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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
March 15, 2024**

1. ROLL CALL and CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Psychology was called to order by the Chair, Stacy Waldron, at 10:00 a.m. in the State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall S, Conference Room Lower Level, Goldenrod Room, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>, and posted in the Licensure Unit on 91.4.2024 and revised 1.8.2024.

The following members answered the roll call:

MEMBERS PRESENT (5)

Connie Petersen, PhD, Secretary
Stacy Waldron, PhD, Chair
Rebecca Schroeder, Member
Tomeka Johnson, Member
Stephanie Bruhn, PhD, Vice-Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT (1)

Jennifer Dreibelbis, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Carrie Oldehoeft, DHHS Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit (via Webex)
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General
Abigail Nissen, Assistant Attorney General
Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, DHHS Attorney (via Webex)
Anna Harrison, Compliance Monitor (via Webex)
Larry Wiehn-investigations

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

2. Introduction of new program manager-Sean Loving

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Schroeder moved, seconded by Petersen, to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye : Bruhn, Johnson, Petersen, Schroeder, Waldron (5). Voting nay: None (0). Vacant: One (1) Absent: Dreibelbis (1). Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Petersen moved, seconded by Bruhn, to adopt the minutes with corrections for 1.19.2024. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye : Bruhn, Johnson, Petersen, Schroeder, Waldron (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Dreibelbis (1). Abstain: Linder (1). Vacant: One (1) Motion carried.

5. INVESTIGATIVE AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION – Closed Session

MOTION: Petersen moved, seconded by Schroeder, to enter into closed session at 10:14 a.m. for the purpose of hearing discussions of an investigative/confidential nature and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Waldron repeated the motion and purpose. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye : Bruhn, Johnson, Petersen, Schroeder, Waldron (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Dreibelbis (1). Vacant: One (1) Motion carried.

Oldehoeft closed the public phone line and the open meeting sign on the door was moved to closed session

7. OPEN SESSION

Verbal agreement to return to open session by all board members at 11:03 am

11:03am Harrison exited the call

11:03 am Wiehn exited room

Sarette Zecharia:

MOTION: Petersen moved, seconded by Bruhn, to recommend issuance of the license without terms. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye : Bruhn, Johnson, Petersen, Schroeder, Waldron (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Dreibelbis (1). Vacant: One (1) Motion carried.

Charles Darrow:

MOTION: Bruhn moved, seconded by Waldron, to recommend denial of the application for EPPP exam. Based on not having an active Provisional Psychology License. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye : Bruhn, Johnson, Petersen, Schroeder, Waldron (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Dreibelbis (1). Vacant: One (1) Motion carried.

4. Legislation 2024

Loving updated the board regarding status of legislation.

LB 896 This pertains to telehealth with no movement at this time.

LB 16 This was signed March 5 and DHHS is reviewing and will present a plan in place to present to the board

LB 835 This pertains to School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact and doesn't impact this board,

Updates/Reports

- Association Updates/Correspondence
 - Association of State Provincial Psychology Boards <http://www.asppb.org>
 - Dreibelbis bis is absent
 - Waldron updated the board, that mid year is in Boston April 25-28
 - Board discussion on exams (EPPP parts 1 & 2)
 - Waldron will update the board regarding the exams after the mid-year meeting.
 - PSYPACT <https://www.asppb.net/page/PSYPACT>
 - Waldron updated the board with information, there are currently 40 states active.
 - Carrie Oldehoeft, Board Coordinator will represent the State at Psypact meetings.
 - American Psychological Association <http://www.apa.org>
 - Schroeder updated that she sat in on the meeting regarding Master Level License information.
 - Waldron updated regarding a model act on master's license program from ASPPB, APA looking doing the same.
 - Nebraska Psychological Association <http://www.nebpsych.org>
 - AI discussion and Ethics training
 - Spring conference is May 3
 - Justice Behavioral Health Committee
 - No updates

- Statistics: Examinations, Licensing, Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Information, Renewal (attached to agenda)

Public No comments

10. ADJOURNMENT

Board adjourned at 11:40, the next board meeting is scheduled for May 17.

Submitted,

Connie Petersen Secretary - Board of Psychology

Summarized by the
Licensure Unit