

**PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2009**

PRESENT: Cynthia Bagley; Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D.; Teresa Rose; Erica Serlin, Ph.D.; Melissa Westendorf, Ph.D.

STAFF: Jeff Scanlan, Bureau Director; Colleen Baird, Legal Counsel; Kimberly Wood Bureau Assistant and other DRL Staff

GUESTS: Sarah Bowen, Wisconsin Psychological Association (WPA)

CALL TO ORDER

Erica Serlin, Ph.D., Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. A quorum of five (5) members was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendments to Agenda

- Under Item “B” (open session) Correct the date listed under this item as follows:
Approval of Minutes of ~~August 19, 2009~~ **October 7, 2009**
- Other Board Business – may be discussed prior to closed session
 - Practice FAQ Review
 - Informational: Tarasoff Opinion – Wisconsin Court of Appeals
 - Informational: Wisconsin Psychologist Licensure Requirements – Renewal
 - Informational: Process for Reinstatement of a Relapsed License and a Question of Accommodations for a Disability

MOTION: Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D., moved, seconded by Melissa Westendorf, Ph.D., to approve the December 2, 2009 agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2009

MOTION: Cynthia Bagley moved, seconded by Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D., to approve the minutes of October 7, 2009 as published. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

The Board was notified that Dr. Gerald Hollander, Ph.D., has tendered his resignation effective immediately. Jeff Scanlan requested that the members of the Board forward to him any information they may have on professional board member candidates. Additionally, Jeff Scanlan noted that anyone seeking board appointment should go to the Governor's website and review the information listed on the "Boards and Commissions" link.

The Board was then advised of the retirement of a number of Division of Board Services staff. The retirements of Ruby Jefferson-Moore, Legal Counsel; Peggy Wichmann, Legal Counsel; and Joel Garb, Paralegal, were effective as of November 20, 2009. The Department is working to fill the Legal Counsel vacancies and hopes to hire a new Bureau Assistant.

The Board inquired as to the status of the web re-design and was informed that content is currently being transferred from the current website to the redesigned site. The website content transfer is subject to content review in an attempt to eradicate outdated information. The release of the new redesigned site is anticipated for the early part of 2010.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS

Presentation of Proposed Stipulations in the Matter of Disciplinary Proceedings against Paul R. Hamilton (DOE Case # 08 PSY 012)

Jeanette Lytle, DOE Attorney, presented the proposed stipulation in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Paul R. Hamilton (08 PSY 012) and answered questions raised by the Board. This matter will be deliberated in closed session.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS THAT MAY BE SIGNED AFTER MAILING OF THE AGENDA

None.

SUMMARY REPORTS ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND PRESS RELEASES

Noted.

STATUS OF RULES AND STATUTES FOR ALL PENDING LEGISLATION

None.

**PSYCHOLOGY BOARD DETERMINATION OF PASS SCORE FOR THE PRAXIS
EXAMINATION FOR LICENSURE OF PRIVATE PRACTICE SCHOOL
PSYCHOLOGIST**

Appearances By: Dr. Gail Pizarro, DRL; John Humphries, DPI

Gail Pizarro, Examination Specialist, and John Humphries, Department of Public Instruction (DPI), appeared before the Board to request that the Board change the passing score for the PRAXIS examination. Gail Pizarro distributed a handout outlining passing scores within the state and at the national level. John Humphries stated that DPI recently changed its passing score for PRAXIS to meet the national standard. The Board asked questions of John Humphries and Gail Pizarro relevant to the need for change of the passing score of this examination.

The Board also received information relating to a model licensure act which was developed by the American Psychological Association (APA). This model licensure act has not been introduced as legislation at this time. If the model act is enacted, the model licensure would increase educational requirement for School Psychologists to a doctoral degree. John Humphries informed the Board of the potential issues he foresees should this act become law. The number of licensees with Ph.D.'s are limited which could create accessibility issues in finding school psychologists, the current processes of the DPI would need to be evaluated and re-engineered. Even in the case that the APA's model legislation is not enacted, exam providers could choose to implement such requirements in order to take the national examination. John Humphries indicated that the Department of Public Instruction has not yet taken an official position but it is currently working towards one.

MOTION: Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D., moved, seconded by Teresa Rose, to accept the request to change the passing score for the PRAXIS examination to 165. Motion carried unanimously.

**FAQ DISCUSSION – REPORTING VIOLATIONS TO THE PSYCHOLOGY
EXAMINING BOARD**

Bruce Erdmann reviewed information, which he located on the website of the Ohio State Board of Psychology. The information outlined reporting process for consumers vs. professional complaints. The Board discussed the need to implement a statement relating to peer reporting. Sarah Bowen, Wisconsin Psychological Association (WPA), provided comments to the Board relating to this issue. The Board decided to draft a position paper relating to peer reporting to provide clarification to licensees regarding ethical considerations, resources for clarification of ethical dilemmas and information on the reporting process. Melissa Westendorf will work to draft the position paper and will present her draft to the Board at a future meeting.

The Board also indicated that it would like to review the complaint process and discuss the consumer vs. professional reporting with the Division of Enforcement at its next meeting.

APPLICATION QUESTION – WHEN MIGHT APPLICANTS START COUNTING POST-DOCTORAL HOURS REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE?

The Board discussed at which point an applicant can begin to accrue post doctoral hours. The Board indicated that an applicant can begin accruing post doctoral hours once all requirements for the doctoral degree have been met. The Board indicated that they will add this question to its FAQ webpage.

MOTION: Melissa Westendorf, Ph.D., moved, seconded by Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D., that training hours can be counted or accrued once all the requirements for doctoral degree have been met per PSY 2.09 (3) 4., it is the responsibility of the applicant to supply adequate documentation from the school confirming completion of degree requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF § 455.01 WIS. STAT. DEFINITIONS, DISCUSSION ON DEFINITIONS IN CHAP 455

The Board reviewed a number of definitions. within § 455.01 Wis. Stat., in order to reaffirm its understanding of existing content. Specifically discussed by the Board were three separate sections: § 455.01(2), defining a doctoral degree in psychology; § 455.01(5), defining the practice of psychology; and § 455.01(7a) defining psychotherapy. The Board discussed issues that have occurred relating to these definitions and noted that these definitions set the scope of the Board's jurisdiction. Sarah Bowen provided comments to the Board during the course of discussion.

ASPPB ANNUAL MEETING REPORT – BRUCE ERDMANN

Bruce Erdmann reported to the Board regarding his experience at the 2009 ASPPB Annual meeting October 28, 2009 – November 1, 2009. A written report was distributed to the members of the Board. Dr. Erdmann highlighted topics that were discussed at the annual meeting for the Boards benefit. The Board discussed a number of items that were observed at the 2009 ASPPB Annual Meeting by Dr. Erdmann. Sarah Bowen, WPA, provided comments to the Board during discussion of the annual meeting.

REVIEW OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO PSYCHOLOGY LICENSURE APPLICATION FORMS REPORT OF THE APPLICATION FORM REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE

The Board moved the discussion of this topic into open session following closed session deliberations.

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE AND PHONE INQUIRIES BY LEGAL COUNSEL

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sarah Bowen, WPA, provided an update on the mental health parity bill. She noted that there have been two hearings on the parity bill in the Assembly and in the Senate. Sarah Bowen indicated that the Wisconsin Psychological Association is preparing for both committee votes by the year's end and floor votes in January. This bill has the traditional opposition but also has garnered a lot of support. Sarah Bowen summarized that enactment of this bill would provide parity for insurance reimbursement for mental health services with medical services.

Additionally, Sarah Bowen advised the Board that there will be a hearing regarding mandatory insurance coverage for autism treatment which also addresses behavior analysis. The WPA has identified some concerns with some of the definitions used in this bill in that it seems to over generalize autism treatment for young children.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Erica Serlin, Ph.D., moved, seconded by Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D., to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State statutes 19.85(1)(a)(b)(f) and (g), for the purpose of conducting oral interviews, reviewing monitoring requests, requests to extend practice, application reviews, consulting with Legal Counsel and Division of Enforcement case status reports. Roll Call Vote: Cynthia Bagley-yes;-yes; Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D.-yes; Teresa Rose-yes; Erica Serlin, Ph.D.; Melissa Westendorf, Ph.D. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board convened into Closed Session at 11:34 a.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Teresa Rose moved, seconded by Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D., to reconvene into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 2:53 p.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION IF VOTING IS APPROPRIATE

MONITORING

None.

DELIBERATION OF MONITORING RECEIVED AFTER MAILING OF AGENDA

None.

ORAL INTERVIEWS OF APPLICANTS – APPROVAL FOR LICENSURE

MOTION: Cynthia Bagley moved, seconded by Teresa Rose, to grant licensure to practice psychology to Becca Grueb, Ph.D., and Amelia Hermanson, Psy.D. Motion carried. Abstained: Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D.

MOTION: Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D., moved, seconded by Cynthia Bagley, to grant licensure to practice psychology to Jason Dowd, Psy.D.; Julie Jackson, Ph.D.; Astrida Kaugars, Ph.D.; Frederick Kier, Ph.D.; Heidi Rauen, Psy.D.; Michele Ries, Ph.D.; Andrew Stochel, Ph.D.; Mindi Thompson, Ph.D.; and Carmen Valdez, Ph.D. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW

MOTION: Teresa Rose moved, seconded by Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D., to accept the additional information submitted by Jason Dowd, Psy.D.; Julie Jackson, Ph.D.; Frederick Kier, Ph.D.; Heidi Rauen, Psy.D.; and Andrew Stochel, Ph.D. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

JODI BLAHNIK, PH.D.

MOTION: Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D., moved, seconded by Teresa Rose, to admit to the Ethics, Jurisprudence Exam and Oral Interview Jodi Blahnik, Ph.D. Motion carried unanimously.

THOMAS DIANA, PH.D.

MOTION: Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D., moved, seconded by Melissa Westendorf, Ph.D., to grant a reinstatement of psychology licensure to Thomas Diana, Ph.D. Motion carried unanimously.

SARAH DOWNING, PSY.D.

MOTION: Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D., moved, seconded by Cynthia Bagley, to admit to the Ethics, Jurisprudence Exam and Oral Interview Sarah Downing, Psy.D. Motion carried unanimously.

WILLIAM HOYT, PH.D.

MOTION: Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D., moved, seconded by Cynthia Bagley, to admit to the Ethics, Jurisprudence Exam and Oral Interview William Hoyt, Ph.D. Motion carried unanimously.

DAWN LANDERS, PSY.D.

MOTION: Teresa Rose moved, seconded by Cynthia Bagley, to admit to Ethics, Jurisprudence Exam and Oral Interview Dawn Landers, Psy.D., with a request to send a letter indicating that the Board expressed concerns about competence in the area(s) of behavioral modification, ADD/ADHD evaluation and treatment, and supervision with a reminder of the requirement to limit practice to those areas in which competence is established by adequate education, training, and experience. Motion carried. Abstained: Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D.

CHRISTOPHER LEPAGE, PSY.D.

MOTION: Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D., moved, seconded by Cynthia Bagley, to admit to Ethics, Jurisprudence Exam and Oral Interview Christopher Lepage, Psy.D., with a request to send a letter indicating that the Board expressed concerns about competence in the area(s) of consultation, adults, play therapy, program evaluation and development with a reminder of the requirement to limit practice to those areas in which competence is established by adequate education, training, and experience. Motion carried unanimously.

JILL MALLIN, PH.D.

MOTION: Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D., moved, seconded by Cynthia Bagley, to admit to Ethics, Jurisprudence Exam and Oral Interview Jill Mallin, Ph.D., with a request to send a letter indicating that the Board expressed concerns about competence in the area(s) of marital/conjoint with a reminder of the requirement to limit practice to those areas in which competence is established by adequate education, training, and experience. Motion carried unanimously.

KELSEY MCCOY, PSY.D.

MOTION: Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D., moved, seconded by Teresa Rose, to admit to the Ethics, Jurisprudence Exam and Oral Interview Kelsey McCoy, Psy.D. Motion carried unanimously.

MELISSA PECOR, PH.D.

MOTION: Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D. moved, seconded by Melissa Westendorf, Ph.D., to admit to Ethics, Jurisprudence Exam and Oral Interview Melissa Pecor, Ph.D., with a request to send a letter indicating that the Board expressed concerns about competence in the area(s) of consultation, adolescent, geriatric, family therapy and marital/conjoint with a reminder of the requirement to limit practice to those areas in which competence is established by adequate education, training, and experience. Motion carried unanimously.

JILL SALSMAN, PH.D.

MOTION: Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D. moved, seconded by Melissa Westendorf, Ph.D., to admit to Ethics, Jurisprudence Exam and Oral Interview Jill Salsman, Ph.D., with a request to send a letter indicating that the Board expressed concerns about competence in the area(s) of evaluation, psychological assessment, consultation, and group therapy with a reminder of the requirement to limit practice to those areas in which competence is established by adequate education, training, and experience. Motion carried unanimously.

AJAY WADHWA, PH.D.

MOTION: Teresa Rose moved, seconded by Cynthia Bagley, to admit to Ethics, Jurisprudence Exam and Oral Interview Ajay Wadhwa, Ph.D., with a request to send a letter indicating that the Board expressed concerns about competence in the area(s) of consultation with a reminder of the requirement to limit practice to those areas in which competence is established by adequate education, training, and experience. Motion carried. Abstained: Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D.

MARGARET VON BRIESEN, PH.D.

MOTION: Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D. moved, seconded by Melissa Westendorf, Ph.D., to admit to Ethics, Jurisprudence Exam and Oral Interview Margaret von Briesen, Ph.D., with a request to send a letter indicating that the Board expressed concerns about competence in the area(s) of competence for consultation, ADD/ADHD evaluation and treatment, behavioral modification, competency evaluations and to request explanation of questions within the application: Form # 2555 (Dr. Goldberg) question # 21 is not answered and Form # 2557 (Dr. Brandt) question # 17 needs to be addressed or corrected noting satisfactory response will be required by January 15, 2010 for admission to be granted with a reminder of the requirement to limit practice to those areas in which competence is established by adequate education, training, and experience. Motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEWS THAT MAY COME IN AFTER MAILING OF AGENDA

None.

DELIBERATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATION AND FINAL DECISION AND ORDERS

**PAUL R. HAMILTON
(08 PSY 012)**

MOTION: Melissa Westendorf, Ph.D., moved, seconded by Teresa Rose, to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Stipulation and Order in the matter of disciplinary proceedings against Paul R. Hamilton (08 PSY 012). Motion carried unanimously.

DELIBERATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS AFTER MAILING OF AGENDA

None.

DELIBERATION OF ISSUANCE OF ADMINISTRATIVE WARNING

None.

DELIBERATION OF PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE WARNINGS SIGNED AFTER MAILING OF AGENDA

None.

DELIBERATION OF PROPOSED FINAL DECISIONS AND ORDERS IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS RECEIVED AFTER THE MAILING OF THE AGENDA

None.

DELIBERATION OF PETITIONS FOR REHEARINGS SIGNED AFTER MAILING OF AGENDA

None.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR PSYCHOLOGY LICENSE RENEWAL

DR. SHELLIE LOCKE, PH.D.

MOTION: Bruce Erdmann, Ph.D., moved, seconded by Melissa Westendorf, Ph.D., to grant Shellie Locke, Ph.D., an extension of time to complete the continuing education requirement for the 2007-2009 biennium to be completed no later than December 2, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

**DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT
CASE STATUS REPORT & CASE CLOSINGS**

The Board noted its case status report. There were no cases presented for closure at today's meeting.

DOE SIGNATURES FOR ORDERS

Signatures were collected for all required documentation.

**REVIEW OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO
PSYCHOLOGY LICENSURE APPLICATION FORMS
REPORT OF THE APPLICATION FORM REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE**

The Board did not review this agenda item.

(The Board moved the discussion of this topic into open session following closed session deliberations.)

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE AND PHONE INQUIRIES BY LEGAL COUNSEL

The Board did not review this agenda item.

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OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

Practice FAQ Review

A practice question was reviewed by the Board. This question inquired about a psychologist's reporting requirements when information is received from the parent of a seventeen (17) year old client alleging a romantic relationship occurring with a twenty-three (23) year old male.

The Board indicated that this scenario does not mandate reporting as the information was received as second hand information and not directly from the client. The Board felt that the parent in this situation could report this situation to law enforcement. The topic of reporting will be discussed by the Board at a future meeting.

Tarasoff Opinion – Wisconsin Court of Appeals

The Board noted the opinion that Wisconsin is considered to be a Tarasoff state.

Wisconsin Psychologist Licensure Requirements - Renewal

The Board did review this agenda item.

Process for Reinstatement of a Relapsed License and a Question of Accommodations for a Disability

The Board did not review this agenda item.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Cynthia Bagley moved, seconded by Teresa Rose, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.