

# 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 October 28-30, 2015

**The staff of the Division of Corporations, Business & Professional Licensing prepared these draft minutes. They have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.**

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 8717 Dimond D Circle, Anchorage, Alaska.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2015

Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) board training was conducted by Alex Siegel and Joe Rallo. In attendance were:

Dr. John DeRuyter  
Dr. Joel Wieman  
Leon Webber  
Paul Craig  
Al Levy  
Stacey Rolsky  
Dr. Kristi Fuller  
Karl Marx

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2015

#### AGENDA ITEM - CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:19 a.m. by John DeRuyter.

Those present, constituting a quorum of the Board:

Dr. Kristi Fuller, Psychologist, Co-Chair  
Dr. Joel Wieman, Psychologist  
Dr. John DeRuyter, Psychologist

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

Karl Marx, Licensing Examiner  
Janey Hovenden, Director  
Sara Chambers, Operations Manager  
Martha Hewitt, Finance  
Sonia Lipker, Investigations  
Mike Gorman, Publications Specialist  
Jane Connors, Senator Giessel's office

#### AGENDA ITEM - CALL TO ORDER

Two board members had excused absences.

**AGENDA ITEM - REVIEW AGENDA**

**UPON a motion made by Kristi Fuller and seconded by Joel Wieman and approved unanimously, it was resolved to approve the agenda as written.**

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
AL LEVY		
JOHN DERUYTER	X	
KRISTI FULLER	X	
JOEL WIEMAN	X	
CHRISTIAN MUNTEAN		

**AGENDA ITEM - ETHICS DISCLOSURES**

-none-

**REVIEW MINUTES FROM THE JULY 2015 MEETING**

**BEHAVIORAL ANALYST BRIEFING**

The Board discussed creating an "inactive" and "retired" licensed status since "lapsed" and "surrendered" have negative connotations in some jurisdictions.

**COURTESY LICENSE REPORT**

There are five active courtesy licensees.

**Public Comment**

A license applicant pointed out that Alaska is using previous versions of some national documents for the State Law and Ethics Examination. This edition is set in regulation and will require a regulation change. The Board discussed developing a unique code of ethics for Alaska.

A licensee asked about qualifying as a "health service psychologist." The Board does not have any control over this job designation which is not a license designation.

The Board discussed some other regulatory topics including moving the alternate supervision plan from policy to regulation.

**Break 10:55am returned 11:04am.**

The Board signed Richard Fuller's continuing education certificate for attending the July 2015 meeting.

**Division Report with Janey Hovenden, Sara Chambers, and Martha Hewitt**

Ms. Hewitt explained the enclosed budget. The Board will have a fee analysis mid-2016 to see if license fees will be increased, decreased, or remain the same.

Ms. Chambers suggested a formal Board vote before going ahead with possible statutory changes including adding the "inactive" and "retired" license statuses. She also suggested that the Board start a regulation project to update the 2003 code of ethics to the 2010 edition since the licensees need to be able to see exactly what standards that they are being held to.

**UPON a motion made by Joel Wieman and seconded by Kristi Fuller and approved unanimously, it was resolved to include in ongoing legislation proposals (SB-41) the use of the license statuses inactive and retired.**

**The Board went off record at 12:04am for lunch and returned at 1:03pm.**

### **Investigative Report with Sonia Lipker**

Ms. Lipker was able to attend in person. She described the past quarter as quiet with two cases closed and one open. The Board had some questions about a past case involving title usage.

### **Application Review**

The Board discussed the available applications.

**Steve Guevara 103369** is currently licensed as a psychological associate but holds a PhD. Mr. Guevara requested permission retake the EPPP intending to pass at the higher psychologist level and then be upgraded to a psychologist license. Normally only active temporary licensees can be scheduled to sit for the EPPP. The Board unanimously agreed that Mr. Guevara can retake the EPPP as often as needed and sets a **policy** that any licensee in a similar situation can also retake the EPPP as needed.

**UPON a motion made by Kristi Fuller and seconded by Joel Wieman and approved unanimously, it was resolved to approve the following psychological license applications:**

**David Truhn 104972**  
**Catherine Rutherford 103988**  
**Nechama Capland 105062**  
**Phillip Will Henson 104076**

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

**Dianna Rehn 104023**  
**Anna Stevens 104030**

**UPON a motion made by Joel Wieman and seconded by Kristi Fuller and approved unanimously, it was resolved to extend the temporary psychologist license application for Eula Crippen PSYS97.**

**UPON a motion made by Joel Wieman and seconded by Kristi Fuller and approved unanimously, it was resolved to approve the psychological associate license application for Stacey Rolsky upon passing the State and national examinations.**

The Board adjourned for the day 3:25 PM

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2015**

### **AGENDA ITEM - CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 PM by John DeRuyter.

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

Dr. John DeRuyter, Psychologist  
Dr. Kristi Fuller, Psychologist  
Dr. Joel Wieman, Psychologist

### DISCUSSION WITH IT ABOUT WEB PAGE

Ms. Chambers and Mr. Gorman called regarding ongoing changes with the licensing web page. The Board expressed their support of online renewals and interactive forms.

**TASK:** The Board will provide written content for a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page and send it to the staff.

### CORRESPONDENCE, OUTGOING

Jane Connors from Senator Cathy Giessel's office called to discuss SB-41. The Board supports wording that could allow periodic background checks of licensees in the future as well as background checks for new license applicants in order to protect the public. There seemed to be a misunderstanding that background checks were already required, based on some public comments.

The Board asked to add a "retired" and "inactive" category to this bill.

**TASK:** The Board will provide a new bill script and rationale.

### NEW BUSINESS

**TASK:** John DeRuyter will write an Alaska Code of Conduct to be included in regulation.

**Break 11:00am returned 11:09am.**

**TASK:** Joel Wieman will write a letter to the AK-PA membership which may also include proposed wording for the Alaska Code of Conduct.

**UPON a motion made by Kristi Fuller and seconded by Joel Wieman and approved unanimously, it was resolved to begin a regulation project covering the following areas:**

- 1) Allowing psychological associate retesting more frequently than every 6 months. (The current regulation is archaic, based on when Examination for the Professional Practice in Psychology examination (EPPP) was offered twice a year.)
- 2) Version of APA ethics updated to current version. (Consider removing APA ethics as the behavioral standard and develop a Professional Code of Conduct based on ASPPB and other professional groups.)
- 3) Expand the reasons for extension of temporary licensure to include time to pass the Jurisprudence and EPPP exams. (This needs to have some limits.)
- 4) Accepting Credential Banked information from ASPPB and the National Register for application process.
- 5) Recognize the Certificate of Professional Qualification (in Psychology)(CPQ) information as basis for licensure by credentials.
- 6) Allow utilization of the ASPPB PLUS application process but do not require.
- 7) Allow the issuance of a Temporary psychological associate license prior to passing the Jurisprudence and EPPP exams. (Exams must be passed prior to issuing a permanent license.)
- 8) Require psychological associates pass the EPPP at the same level as the psychologists. (Scope of practice is the same as psychologist.)

### State Law & Ethics Exam

**UPON a motion made by Kristi Fuller in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) and seconded by Joel Wieman and approved unanimously, it was resolved to move into executive session in order to grade State law & Ethics Examinations at 11:20am. Back on record at 1:42pm.**

The Board decided to work through lunch.

### NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

The Board set a **policy** that the staff will set State Law & Ethics Examination (SLEE) dates. The next SLEE will be December 28, 2015 with a registration deadline of December 1, 2015 and February 29, 2016 with a registration deadline of February 10, 2016.

Christian Muntean and Joel Wieman will be approved for travel to Juneau in January and as needed for committee hearings on SB-41.

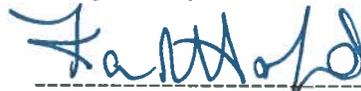
**TASK:** Joel Wieman will contact Alex Siegel at ASPPB for other states' background check laws and history.

The next Board meetings will be January 28-29, 2016 and March 10-11, 2016 both in Anchorage at 8717 Dimond D Circle. Meetings will begin at 10:00am.

**UPON a motion made by Kristi Fuller and seconded by Joel Wieman and approved unanimously, it was resolved to accept the July 2015 minutes as written.**

**Upon a motion by Kristi Fuller, seconded by John DeRuyter, and approved unanimously, it was: APPROVED to adjourn the meeting.**

Respectfully Submitted:



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Renee Hoffard, Licensing Examiner

Approved:



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Al Levy, Chair

Date