Board requested Dr. Mulick provide a proposal to the Board of how he will earn the 2000 hours of post-doctoral experience.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Neuropsychology Article from National Academy of Neuropsychology**

Dr. Hassel presented a handout with the updated definition of a clinical neuropsychologist. This definition will be used for new applicants/licensees to be allowed to check “neuropsychology” on their Statement of Intents. An article will be included in the upcoming newsletter. Mr. Sperry moved to adopt and use the definition. Ms. English seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

##### **Approval of Act 1211 of 1995**

The Board approved Act 1211 of 1995.

### **New Board Members**

Dr. Hassel welcomed the new Board Members: Elizabeth Glenn, M.S., Edward Kleitsch, Ph.D., and Jeremy Owoh. Welcome!

### **2008 Board Meeting Dates**

The following dates were presented for approval:

February	15
March	28
April	25, Oral Exams
May	23
July	18, Oral Exams
August	15
September	19
October	17, Oral Exams
November	21
December	5 or 12

The Board changed the May meeting to May 30 and the December meeting to December 5. Ms. English moved to accept the amended dates. Mr. Sperry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **2008 Newsletter**

Ms. Welsh presented the Welcome to New Board Members page, the 2007 Licensees page, the Disciplinary Actions page, and the In Memoriam page. Dr. Dixon will include an article of the newest Rules & Regulations version. Dr. Hassel will include an article of the neuropsychology definition. Ms. Welsh asked that all articles be received by the February Board meeting.

### **Amended Statement of Intent**

Dr. Jada Vaughan requested to amend her Statement of Intent. Mr. Sperry moved to approve the amended Statement of Intent. Dr. Alford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Supervisor Status Requests**

Mellany Flynn requested supervisory status. She submitted an application, a transcript showing a course in supervision and a letter of recommendation from a Licensed

Psychologist. Dr. Dixon moved to grant supervisory status. Ms. English seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **CEU Extension Request**

James Chaney updated and renewed his license last summer. He had to provide continuing education units (CEUs) to make his license active. He was able to provide the necessary CEUs; however, he is now short on hours to report during this reporting period. Dr. Chaney is requesting a six-week extension to complete the hours and report them to the Board. Dr. Alford moved to grant the extension. Ms. English seconded the motion. Dr. Dixon abstained. The motion passed.

The Board recessed for oral examinations at 10:55 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

### **Adjourn**

Dr. Tom Poling made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Alford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.