

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**
May 15, 2015

These minutes were
approved by the Board
on July 17, 2015

ORAL EXAMINATION ADMINISTRATION 10 am to 11am

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

Tara Hart-Burhoop, PhD
Stacey Miller, PsyD
Kimberly Vogel, PhD

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Psychology was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Carver, at 11:03 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 Russ Fosler Jeff Newman Laura Weber Jessica Bohman Mendy Mahar-Clark	<u>AGENCY REPRESENTATION</u> Licensure Unit Licensure Unit Assistant Attorney General Investigator Investigator Investigator Investigator Investigator

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Snyder 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 (3-20-15)

Corrections requested to the minutes:

- On page 2, for the Huls application, Carver and Rentmeester voted “nay” and Curran, Snyder; Van Winkle and Weilage voted “aye.”
- On page 3, under American Psychological Association, change “Gregory” to “Snyder.”

MOTION: Weilage moved, seconded by Van Winkle, to approve the minutes of 3-20-15 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: Rentmeester moved, seconded by Weilage, to enter into closed session at 11:06 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.

11:32 a.m. - Weilage departed meeting
11:34 a.m. - Weilage entered meeting
11:40 a.m. - Investigators departed meeting
Weilage departed meeting (conflict)
11:55 a.m. - Curran and Van Winkle departed meeting
11:57 a.m. - Weilage entered meeting
Snyder and Carver departed meeting (conflict)
11:58 a.m. - Rentmeester departed meeting
Curran entered meeting
11:59 a.m. - Van Winkle entered meeting
Noon - Rentmeester entered meeting
12:21 p.m. - Weilage departed meeting (conflict)
12:23 p.m. - Weilage entered meeting
12:32 p.m. - Break
Agena departed meeting
12:42 p.m. - Meeting resumed
Carver and Snyder entered meeting
Kevin Griess, Department attorney, entered meeting

MOTION: Curran moved, seconded by Snyder, to enter into open session at 12:42 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

Chiles reported she had no applications for review.

Curran reported he reviewed an internship where eight months into the internship it was APA accredited. Curran stated he determined the internship to be equivalent to the standards of the American Psychological Association. .

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Updates/Reports

• 2015 Legislation

Chiles reported the following:

- June 5, 2015, would be the last day of the session.
- LB 586, a bill to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, had been discussed at length yesterday and Amendment 1644 had been submitted. She stated the amendment proposed adding wording regarding hiring and ministerial duties and not infringing on religious beliefs. She reported that initially the amendment lost and then it was reconsidered. Griess stated that the bill was tabled for this legislative session.

Chiles reported Dr. Acierno, Chief Medical Officer and Director for the Division of Public Health resigned last Friday and the CEO was taking on the role of Division Director in the interim. She stated no interim chief medical officer had yet been determined.

- **Rules and Regulations**

Carver expressed hope that the new administration would help move the psychology regulations forward. Chiles reported the Mental Health Practice regulations were on hold and that their Board may want to consider looking at their draft regulations considering that the discrimination bill dealing with gender identity did not move forward.

12:58 p.m. - Van Winkle departed meeting

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

Carver reported the Committee had not met since his last report and that a meeting was scheduled in June. He stated there were changes with Probation in terms of their taking more responsibility for mental health services.

12:59 p.m. - Curran departed meeting

1:02 p.m. - Curran entered meeting

1:03 p.m. - Van Winkle entered meeting

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

Chiles reported the following examination statistics for the time period since March 1, 2015:

6 individuals passed the Board exam
5 individuals passed the EPP exam, 3 failed

Chiles reported the following license statistics:

30 day temporary practice	4
Provisional Psychologist	32
Psychological Assistant	106
Psychologist	500
Psychologist Associate	1
Special Psychologist	7
Temporary Psychologist	1

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

Chiles reported there had been one suspension on April 20, 2015 and the order had been forwarded to the Board members.

- **Other**

Carver asked about tele-psychology. Chiles reported she had received some telephone inquiries and she was informing the individuals that a Nebraska license is required if providing services to Nebraska clients. Snyder commented that it was difficult to obtain secured lines and Curran commented that cost was an issue. Carver stated that a case could be made for tele-psychology given the distances in the state.

b. Correspondence

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

Carver reported ASPPB was working on a compact to allow tele-psychology services. A release from

ASPPB issued in February 2015 refers to this as the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) and defines it as “an interstate compact designed to facilitate telehealth and temporary face-to-face practice of psychology across jurisdictional boundaries.” Carver stated that if a state is a member, a psychologist in that state would have the option to make application and pay a fee. He commented that several states had volunteered to be test cases.

1:13 p.m. - Weilage departed meeting
1:16 p.m. - Weilage entered meeting

- **American Psychological Association**

Carver reported that a report was coming out on APA’s involvement in the torture of prisoners. It was also discussed that there was a lawsuit filed against APA because they billed psychologist members a practice assessment.

- **Nebraska Psychology Association**

Carver reported that Stephen Behnke from APA presented an ethics workshop on April 17, 2015. Carver stated there would be a summer workshop on CBT and insomnia and sleep disorders. He stated for the fall, two workshops were scheduled with one on the MMPI-2-RF by Yossef Ben-Porath, PhD and one on the APA Insurance Trust by Eric Harris, Ed.D, J.D. Carver commented that Harris was the main consultant on the Insurance Trust and that any psychologist who had that insurance could talk with him if they had questions.

1:20 p.m. - Curran departed meeting

- **Other**

There was nothing to address.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Weilage moved, seconded by Van Winkle, to adjourn. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Carver, Rentmeester, Snyder, Van Winkle, Weilage (5). Voting nay: None (0). Voting abstain: None (0). Absent: Curran (1). Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Board of Psychology adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, <hr/> Jerry Van Winkle, PsyD, Secretary Board of Psychology

**Next Meeting:
July 17, 2015**

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