

State Of Alaska
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE EXAMINERS
August 29-30, 2019

By the authority of AS. 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.64, Article 6, a scheduled board meeting was held at 333 Willoughby Ave. Juneau Alaska.

Thursday, August 29, 2019

Agenda Item – Call to order and Roll call

Board Chair Al Levy called the meeting to order at 9:19 am.

Those present constituting a quorum of the Board:

Al Levy, Psychological Associate
Joel Wieman, Psychologist
Matthew Dammeyer, Psychologist
Erin Johnson, Psychologist

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

Lacey Derr, Licensing Examiner
Renee Hoffard, Licensing Supervisor
Sara Chambers, Director
Erika Prieksat & Billy Homestead, Investigators

Noted in Roll Call, Suzanne Dutson had submitted her resignation to The Board effective immediately beginning August 27, 2019. Before beginning the meeting, Chair Al Levy wanted the record to reflect the delay in start time was due to technical difficulties. Further emphasizing the request for in face meetings for effectiveness.

Agenda Item – Review & Approve Agenda

The board reviewed the drafted agenda of the meeting. Chair Levy stated he needed to propose an amendment to Friday's start time. Due to a conflicting obligation, it was requested amend Friday's start time to 10am.

In a motion duly made by Matt Dammeyer and seconded by Erin Johnson, with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve the agenda as amended.

Examiner Derr addressed the Board regarding an item for presentation by former Board Member Suzanne Dutson. It was requested the Examiner attempt to contact her and see if she's able to present her research presentation on Friday still before formally removing it from the agenda.

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Agenda Item – Review/Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

In a motion duly made by Matthew Dammeyer and seconded by Erin Johnson, with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve the amended previous meeting minutes as discussed.

Agenda Item – Exam Scoring

Upon a motion made by Erin Johnson, seconded by Joel Wieman, and approved unanimously, it was resolved to enter into Executive Session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c), and Alaska constitutional right to privacy provisions for the purpose of discussing matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential. Board staff Lacey Derr to remain in the room.

**Off Record: 9:48am
On Record: 10:41am**

After scoring exams, the board took a brief break.

**Off Record: 10:43am
On Record: 11:00am**

Agenda Item – Board Business

Travel for the upcoming ASPPB meeting set for October 16-20, 2019 was approved for 2 Board members to attend. Chair Levy unfortunately stated he was unable to attend now due to a scheduling conflict and the invitation was extended to Dr. Wieman. Chair Levy questioned Supervisor Hoffard why there was “silence” after submitting the travel request. Because of the lack of notification, another engagement was committed to, preventing Chair Levy from attending. Supervisor Hoffard stated she can request information from our Travel Director but did explain our travel approvals are at the mercy of a higher chain of command. And once staff has been notified, the information is distributed accordingly.

Dr. Dammeyer stated he would be tendering his resignation after the conclusion of the current board meeting. He stated he was relocating out of Alaska and needed to resign his position. Dr. Dammeyer asked how to properly tender his resignation and was directed to email Director Chambers or Supervisor Hoffard. Chair Levy then explained how the resignation will make quorums potentially more difficult and the need for remaining Board Members to be able to attend future meetings. Questions were raised regarding how the Board would go about expressing their concerns with needs for additional members and they were directed to contact the Boards & Commissions Director with their request.

In a motion duly made by Matthew Dammeyer and seconded by Erin Johnson, with unanimous consent, it was resolved to amend the agenda and being Application Review to make best use of their time.

Upon a motion made by Erin Johnson; seconded by Matthew Dammeyer and approved

89 **Unanimously, it was resolved to approve the following applications with the stipulation that**
90 **the information in the applicant files take precedence over the minutes of this meeting.**

91 **Chris Cavanaugh – Psychologist by Exam Temporary License**
92 **Michael Arnatt – Psychologist by Exam Temporary License (Erin Johnson Abstain)**

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94 Tabled applications for further information
95 **Steve Guevara – Renewal Psychologist Associate**
96 **Phillipa Thomas - Psychologist by Exam Temporary License**

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98 **Agenda Item – Public Comment**

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100 There were no members of the public that wished to provide public comments to the board.

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102 **Public Comment Closed: 11:42am**

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104 **Upon a motion made by Erin Johnson, seconded by Matt Dammeyer, and approved unanimously, it**
105 **was resolved to enter into Executive Session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c), and Alaska**
106 **constitutional right to privacy provisions for the purpose of discussing subjects that tend to prejudice**
107 **the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion.**
108 **Board staff Lacey Derr to remain in the room.**

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110 Enter Executive Session: 11:43am
111 Exit Executive Session: 12:03pm

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113 **Recess for Lunch: 12:04pm – 1:00pm**

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115 *Investigators Erika Prieksat & Billy Homestead joined @ 1pm*

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117 **Agenda Item – Investigative Report**

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119 Investigator Erika Prieksat addressed the board with current investigation and introduced new
120 Investigator Billy Homestead. There were 2 opened matters from April 26, 2019 – August 15, 2019, zero
121 closed matters, and 4 remain ongoing. The Board introduced themselves to Investigator Homestead.
122 Hearing no questions from the Board regarding the investigative report, attention turned to the Division
123 Update.

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125 **Agenda Item – Division Update**

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127 Director Sara Chambers addressed the Board in regard to the Regulatory Reform concept that has been
128 coming down from the Governor’s office. The memo sent out in July was the kickoff to the Reform
129 Concept, which had been in the works for a while. The idea being to identify statutes, regulations, or
130 processes that may be outdated, unnecessary, not supported by data/studies. Also, to identify things
131 that can be improved efficiency and/or process wise. The purpose being to get professionals to work on
132 one side and public safety and protection being on the other. Referring to the memo sent in July to
133 Board members, Director Chamber brought attention to the bullet points and reiterated the Division’s
134 goals in providing service excellence.

135 Chair Levy stated his view was the Board had been very proactive in keeping current with profession
136 changes, updates, and ease of access to licensing. It was agreed the Board has been very proactive and
137 was thanked for their diligence to the Psychology profession. Director Chambers brought up a few
138 examples of additional items the Board could look at to begin thinking more “outside” the box and just
139 reminded the Board to remain active and not passive in moving through the Regulatory Reform Process.
140 Attention was brought to the workbook provided to assist the Board in working through the process. If
141 the Board had any questions during the process, to please ask.

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143 Director Chambers also discussed a potential idea that was floating through the administration. The
144 Administration has been very interested in efficiency and finding ways to unsilo ourselves. One theme
145 that has been presented is combining the mental health boards, or commonly referred to as a “Super
146 Board”. The idea being to bring the various mental health boards to the same table for discussion. It is
147 a current conversation that is serious and could be introduced into legislation later this fiscal year. It
148 was told to the Board to please communicate what information, ideas, and opinions the Board may have
149 in regard to combining the mental health boards. Chair Levy having had prior discussions of the
150 potential “Super Board”, he had already begun doing some research. After reaching out to a few
151 jurisdictions and entities, the general information received back is that it could be less than favorable.
152 But until additional information and resources are received, the discussion would be more appropriate
153 for a later time.

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155 Being this was the first public announcement of the proposed idea of “Super Boards”, it was asked to
156 please help assure the partnership will be maintained and upfront thanks were given for maintaining a
157 professional working outcome. Before moving on, the Board wanted to question the idea of combining
158 mental health boards when Psychologists are more alike with medical professions. The Division had not
159 heard that was an option and requested additional research/information found by the Board to be
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163 **Recess at 2:05 pm until 10:00 am on Friday, August 30, 2019.**

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Friday, August 30, 2019

Agenda Item – Call to order and Roll call

Board Chair Al Levy called the meeting to order at 10:12 am.

Those present constituting a quorum of the Board:

- Al Levy, Psychological Associate
- Joel Wieman, Psychologist
- Matthew Dammeyer, Psychologist
- Erin Johnson, Psychologist

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

Lacey Derr, Licensing Examiner

Public Present, Michael Reed, AKPA

Chair Levy wanted to state for the record the late start time was due to issues with technological issues and coordination between Anchorage staff and Juneau staff to conduct the meeting via videoconference.

Agenda Item – Courtesy License Update

Examiner Derr updated the Board on the status of current courtesy licenses. Of the 4 Active Courtesy Licenses, all but 1 was compliant. The one out of compliance had been sent a status letter, requesting immediate response.

Since former Board Member Suzanne Dutson could not attend to present her PSYPACT information, Examiner Derr contacted Dr. Michael Reed from AKPA to present his information earlier in the agenda. The Board had already completed other agenda items to make best use of their time.

Off Record 10:14am

On Record 10:23am

226 **Agenda Item – AKPA**

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228 Michael Reed, AKPA Representative, presented to the Board the status of the uniform licensing act
229 they've been working on. But before starting, Chair Levy updated Dr. Reed on the potential "Super
230 Board". It was requested Dr. Reed take the information back to AKPA and for their position and/or
231 opinion on the matter. Not speaking for the AKPA Board, Dr. Reed did briefly address the idea and one
232 of the major concerns stated was similar to that of Chair Levy: Status of LPA's in the profession and
233 combining boards which are largely very different. Dr. Reed stated he'll bring the information back to
234 the AKPA Board and work to get a more formal opinion statement for the January 2020 meeting.

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236 AKPA has been working to follow the traditional APA format but update it with current information. By
237 updating the current information (such as the resequencing of training hours), it would bring Alaska in
238 line with 18 other states and the momentum of the profession in general. Chair Levy agreed with
239 bringing the regulations and legislation in line with changing/updates in the profession and that the
240 Administration has asked of all boards to do similar processes (regulatory reform). The question was
241 posed, "Is the new AKPA regulations to close the door on one process and open another?" and the short
242 answer was no. There would still be a mix of internship and post-doctoral accrual hours as some
243 professions within psychology would require the traditional method of hour accrual. Does the new
244 legislation allow applicants to correct post-doctoral their internship to achieve licensure? The proposed
245 language does read with an "and/or" option which can reopen a path to licensure that some may have
246 faced a hard stop.

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248 It was asked of the Board to provide additional examples of situations that have come up in access to
249 licensure that AKPA could potentially address in their language. Board member Dammeyer brought up
250 more of concerns with regulation and implementation of the internship/doctoral programs. The fear is
251 more focused on the new programs coming up, there isn't a strong checks and balances of the program
252 requirements among the programs (APA vs. not). Dr. Reed stated there isn't specifically something in
253 place. Further discussion questioned why there is APA accredited programs then, the effectiveness of
254 supervision, and the general access to education become more electronic.

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256 It was explained legislation is still in draft form and there could be additional items added. There could
257 be additional items identified as potentially important to add. Chair Levy stated he would also contact
258 some of the national databases for information on LPA's and LPC's providing advanced psychometric
259 testing. After some additional discussion on psychometric testing, researching potential barriers to
260 licensure, and how to best protect the public, Dr. Reed was thanked for his time and diligence to the
261 psychological profession.

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263 **Agenda Item – Adjourn**

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265 **Upon a motion made by Matthew Dammeyer, seconded by Erin Johnson, and approved**
266 **unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting.**

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268 **Chair Levy Adjourned the meeting at 11:11am.**

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