

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**
March 20, 2015

These minutes were
approved by the Board
on May 15, 2015

ORAL EXAMINATION ADMINISTRATION 10 am to 11am

The following candidates were administered the examination and received a passing score:

Bartlett, Alice
Darrow, Charles
Evans, Sarah
Hanigan, Antoni
Haskell, Brett
Stevens, Nicholas

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Psychology was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Carver, at 11:10 a.m. in Lower Level A, State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were mailed to the Board members and other interested parties in accordance with the Open Meetings Law. The following members answered the roll call:

<u>MEMBERS</u> David Carver, PhD John Curran, PhD Christy Rentmeester, PhD Gregory Snyder, PhD Jerry Van Winkle, PsyD Mark Weilage, PhD	<u>BOARD REPRESENTATION</u> Chair Member Member Member Secretary Vice-Chair
<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u> Kris Chiles Nancy Herdman Julie Agena Peggy Persell	<u>AGENCY REPRESENTATION</u> Licensure Unit Licensure Unit Assistant Attorney General Investigations Program Manager

Note: One of the Public member position's is vacant.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Weilage moved, seconded by Van Winkle, to adopt the agenda. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Carver, Curran, Rentmeester, Snyder, Van Winkle, Weilage (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (1-6-15)

On page 3, under Justice Behavioral Health Committee, the correct spelling of the individual's name is Rowoldt. On page 4, under Nebraska Psychological Association, the correct spelling of the individual's name is Stephen Behnke.

MOTION: Weilage moved, seconded by Snyder, to approve the minutes of 1-6-15 as corrected. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Carver, Curran, Rentmeester, Snyder, Van Winkle, Weilage (6). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

4. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS AND OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION – CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Curran moved, seconded by Weilage, to enter into closed session at 11:14 a.m. Carver announced that the purpose was to hear discussions of an investigative/confidential nature and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Carver, Curran, Rentmeester, Snyder, Van Winkle, Weilage (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

11:14 a.m. - Snyder and Agena departed meeting
11:18 a.m. - Snyder and Agena entered meeting
11:20 a.m. - Weilage departed meeting (conflict)
11:35 a.m. - Persell departed meeting
11:36 a.m. - Weilage entered meeting
11:37 a.m. - Curran and Van Winkle departed meeting (conflict)
11:41 a.m. - Snyder departed meeting (conflict)
Curran and Van Winkle entered meeting
11:42 a.m. - Carver departed meeting (conflict)
11:45 a.m. - Curran departed meeting (conflict)
12:05 p.m. - Carver, Snyder, Curran entered meeting
12:06 p.m. - Break
12:16 p.m. - Meeting resumed
12:37 p.m. - Agena departed meeting

MOTION: Weilage moved, seconded by Curran, to enter into open session at 12:38 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Carver, Curran, Rentmeester, Snyder, Van Winkle, Weilage (6). Voting nay: None (0). Voting abstain: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

5. REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS – OPEN SESSION

a. Applications, Education and Reinstatements

Andrew Huls – Provisional Psychologist

MOTION: Weilage moved, seconded by Snyder, to recommend issuance of a license. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Curran, Snyder, Van Winkle, and Weilage (4). Voting nay: Carver and Rentmeester (2). Voting abstain: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

Curran stated he reviewed an internship program completed by an applicant at the Nebraska Mental Health Center and he determined that it met the standards of accreditation for internships adopted by the American Psychological Association.

12:40 p.m. - Kevin Griess, Department attorney, entered meeting

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Updates/Reports

• 2015 Legislation

Chiles reported that LB 586 is a bill to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. She stated the bill was in the Judiciary Committee and on general file and was a priority bill of Pansing-Brooks. Snyder asked if the bill could impact the regulations and it was discussed that it could if it passed. Chiles reported the last day of the session would be June 5, 2015.

It was discussed that the 407 application for prescribing psychologists had been withdrawn.

- **Rules and Regulations**

There was no update.

- **Justice Behavioral Health Committee (Carver/Weilage)**

Carver reported he attended the Justice Behavioral Health Committee meeting about a week ago. He commented that there were a lot of changes with the committee and Steve Rowoldt had stepped down as co-chair as he had been promoted. Carver stated the new co-chair was Julie Scott who was in charge of the voucher system for paying providers for criminal justice clients. He reported the other co-chair was Linda Wittmus with Region 5. Carver commented that there had been changes as probation had taken over duties for the evaluation of adolescents and they were looking at expanding into sex offender treatment.

- **Licensure and Examination Statistics / Administrative Penalties**

Chiles reported there had been no administrative penalties; three individuals successfully passed the Board examination at the last meeting.

- **Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Action Reports**

Chiles reported there had been no disciplinary actions.

b. Correspondence

- **Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards**

Carver reported there was a group working on a proposal to establish a legal compact for telehealth reciprocity. If a psychologist applied, they could provide the service in any state that was part of the compact. Carver commented Nebraska may or may not want to consider the compact. He stated there were other professions already providing telehealth such as psychiatry. It is the Board's position that if a psychologist sees a client in Nebraska, they need to have a Nebraska license.

- **American Psychological Association**

Carver reported that there was interest in legislation on sexual orientation at the national level and there was an appeals court case to be decided on the gay marriage issue. He commented the Education Committee had taken the position of being against discrimination in training and work is being done on a statement regarding practice and discrimination.

Curran commented he reviewed a school in Virginia where their non-discrimination statement did not match APA.

Snyder asked if the Board evaluated standards and practices of programs. Carver responded that it would not be possible to do that but that they look at whether the requirements are met.

- **Nebraska Psychology Association**

Carver reported that Stephen Behnke from APA would be presenting an ethics workshop on April 17, 2015.

c. Confirmation of Method for Noticing Meetings

MOTION: Weilage moved, seconded by Curran, to recommend meeting notices be placed on the Department website and the Department bulletin board. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Carver, Curran, Rentmeester, Snyder, Van Winkle, Weilage (6). Voting nay: None (0). Voting abstain: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Curran moved, seconded by Van Winkle, to adjourn. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Carver, Curran, Rentmeester, Snyder, Van Winkle, Weilage (6). Voting nay: None (0). Voting abstain: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Board of Psychology adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Van Winkle, PsyD, Secretary
Board of Psychology

**Next Meeting:
May 15, 2015**

Summarized by: Nancy Herdman, Health Licensing Coordinator – Licensure Unit