

STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGISTS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES

MINUTES OF MEETING
July 30-31, 2015

By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled Board meeting was held at 926 Aspen Street, Fairbanks, Alaska.

THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2015

AGENDA ITEM - CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by Chairperson Al Levy.

Those present, constituting a quorum of the Board:

Al Levy, Psychological Associate, Board Chair
Dr. Kristi Fuller, Psychologist, Co-Chair
Dr. Joel Wieman, Psychologist
Dr. John DeRuyter, Psychologist
Christian Muntean, Public Member

In attendance from the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, were:

Sara Chambers, Division Operations Manager
Charles Ward, Paralegal II
Susan Johnson, Licensing Examiner
Martha Hewitt, Finance
Michelle Wall-Rood, Investigations
Sonia Lipker, Investigations

In attendance as members of the public:

Tonie Protzman, Executive Director, Alaska Psychological Association, telephonic

AGENDA ITEM - CALL TO ORDER

All members of the Board were present.

AGENDA ITEM - REVIEW AGENDA

UPON a motion made by John DeRuyter and seconded by Joel Wieman and approved unanimously, it was resolved to approve the agenda as written with the addition of a discussion SB-41 after the AK-PA Testimony.

	YES	NO
AL LEVY	X	
JOHN DERUYTER	X	
KRISTI FULLER	X	

JOEL WIEMAN	X	
CHRISTIAN MUNTEAN	X	

AGENDA ITEM – ETHICS DISCLOSURES

-none-

REVIEW MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 2015 MEETING

UPON a motion made by Christian Muntean and seconded by John DeRuyter and approved unanimously, it was resolved to approve the agenda as written.

UPON a motion made by Christian Muntean in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) and seconded by John DeRuyter and approved unanimously, it was resolved to move into executive session in order to review a tabled Continuing Education audit at 9:30AM. Back on record at 9:35AM.

UPON a motion made by Christian Muntean and seconded by John DeRuyter and approved unanimously, it was resolved to accept Dr. Kesselring's Continuing Education credits as complete.

Courtesy License Report

Susan Johnson informed the Board that all monthly reports were current. Mr. Levy began a discussion about "expert testimony" by psychologist not licensed in the State of Alaska effectively practicing without a license and not in the best interest of public protection. Making therapy suggestions in court could be interpreted as a class B misdemeanor (AS 08.86.210) and admitting testimony in violation of statutes could be grounds for a mistrial. **TASK:** Draft courteous informative letters to inform the law community and out of state psychologist of the law. (Al Levy)

**The Board went off record at 10:03 AM for a break.
The Board went on record at 10:13 AM.**

Public Comment (AK-PA Testimony)

Chairman Levy opened the public comment period by recognizing members of the Board from Alaska Psychological Association and invited them to provide their comments to the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associates.

Tonie Protzman asked if SB-41 requiring finger prints and background checks would only apply to new applicants, and after lapsing, or all licensees? Mr. Levy stated that Senator Geisel's bill might need some modification to return to the original intent. Mr. Levy reminded the Board that the Board's function will sometimes be at odds with AK-PA. John DeRuyter compared the level of disclosure to what foster care homes already go through.

The Board discussed the new Behavioral Analyst license. **TASK:** The Board would like to invite the new Behavioral Analyst licensees to the mental health board summit. (Al Levy)

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BehaviorAnalysts.aspx>

Division Report with Sara Chambers and Martha Hewitt

Ms. Hewitt explained the enclosed budget spread sheet and that it did not include the recent renewal which has already brought in about \$159,000.00. The Board continues to support itself. Ms. Hewitt explained what all is included in Indirect Expenses. Mr. Levy stated that funding Board travel to national conferences is a priority. Ms. Hewitt suggested taking advantage of any 3rd party reimbursement and direct booking to save the Board money.

Ms. Chambers gave a brief update on the Meeting of the Minds Summit and coordination with HSS. Mr. Levy stated that he had received letters from MFTs and Counselors. Counselors may need some financial assistance. No response has been received from Social Workers yet. The Board intends to invite a national representative and behavioral analyst practitioner. Ms. Chambers suggested contacting Ms. White who has helped in the formation of the behavioral analyst license type. Mr. Levy stated that the January Board meeting will be in Juneau.

The Board went off record at 12:09 AM for lunch.

The Board went on record at 1:47 PM.

Investigative Report with Michelle Wall-Rood

Ms. Wall-Rood introduced her replacement Sonia Lipker. Ms. Lipker stated that 5 matters have been opened, 8 closed, and 3 remain ongoing. Dr. ReRuyter commented on the trend towards fewer complaints. Mr. Levy brought the new behavioral analyst license type to Ms. Lipker's attention as well as the boundary concerns.

Application Review

The Board discussed the available applications.

UPON a motion made by Al Levy and seconded by John DeRuyter and approved unanimously, it was resolved to approve the psychological associate license application for Steve Guevara 103369.

UPON a motion made by Al Levy and seconded by Kristi Fuller and approved unanimously, it was resolved to accept the temporary psychologist license applications for:

Martha Romero 103478

Vanessa Meade 103040

Kaichen McRae 104065 (pending receipt of 2 more reference letters)

The Board adjourned for the day 3:17 PM

FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2015

AGENDA ITEM - CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 PM by Chairperson Al Levy.

All Board members were present, constituting a quorum of the Board:

Al Levy, Psychological Associate, Board Chair

Dr. John DeRuyter, Psychologist

Dr. Kristi Fuller, Psychologist, Co-Chair

Dr. Joel Wieman, Psychologist

Christian Muntean, Public Member

Correspondence

Mr. Levy reminded the Board of the correspondence from the MFT and LPA boards hoping to attend the summit. Mr. Levy asked what the public notice and access level will be for the summit.

Rachel White asked about starting a behavioral analyst board or joining the psychology Board. Sara Chambers answered that any board change would take legislation. She went on to mention the upcoming summit which will be open to the public and publically noticed.

A letter inquiring why Alaska was not taking part in the ASPPB license mobility program. The Board referred to past discussions on this topic.

Discussion regarding the secure website

Ms. Johnson briefed the Board on the Division's ongoing efforts to go paperless. She was directed to ask if the Board required paper applications or could review applications in an electronic version. The Board pointed out that while off site meeting locations required Wi-Fi access the State owner Atwood building does not have Wi-Fi. Unless the Division provides devices to access electronic files they require paper copies. Dr. Fuller pointed out that some transcripts have security watermarks to prevent digitizing and the attached photographs do not seem to scan well. Mr. Levy stated that an electronic version will not be sufficient at this time to allow the Board to meet their mandate to protect the public when reviewing applications or CE audits

Mr. Levy stated that the Board web page needs to be updated and made more user friendly such as adding an FAQ section for licensees. TASK: He asked if an IT representative could be available telephonically for the next meeting. (Susan Johnson)

State Law & Ethics Exam

UPON a motion made by Kristi Fuller in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) and seconded by John DeRuyter and approved unanimously, it was resolved to move into executive session in order to review a tabled Continuing Education audit at 10:06AM. Back on record at 2:15PM.

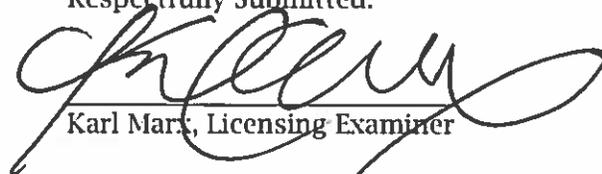
UPON a motion made by John DeRuyter and seconded by Kristi Fuller and approved unanimously, it was resolved to accept Dorothy Foster's Continuing Education credits as complete.

New Business

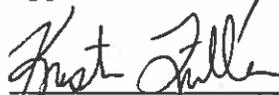
The Board decided that John DeRuyter, Susan Johnson, and Al Levy will attend the ASPPB meeting in Tempe, AZ on October 7-11, 2015. Dr. Wieman suggested taking as much travel information about Alaska as possible to this meeting since the ASPPB Midyear Meeting will be in the Anchorage Hilton May 4-7, 2016.

Upon a motion by John DeRuyter, seconded by Joel Wieman, and approved unanimously, it was APPROVED to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:


Karl Marx, Licensing Examiner

Approved:


Al Levy, Chair
Vice Chair

Date 10/30/15