

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**UTAH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD**  
**JUNE 6, 2024**  
**HEBER M. WELLS BLDG.**  
**GOOGLE MEETS AND NORTH CONFERENCE RM – 9:00 AM**  
**SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84114**

**CONVENED: 09:06 AM**

**ADJOURNED: 02:37 PM**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jared Ferguson  
Dr. Elizabeth Fawcett  
Verl Pope  
Cade Charlton  
Cheral Chivers  
Tiffiny Lipscomb  
Dr. Fernando Wilson  
Philip Baese

**BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Megan Milroy  
Amanda Rapacz

**DOPL STAFF PRESENT:**

Jana Johansen, Bureau Manager  
Brian Pedersen, Board Secretary  
Jennifer Johnson, Compliance Specialist  
Bernice Palama, Compliance Specialist  
Mark Steinagel, Division Director  
Tracy Naff, Compliance Manager  
Deborah Blackburn, Assistant Director  
Greg Whisenant  
Zack Boyd

**GUESTS:**

Jeff Shumway, OPLR  
Matt Johnson, Commerce Analyst  
Jason Castillo  
Derrick Rasmussen

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS: (0:04:00) Audio 1**

M Steinagel welcomed the board and provided a review of board responsibilities. J Shumway introduced himself and provided information regarding the role of the board and OPLR.

**OATH OF OFFICE: (0:19:00)**

J Johansen performed the oath of office for each board member. P Baese gave his oath of office. C Charlton gave his oath of office. C Chivers gave her oath of office. J Ferguson gave his oath of

office. E Fawcett gave her oath of office. T Lipscomb gave her oath of office. V Pope gave his oath of office. F Wilson gave his oath of office.

**ELECT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD CHAIRPERSON, VICE CHAIR, AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS: (0:29:00)**

V Pope made a motion to nominate J Ferguson as the board chair. P Baese seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

J Johansen provided an explanation of the committees.

J Ferguson made a motion to nominate C Charlton as the Vice Chair. T Lipscomb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V Pope made a motion to nominate P Baese as the Probation and Compliance Advisory Committee chairperson. T Lipscomb seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

J Ferguson made a motion to nominate E Fawcett as the Qualification and Professional Development Advisory Committee chairperson. C Charlton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

J Ferguson made a motion to nominate C Chivers as the Background and Investigations Advisory Committee Chairperson. T Lipscomb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

J Ferguson made a motion to nominate V Pope as the Vice Chairperson of the Qualification and Professional Development Advisory Committee. E Fawcett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (01:01:00)**

V Pope made a motion to approve the CMHC board minutes. F Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E Fawcett made a motion to pass the MFT minutes. J Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

C Charlton made a motion to approve the psychology minutes. E Fawcett seconded. The motion passed.

J Ferguson made a motion to approve the social work board minutes. T Lipscomb seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C Chivers made a motion to approve the SUDC minutes. J Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **DISSCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS: (01:04:00)**

### **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE USES IN MENTAL HEALTH**

Z Boyd and G Whisenant gave a presentation to the board regarding AI applications in mental health therapy.

BREAK 11:11 – 11:23

### **ITAC PRESENTATION: (0:00:00) Audio 2**

L Beheshti and A Bybee gave a presentation to the board regarding international training.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

J Castillo, representative from the University of Utah, spoke to the board regarding education and training of university students. J Johansen provided answers to J Castillo's questions.

D Rasmussen, compliance and ethics senior partner of intermountain healthcare, asked questions of the board regarding changes to unprofessional conduct changes in SB 26.

### **MENTAL HEALTH ACT RULE R156-60: (0:43:00)**

J Johansen discussed the practice act rule with the board. J Ferguson made a motion to amend the practice act rule to extend the 45-day, on-the-job training period to 60 days. C Charlton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Break 1:20 – 1:30

### **MENTAL HEALTH ACT RULE R156-60 CONTINUED: (00:00:10) AUDIO 3**

J Johansen continued her discussion of the Act Rule.

The board discussed the next board meeting date and decided on July 10, 2024.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

July 10, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 2:37 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.



Chairperson, Behavioral Health Board

07/12/2024

Date Approved



Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing

07/15/2024

Date Approved