

**[Minutes
Arkansas Psychology Board
101 East Capitol, Suite 415
Board Meeting
April 17, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The Arkansas Psychology Board meeting was called to order by the Chair of the Board, Dr. Edward Kleitsch, at 10:10 AM.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Ms. Dixie Bryson, Dr. Betty Everett, Dr. Joyce Fowler, Dr. Art Gillaspay, Mr. Skip Hoggard, Dr. Edward Kleitsch, and Dr. Kevin Reeder.

Board Members excused: Dr. Jawahar Mehta.

Staff Members present: Mr. James Ammel, Ms. Maggie Sponer and Ms. Amber Collins-England. Ms. Amy Ford was present as the Board's Attorney General Representative.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Bryson made a motion to approve the revised agenda. Dr. Reeder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES

Mr. Hoggard made a motion to approve the March 20, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM THE COMPLAINT COMMITTEE

C-14-03 ADVISORY ITEM

UPDATE: [As a reminder, this case involves a Standard 7.07 violation pertaining to a psychologist supervisor having prohibited sexual relations with a subordinate psychological examiner.] The Board rejected the counter-offer submitted by Respondent's attorney. The Screening Committee made several suggestions as to a Consent Order resolution, a number of which were rejected by the Board. Instead, the Board required the minimal sanctions to be: a license suspension of 18 months (including maintenance of normal annual CE requirements during that suspension); a fine of \$3,500 payable in installments during the period of suspension; a one year period of supervision following reinstatement of licensure with quarterly reports by the Board-approved supervisor and a minimum of one-hour-per-week face-to-face supervision (with the Board-approved supervisor being supplied a copy of the Consent Order for

cognizance of the issues involved); acceptable completion of a Board-approved CE program of at least 6 contact hours (NOT on-line presentations) qualified by APA and pertaining to ethical principles emphasizing supervisory relationships; and the Respondent being subjected to, and successfully passing, a Board oral examination in the 10th month of the suspension period, as a result of which additional conditions or restraints on Respondent's practice could be implemented or the supervision period being truncated.

That proposed final and best offer for a Consent Order was conveyed to Respondent's attorney on 4/17/15, along with a Notice and Order of Hearing for such hearing to be conducted on May 15th. The attorney received that correspondence with enclosures on 4/20/15. Response is awaited. Although a continuance is often requested and granted, Board members should be prepared to hear this case on May 15th commencing at 10:00 a.m.

15-01 (Rec'd anonymously on 01/12/15) ADVISORY ITEM

UPDATE: [As a reminder, this case involved a therapy-providing psychologist engaging in hugging and kissing a client (being defined by APA interpretations to constitute sexual intimacies involving a current client). A prior similar offense was resolved by Consent Order 10 years ago.]

STATUS: As a second-time offender, the Board adopted the Screening Committee's recommendation that a surrender-of-license be proffered to Respondent. That recommendation was adopted and the Respondent was so advised. Respondent accepted the terms of the proposed Consent Order regarding surrender of his license, and a Consent Order was issued to him on 4/23/15 containing that provision. The Board is awaiting his signed Consent Order and his delivery of his license with any additional renewal card.

A number of other cases are pending Responses and/or further inquiries.

Recess/Reconvene

The Board recessed for lunch, New Business, and Quarterly Reports at 11:15 am.
The Board reconvened at 12:05 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Committee

Dr. Fowler informed the Board that the Personnel Committee did not meet this month. Dr. Fowler also informed the Board that she; Dr. Kleitsch, the chair of the Board; and Maggie Spomer, the Administrative Director of the Board, attended and participated in a healthy workplace initiative training.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Hoggard informed the Board that the available budget was \$46,037.57 for the remainder of the fiscal year and that the Board continues to operate within its budget. Renewal cards have been mailed out.

Director's Report

Mrs. Sponer notified the Board that the Governor's office was still in the process of filling the Senior Citizen representative spot.

Mrs. Sponer also notified the Board about an issue that was presented by an outside party trying to obtain our mailing list and when told there was a cost of \$100 they presented several different reasons for not wanting to pay. The Board's law, Chapter 97, Section 17-97-204(a) states the following: *"The Arkansas Psychology Board is authorized to establish and collect various fees and penalties for services related to provision of temporary permits, printed materials, handling returned checks, costs incurred in processing delinquent payments, and other reasonable services as may be determined by the board."* Regarding this issue Dr. Fowler made a motion to continue to abide by the law and saw no reason to veer from it. Mr. Hoggard seconded the motion.

Mrs. Sponer also presented information regarding a new database which will be discussed further at a later date.

Finally, Mrs. Sponer reported that the investigator bid is still in the process of being finalized for the bidding process. Once the final reviews have been made to the Invitation for Bid (IFB), then the Office of State Procurement (OSP) will publicly post the IFB.

Recess/Reconvene

The Board recessed for Orals at 1:20 pm.
The Board reconvened at 2:05 pm.

Begin accruing 3,000 hours towards Independent Status

Ms. Melanie Rivers submitted a revised Statement of Intent along with a Supervision Agreement and Plan to begin accruing 3,000 towards Independent Status indicating Dr. Carl Reddig as her Primary Supervisor. Mr. Hoggard made a motion to approve this request. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Continuing Education

Ms. Jennifer Moffitt submitted a request for approval for continuing education credit for a seminar attended. The Board does not preapprove these sorts of requests therefore no vote was necessary or taken. The Board advised staff to inform Ms. Moffitt that in the event her continuing education credits are audited, this seminar would be approved.

Letters Requesting One-Time Consultation

Dr. Robert Denney submitted a letter to the Board indicating that he has been asked by an insurance company to perform a last-minute, one-time independent neuropsychological consultation in Arkansas on March 25, 2015 with no expectation of follow up testimony. Mr. Hoggard made a motion to approve the request. Dr. Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Provisional License Extension Request

Dr. Taisha Jones submitted a request for an extension of her Provisional License. Dr. Reeder made a motion to approve the request. Dr. Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Angela Perea submitted a request for an extension of her Provisional License. Mr. Hoggard made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Bryson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Statement of Intent Revision

Dr. Mellany Flynn submitted an updated Statement of Intent from her most recent one submitted in 2003-2004. No changes were made. Mr. Hoggard made a motion to approve the request. Dr. Gillaspy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Nicholas Mitrani submitted an updated Statement of Intent along with an updated Supervision Agreement and Plan adding Dr. Kim Dielmann as his new secondary supervisor. His updated Statement of Intent indicates a change to reflect his training in projective testing instruments under supervision with Dr. Kim Dielmann. Dr. Joyce Fowler made a motion to approve his request pending the receipt of a letter from Dr. Dielmann verifying the specific testing in which she trained Mr. Mitrani. Dr. Everett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Quarterly Reports

The Credential Review Committee made a fully seconded motion to approve the following Quarterly Report forms:

1. Dr. Rachel Battaglia's Quarterly Report for the period of December 2, 2014 – March 1, 2015.
2. Dr. Taisha Jones' Quarterly Reports for the period of February 27, 2015 – March 27, 2015.
3. Dr. TroyMichael Marsden's Quarterly Report for the period of December 19, 2014 – March 19, 2015.

4. Dr. Elizabeth Stout's Quarterly Report for the period of November 12, 2014 – February 12, 2015.

5. Dr. Kathy White's Quarterly Report for the period of November 21, 2014 – February 21, 2015.

The Board approved all of the above quarterly reports.

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ADJOURN

Ms. Dixie Bryson made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Joyce Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Board adjourned at 2:10 pm.