

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY
MINUTES**

DATE: April 25, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m., CST

LOCATION: Health Related Boards
Iris Room
227 French Landing, Suite 300
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Carl Gilleylen, Psy.D., Chair
Robert Kores, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Janice Martin, Ph.D.
David Caye, MS, Sr. PE
Patrick Lavin, Ph.D.
Susan Strickler, Ph.D.
Mark Sigler, Ph.D., Sr. PE
Evelyn Kemp, Psy.D.
Brenda Hunter, Consumer Member

BOARDSTAFF

PRESENT: Barbara Maxwell, Administrative Director
Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney
Lakita Taylor, AARB I

Dr. Gilleylen called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. All Board members were present.

Review/Ratify January 30, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes

Upon review of the January 30, 2007 Board meeting minutes, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to approve the minutes with revisions. The motion carried.

Conflict of Interest Policy Statement

Ms. Armstrong reviewed the conflict of interest policy statement with the Board asking all members to disclose any potential conflicts of interest to determine if the Board member should recuse him/herself from the proceeding and leave the board room.

Office of General Counsel Report

Ms. Armstrong reviewed the OGC report stating the rule amendments regarding ethics and jurisprudence exam administration, exam retake fee, petitions for stay and reconsideration, and the deletion of obsolete Psychological Examiner licensure process language adopted by the Board at the July 19-20, 2006 meeting was sent to the Attorney General August 18, 2006 where they remain.

Ms. Armstrong stated there are three (3) open cases pertaining to the Board of Examiners in Psychology, one (1) pertaining to a Senior Psychological Examiner and two (2) pertaining to Psychologists.

Administrative Report

Ms. Maxwell reviewed the Administrative Report stating there are currently 1282 active, 574 retired, 416 failed to renew and 86 deceased Psychologists.

Ms. Maxwell said there are currently 607 active, 512 retired, 912 failed to renew and 58 deceased Psychological Examiners and Senior Psychological Examiners.

Ms. Maxwell said there are currently 5 active Certified Psychological Assistants.

Ms. Maxwell said the benchmark for the renewal process is ten (10) days with Psychologists averaging 3.0 days and Psychological Examiners averaging 10.8 days.

Ms. Maxwell said the benchmark for application processing is one hundred (100) days with Psychologists averaging 423 days, Psychological Examiners averaging 619 days and Certified Psychological Assistants averaging 60 days. Ms. Maxwell said the application processing time has increased slightly due to applicants obtaining their post doctoral supervised experience under a provisional license and/or waiting to sit for the EPPP examination.

Ms. Maxwell said requests for travel must be submitted 120 days prior to the travel date for approval. Ms. Maxwell advised Board members to present travel requests at Board meetings so they can be reflected in the minutes should the Commissioner's office have any questions regarding travel.

Financial Report

Ms. Maxwell reviewed the Financial Report stating the Board has a cumulative carryover of \$191,598.98 as of June 30, 2006. Ms. Maxwell said an updated report will be available by the next Board meeting.

Investigative Report

Mr. Sobowale reviewed the Investigative Report stating there are currently twenty-two (22) complaints against Psychologists and four (4) complaints against Psychological Examiners with one (1) complaint being referred to screening panel.

Disciplinary Report

Mr. Sobowale reviewed the Disciplinary Report stating there are eight (8) Psychologists and two (2) Psychological Examiners being monitored.

Mr. Sobowale stated failure to comply with the probation or suspension requirements would result in another complaint being filed in Investigations.

Status Report

Upon review, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to ratify licensure for the following Psychologists, Psychological Examiners and Certified Psychological Assistants:

Psychologists/HSP

Keisha L. Bean, Ph.D.
Kristin L. Dean, Ph.D.
Michael L. Dimitroff, Ph.D.
Mesha L. Ellis, Ph.D.
Kellie A. Hilker, Ph.D.
B. Charles Ihrig, Ph.D.
Kiesa G. Kelly, Ph.D.
Aimee M. Lyst, Ph.D.
Linda G. Manning, Ph.D.
Patricia C. Potter, Ph.D.
Vida M. Sobie, Ph.D.
R. Jane Williams, Ph.D.

Psychological Examiners

Roman Sean McPherson

Certified Psychological Assistants

Shannon Dawn Beuscher

The motion carried.

Review/Ratify EPPP Examination Results

Upon review, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to ratify the EPPP examination results for the following candidates:

Mona E. Bennett	Pass
Mary B. Covert	Pass
Christopher S. Dula	Pass
Bruce W. Jasper	Pass
David N. Sacks	Pass
Lisa A. Beavers	Fail
LaShonda R. Hughes	Fail
Michelle L. Santiago	Fail

The motion carried.

Review/Ratify Oral Examination Results and Licensure

Upon review, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to ratify the oral examination results for the following candidates:

Carries S. Booher, Ph.D./HSP	Pass
Jessica Allin, Ph.D./HSP	Pass

The motion carried.

Review Applications

Upon review of the application of **Laura B. Casey, Ph.D./HSP**, indicating no documentation of HSP supervision, Dr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to delay approval pending receipt of documentation proving HSP supervision during internship. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Valerie B. Crabtree, Ph.D./HSP**, indicating no criminal background check, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to approve Dr. Crabtree to sit for the jurisprudence examination pending receipt of a criminal background check with no convictions. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **John H. Denning, Ph.D./HSP**, indicating missing documentation, Dr. Kemp made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to delay approval pending receipt of Dr. Denning’s EPPP score and date, letters endorsing HSP supervision and his post-doctorate form. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Susan F. Hermes, Ph.D./HSP**, indicating completion of a New York internship program, Dr. Strickler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to approve Dr. Hermes to sit for the EPPP and be issued a provisional license upon verification that the internship was APA approved or APPIC listed. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Michelle L. McAtee, Ph.D./HSP**, indicating no letter of reference or proof of internship, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to delay and have administration send a letter to Dr. McAtee informing her of the option of obtaining a provisional license. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Erin L. Patel, Psy.D./HSP**, requesting credit of post doctorate hours earned in Florida, Dr. Lavin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to accept hours towards a provisional license and approve Dr. Patel to sit for the EPPP. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Benjamin P. Birdwell**, indicating receipt of a letter clarifying coursework, Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin to approve Mr. Birdwell licensure as a Certified Psychological Assistant. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Martha J. Morelock**, indicating a pending Master's degree and no criminal background check, Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye to delay approval pending receipt of proof of degree and criminal background check. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Jessica L. Allin, Ph.D./HSP**, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to ratify Dr. Allin's postdoctoral supervised experience. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application of **Bruce W. Jasper, Ph.D./HSP**, indicating a discrepancy of supervised hours, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to approve Dr. Jasper's postdoctoral supervised experience upon receipt of clarification of supervised hours. The motion carried.

Upon review of the application and continuing education of **Debra Ann Schuh**, requesting an upgrade to Senior Psychological Examiner, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to approve Dr. Schuh's upgrade. The motion carried.

Review/Ratify Ethics and Jurisprudence Examination Results

Upon review of the ethics and jurisprudence examination results, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to ratify the scores for the following candidates:

Robert Cochrane, Ph.D./HSP	Fail
Mary Beth Covert, Psy.D.	Pass
Kristin Dean, Ph.D./HSP	Pass
John W. Mosier, III, Psy.D.	Pass

Patricia Potter, Ph.D./HSP **Pass**
Sarah Steele, Psy.D/HSP **Fail**
R. Jane Williams, Ph.D./HSP **Pass**

The motion carried.

Upon Ms. Maxwell's request, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to ratify the ethics and jurisprudence exam result of the following candidate:

Janet Beth Winn, Ph.D./HSP **Pass**

The motion carried.

Review/Respond to Correspondence

Upon review of the letter from **Kimbra Gill, Ph.D.**, requesting reconsideration of the board's decision to deny waiver of coursework that was not APA approved, the Board decided to uphold its decision to deny. Ms. Armstrong stated she would address a letter to Dr. Gill and her attorneys regarding the Board's action.

Upon review of the letter from **Jim Brown, Ph.D.**, requesting clarification of the ethics requirement for continuing education, the Board decided to change the rule language to provide clarification and table the discussion at next board meeting.

Upon review of the letter from **Michael Eslinger**, requesting clarification of the teaching of hypnotism in the state of Tennessee, the Board decided a letter should be addressed to Mr. Eslinger stating the Board does not regulate the teaching of hypnotism but does regulate the practice of hypnotism by individuals that fall under its jurisdiction.

Upon review of the letter from **Lewis Harris, MD**, on behalf of patient/applicant **Kristal Hurst**, requesting an extension to take the examination due to brain surgery and the capacity to perform, the Board decided that Ms. Hurst, not her physician, needed to address the Board and request an extension.

Consent Order of William D. Lokey, Sr.P.E.

Ms. Armstrong, Assistant General Counsel, presented a consent order for William D. Lokey, Sr.P.E. to the Board. Ms. Armstrong stated Dr. Lokey admits to entering into a personal relationship with a former client, prior to retiring his license. Ms. Armstrong stated it is the recommendation of the screening panel for Dr. Lokey's license to be suspended for a two (2) year period, undergo a psychological evaluation within six (6) months of the effective date of this order by a Board approved licensed Psychologist with Health Service Provider designation, participate in therapy based on the results of the psychological evaluation and continue until such time as the treating Psychologist submits a written report to the Board indicating the respondent has been released from therapy, complete six (6) hours of Type I or II continuing education in the subjects of

ethics and risk management, and complete a three (3) credit hour lecture format class in ethics through a graduate level psychology program with a grade of “B” or better.

Ms. Armstrong stated upon expiration of the two (2) year period of suspension, Dr. Lokey’s license to practice psychology in Tennessee is to be placed on probation for a two (2) year period with the following conditions: Dr. Lokey shall personally appear before the Board at regularly scheduled Board meetings coinciding with the expiration of the suspension of his license; submit an application for the reinstatement of his license, including proof of the completion of forty (40) hours of continuing education; obtain supervision of his practice from a Board approved psychologist for the duration of the probationary period; and, at the conclusion of the period of probation, Dr. Lokey shall personally appear at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board to request that the Board issue an order reflecting successful compliance with all conditions and restrictions imposed.

Ms. Armstrong stated Dr. Lokey is required to pay one (1) Type A Civil Penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and all costs relating to the probation within ninety (90) days after the entry of this order.

Upon discussion, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to accept the consent order for Dr. Lokey. The motion carried.

Select Peer Assistance Program

Mike Harkreader, Tennessee Professional Assistance Program (TNPAP), appeared before the Board to present information regarding the TNPAP and the services it can offer the Board. Mr. Harkreader stated the program is an alternative to discipline and its mission is to assist practitioners in obtaining treatment for impairments such as substance abuse. Mr. Harkreader stated the program also addresses issues such as, boundary issues, gambling, and anger management. Mr. Harkreader said individuals are first evaluated and then referred to the appropriate practitioner or facility for treatment. Mr. Harkreader said upon completion of treatment, the individual is required to sign a contract, undergo random urine screenings, workplace monitoring and attend a support group such as AA meetings.

Dr. Brian Wind, Director of Services, Tennessee Colleague Assistance Foundation (TCAF), appeared before the Board to present information regarding the TCAF and the services it can offer the Board. Dr. Wind stated the foundation will act as a monitoring program used for practitioners with issues related to substance abuse, boundary issues, and mental health. Dr. Wind said the program does not attempt to treat individuals but to evaluate and refer to the appropriate professionals for treatment. Dr. Wind stated practitioners under contract may be required to undergo random urine screenings and attend support groups such as Alcohol Anonymous; for substance abusers. Dr Wind said it is the foundation’s intention to attend meetings, related to the profession of Psychology, in all regions of the State of Tennessee to inform professionals of the foundation with hopes of helping with prevention.

Consider Adopting a Position Statement Regarding Use of Billing Codes

Upon discussion, the Board decided to table this topic until the next Board meeting.

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Dr. Lavin, seconded by Mr. Caye to re-elect Dr. Gilleylen as Chair and Dr. Kores as Vice-Chair of the Board of Examiners in Psychology. The motion carried.

Schedule Board Meeting Dates for 2008

January 23-25, 2008

April 30-May 2, 2008

August 27-29, 2008

October 22-24, 2008

Feedback and Test Data Regarding Ethics and Jurisprudence Examination

Upon discussion of the test data regarding ethics and the jurisprudence examination, the Board decided to table this discussion until the next Board meeting.

With no other Board business to conduct, a motion was made by Mr. Caye, seconded by Dr. Kores to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Tennessee Board of Examiners in Psychology on August 29, 2007.