

MEETING MINUTES
UTAH PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSING BOARD
OCTOBER 19, 2023
HEBER M. WELLS BLDG.
GOOGLE MEETS AND ROOM 474 – 1:00 PM
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84114

CONVENED: 1:03 PM

ADJOURNED: 3:55 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jamie Brass, PsyD
Cade Charlton, PhD
Richard Engar, DDS
Melanie Domenech Rodriguez, PhD
Ashley Greenwell, PhD

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

CJ Powers

DOPL STAFF PRESENT:

Jana Johansen, Bureau Manager
Jennifer Boshard, Board Secretary
Jenny Johnson, Compliance Specialist

GUESTS:

Tom Mullin, President of UPA
Michelle McOmber
Nanci Klein
David Yates
Marsha Yates

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS: (0:00:00) Audio 1

YEARLY CHAIRPERSON ELECTION

Dr. Engar made the motion to make Dr. Brass chair and Dr. Domenech Rodriguez vice chair. Dr. Greenwell seconded the motion, board passed unanimously.

REVIEW AND APPROVE JULY 20, 2023, MEETING MINUTES.

Dr. Brass requested her name be updated with PsyD. And change Robert Dindinger and Teague Cowley but updated as doctor. Dr. Engar made the motion to accept the July 20, 2023, meeting minutes with the edits. Dr. Charlton seconded the motion, board passed unanimously.

COMPLIANCE REPORT - JENNY JOHNSON

Ms. Johnson reviewed her compliance report with the Board at the start of each probationer interview.

APPOINTMENTS: (0:18:30) Audio 1

ROBERT DINDINGER – PROBATION REVIEW

Dr. Dindinger attended the meeting. Ms. Johnson provided the compliance report. Dr. Engar conducted the interview. Mr. Dindinger answered questions from the board regarding his essay.

Dr. Engar made the motion to accept the essay provided. Dr. Greenwell seconded the motion, Dr. Charlton abstained, board passed four to one. Dr. Engar made the motion to find Dr. Dindinger in compliance, Dr. Greenwell seconded the motion, board passed unanimously. Dr. Engar requested to see Dr. Dindinger at the next January 18, 2023, meeting.

HEATHER JOSEPHSON – CRIMINAL HISTORY REVIEW

Ms. Josephson attended the meeting in person. Dr. Domenech Rodriguez conducted the interview. Ms. Josephson answered questions from the board regarding her criminal history.

Dr. Domenech Rodriguez made the motion to table a decision until the next meeting January 18, 2023. Dr. Domenech Rodriguez made the recommendation for Ms. Josephson to submit reporting criminal information, therapist report on treatment engagement and treatment gains and a Neuropsychological Evaluation. Dr. Engar suggested including either her application she filled out at the time Ms. Josephson was hired and a work evaluation from her prior employer. Dr. Greenwell seconded the motion, board passed unanimously.

BRIANA LYNCH – SUPERVISION

Ms. Lynch attended the meeting virtually. Dr. Charlton conducted the interview. Ms. Lynch answered questions from the board regarding her supervision.

Dr. Charlton made the motion to accept Ms. Lynch's supervision. Dr. Engar seconded the motion, board passed unanimously. Ms. Johansen made the recommendation to discuss the rule farther at the February 8, 2024, meeting.

BREAK 2:38 PM – 2:47 PM

AUGUSTO GANCINIA – EXTENSION REQUEST (0:30:00) Audio 2

Mr. Gancinia did not attend the meeting. The board discussed the options for Mr. Gancinia's extension request.

The board will be requiring a letter from Mr. Gancinia explaining his extension request. Dr. Brass made decision to table the discussion until the January 18, 2024, meeting. Ms. Johansen will extend Mr. Gancinia's license until the January 18, 2024, meeting.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS: (0:00:33) Audio 2

EPPP CONCERNS

Dr. Brass briefly discussed her concerns regarding the changes for the EPPP exam. Dr. Klein, Director of Professional Affairs for UPA, inquired if the board has spoken to any training programs, as she is concerned of the impact it will have on graduation students. Dr. Mullin, the president of UPA, will be informing students of the changes happening.

Dr. Brass discussed with the board EPPP examination requirements. And how we should proceed with any additional Exam retake requests in the future. Ms. Johansen did inform the board that the rule can be updated to reflect what the board would like to implement. Ms. Johansen recommended waiting to change the rule until changes have been made with legislation. Dr. Domenech Rodriguez suggested including a letter to the board on how they understand their test failure and include any educational resources to maximize their chances of passing the test. Dr. Brass will write a paragraph indicating what will be required to present to the board.

OPLR- JOINT SUPPORT LETTER REVIEW

Dr. Brass informed the board their inquiries were sent to OPLR. Dr. Domenech Rodriguez expressed her concerns regarding supervision. Dr. Domenech Rodriguez asked for clarification if the entire letter applies to Psychologists or if it's for other boards. Dr. Brass clarified that only some things in the letter pertain to Psychologists, such as a joint board and RSPPB. Ms. Johansen informed the board the joint support letter is just for their knowledge.

SB16 TRANSGENDER CERTIFICATION UPDATE

Ms. Johansen shared the document for certification. It will be posted on all four of the mental health specific websites including medical and nursing. Guidelines for CE hours must be specific to the treatment of minors. You will need to have this certification by January 1, 2024, and CE hours are accepted from up to two years previously.

SCHEDULING AN ADDITIONAL MEETING


FEBRUARY 8, 2024, 1:00 PM is tentatively added to the calendar if an additional meeting will be needed.

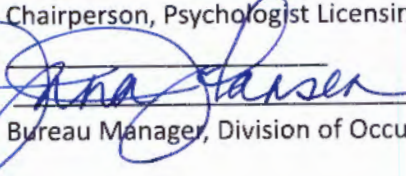
NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

JANUARY 18, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

 _____ Date Approved 01/18/2024
Chairperson, Psychologist Licensing Board

 _____ Date Approved 1/22/24
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing