

MEETING MINUTES
UTAH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD
MARCH 5, 2026
HEBER M. WELLS BLDG. RM 475
GOOGLE MEETS AND ROOM 475 – 9:00 AM
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84114

CONVENED: 9:04AM

ADJOURNED: 12:53PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Cade Charlton, Vice Chairperson
Dr. Philip Baese
Dr. Elizabeth Fawcett
Dr. Verl Pope
Dr. Amanda Rapacz
Dr. Thomas Higbee
Dr. Shelli Yearsley
Dr. Fernando Wilson
Cheral Chivers
Tiffany Lipscomb

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Jared Ferguson, Chairperson
Kevin Eastman

DOPL STAFF PRESENT:

Brian Pedersen, Bureau Manager
Avery Wright, Board Administrator
Kirsten Shumway, Legal Analyst
Jana Johansen, Assistant Director
Sharon Bennett, Compliance Specialist
Camille Farley, Chief Investigator
Brent Erickson, Investigator
Nathan Allred, Investigator
Silmara Charlesworth, Investigator,
Russell Godfrey, Investigator
Paul Scott, Investigator

GUESTS:

Sarah Stroup	Thomas Lyman
Dr. Nanci Klein	Sierra Marsh
Jamie Booth	Tiana McCall
David Jones	Katherine Parnell
Nichole Rammell	Sherrie Sanchez
Taryn Aiken	Timothy Smalley
Jessica Black	Dr. Ted Barratt, PCA
Laura Bradbury	Sabrina Martinez, PCA
Dr. Jamie Brass	
Brooke Chambers	
Krista Duarte	
Amy Edwards	
Kirsten Jacobsen	
Sarah Larmore	

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL:

V Pope made the motion to approve the February minutes. P Baese seconded the motion. The motion passed.

PROBATION AND COMPLIANCE REPORT:

P Baese provided the PCA report with their recommendations. Meeting closed in accordance with the Open and Public Meetings Act, 52-4-205(1)(a) to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. A Rapacz made a motion to close the meeting in accordance with the Open and Public Meetings Act, 52-4-205(1)(a) to discuss the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual. P Baese seconded the motion. All Board members voted in favor of closing the meeting. The meeting was closed at 9:23 a.m. The meeting was opened at 9:54 a.m.

V Pope made the motion to accept the Probation and Compliance report and recommendations. C Charlton seconded the motion. C Chivers opposed the motion. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS:

R156-61-302a(3)(h) & R156-60e Rule Review:

B Pedersen and K Shumway led the discussion of the rule revisions.

R156-61 – A section was corrected to change the language of ‘an internship in school and counseling psychology’ to ‘an internship in school or counseling psychology’ for the clinical internship requirements of the license. A Rapacz mentioned that APA has moved away from the language of ‘pre-doctoral’ and now only uses ‘doctoral’ and suggested that change be reflected in the rule.

SB47 – SB47 is a bill that is expected to pass. This bill will reauthorize the rule-writing authority to the division except for R156-61-302b(1)(b) and (c) and R156-61-302d. This bill will remove time-limited language from rules.

A Rapacz made the motion to put in an emergency rule for R156-61-302B(b) subsection (1)(b) & (c) and R156-61-302d. C Charlton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

A Rapacz made the motion to replace pre-doctoral internship with doctoral internship in R156-61-102 subsection (10) and R156-61-302a subsection (3)(h). S Yearsley seconded the motion. The motion passed.

R156-60e – B Pedersen thanked the board for the time and attention that they put into writing the rule over the years.

R156-60e-306.1 – The division clarified with the board that they have not be given the authority to establish rules for the graduate course supervisor training program, therefore it was removed from the proposed rule. Due to the statute stating an 8 hour minimum for the supervisor training program, the 20 hour course minimum in rule will be changed to reflect that. The board discussed curriculum minimums of the 8 hour course.

The topic of supervision frequency in proportion to supervisee work load was discussed. The board agreed that the supervisor meet with their supervisee twice a month and to remove the language in the rule stating ‘in proportion’.

The supervision contract guidelines form created by the division will be finalized and posted to the DOPL website when the rule goes into effect.

The Board discussed the concerns brought up in the previous public comment period. The language requiring the disclosure of fully remote supervision was removed.

The board discussed the section pertaining to the Duties and Responsibilities of the Clinical Supervisor. The language in this section was changed to clarify that the hours of supervision where the supervisee was working outside of the scope of practice cannot count towards full licensure and that the division must be notified.

T Higbee made the motion to approve the changes in the licensure rule document that was sent to the board members. C Charlton seconded the motion. E Fawcett opposed the motion. The motion passed.

BREAK: 10:50AM – 11:04AM

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

S Stroup – Made the comment that by the interpretation of the statute, the board has the authority to require a 20 hour supervisor training course and not 8 hours. K Shumway stated that the rule sets the minimum standards for qualifications. The courses created by associations or public bodies can be more than the required minimum.

T McCall – Made the comment speaking for the National Association of Social Workers that they appreciate the work that the Board has put forth in the rule and aligning it with the statutory framework. T McCall stated that they encourage continued clarity and flexibility in how supervision training can be structured and delivered.

N Rammell – Made the comment that she is concerned about the January 1, 2027 start date of the supervisor training program requirement as the rule is not yet finalized and asked if the will be leniency with the start date. B Pedersen stated that the January 1, 2027 start date is written in statute and cannot be altered.

D Jones – Made the comment echoing the concern of the minimum hour requirement being too little. D Jones stated that he understands that the board and division are working under the constraints of statute but wanted to state his concern and view on record.

Meeting adjourned: 12:53 PM



Chairperson, Behavioral Health Board

04/05/2026

Date Approved

Brian Pedersen

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing

04/06/2026

Date Approved