

Open Session Meeting Minutes
IOWA BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

February 16, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room #526
Des Moines, Iowa

A hybrid meeting was held in conference room #526 of the Lucas State Office Building. Some attendees attended in-person and some attendees attended virtually via Zoom.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Echo Kent, MFT
Cody Samec, MHC
David Wolter, Public Member
Mary "Ramona" Wink, MHC
Nolan Byrnes, Public Member
Maria Valdovinos, BCBA
Kerry Lust, Public Member
Kevin Allemagne, MFT
Amy Mooney, PhD

Members Absent:

Blake Stephenson, BCBA

Staff Present:

Steve Garrison, Bureau Chief
Laura Steffensmeier, Assistant Attorney General
Tony Alden, Board Executive
Beth Jorgenson, Compliance Administrator
Lacy Hepp, Assistant to Board

Public Present:

Treye Rosenberger, Grand View University
Valeo Khan-Snyder
Jennifer Becker, MHC

Introductions

Were made by the Board members and staff present

Announcements

None.

Approval of Open Session Minutes

September 8, 2022 and October 20, 2022

Wink moved the Board approve the open session minutes of September 8, 2022 and October 20, 2022. A second was received by Kent. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Reports

Board Executive Report

Executive order 10 will impact our rules, will be placed on a schedule to review all our rule chapters to look at what's obsolete, redundant, or excessively burdensome. SF127 Establishes a license compact for counselors.

Requests

- a. Request to renew Temp MFT license – Lianne Garcia

The Board expressed concern that the individual had not passed the exam yet, which is now required to receive a temporary license. Kent moved to deny the renewal request and seconded by Samec. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

- b. The Board considered the following similar requests to waive rule 645-31.3(1)"d" as a block:

- i. Taylor Bagley, Nathan Moline, Leigh Faaborg, Morgan Froehlich, Taylor Tittle, Ashley Ray-Wing and Carol Adolphson

The Board previously established a cut-off date of April 30, 2020 for granting similar waivers. All of the requests are from individuals who passed the exam after this date. Mooney moved to deny the block of requests, which was seconded by Kent. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

- c. Request to waive rule 645-31.6(2) regarding education accreditation requirements – Dr. Treye Rosenberger

Mooney moved to approve the waiver request with the condition that documentation from director stating that the students are following the CACREP standards and the school is continuing towards CACREP accreditation for the upcoming graduating students. A second was received by Allemagne. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

- d. Request to waive rule 645-31.3(1)"a" regarding exam requirements – Krystle Herbert

A motion was made by Kent to approve the waiver request to waive 645-31.3(1)"a" for Herbert and seconded by Wink. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

- e. Request to waive rule 645-31.8”e” regarding verification of supervision requirements – Angelica Williams

The Board wanted additional information regarding who served as her supervisors and why she wasn’t able to get supervision documentation. Given that the waiver request will be deemed denied before the next meeting, the Board decided to deny the request and advise the individual to submit a new petition with this information if she wished to pursue the waiver. Kent motioned to deny the request to waive 645-31.8”e” for Williams. Samec seconded. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

- f. Request for alternate supervision approval – Dr. Lauren Welter

Wink moved to approve Dr. Welter as secondary supervisor only and denying her blanket request to be an approved supervisor. Allemagne seconded. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

- g. Request for alternate supervision approval – Emberly Lashley

Wink moved to deny Lashley request for alternate supervision as the law states three years. A second was received by Byrnes. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

- h. Request for alternate supervision approval – Cheryl Moore

Kent motioned to approve Moore request for alternate supervision because Moore has two other supervisors who meet the Board’s requirements. A second was received by Samec. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Administrative Rules

ARC 6651C Amend Chapter 31 regarding license verification and notary requirements. Motion to Adopt.

Wink motioned to adopt and file ARC 6651C. A second was received by Kent. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

New Business

- a. Discussion and vote on delegation of authority to rule NCMHCE exam waivers

Samec moved to approve delegation of authority to Alden to deny waiver requests submitted by individuals who passed the exam after April 30, 2020. Kent seconded. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

b. Licensure Compact presentation and discussion

Tabled until next meeting.

c. Sabrina Vonderhaar – Appeal of CCE education evaluation

Kent motioned to deny Vonderhaar appeal of evaluation. Mooney seconded. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Public Comment

Valeo Khan-Snyder shared involvement with the licensure compact discussion.

Closed Session Agenda

Allemagne motioned to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a), to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential, pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(d), to discuss whether to initiate license disciplinary investigations or proceedings, and pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(f), to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case conducted according to the provisions of 17A. A second was received by Samec.

A roll call was taken:

Mooney – Aye
Allemagne – Aye
Kent – Aye
Samec – Aye
Wolter – Aye
Wink – Aye
Byrnes – Aye
Valdovinos – Aye
Lust – Aye

Began closed session at 10:25 a.m.

Returned to open session at 2:37 p.m.

Closed Session Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2022 & October 20, 2022

Allemagne moved the Board approve the closed session meeting minutes of September

8, 2022 and October 20, 2022 as presented. A second was received by Mooney. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Wink motioned to approve the Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order in case 22-0018. A second was received by Kent. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Kent moved to approved the Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges in case 21-243. Samec seconded. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Kent motioned to approve Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges in case 21-0041. Wink seconded. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Allemagne moved to approve Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges in case 21-0087. A second was received by Wolter. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Wink moved to close the following complaints: 21-0044, 22-0108 (Recuse Wink), 21-0198, 22-0037, 22-0155, 22-0192, 22-0244, 22-0245. Kent seconded. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Future Board Meetings

March 9, 2023

June 8, 2023

September 14, 2023

December 14, 2023

Adjournment

Allemagne moved the Board adjourn at 2:40 p.m. A second was received by Kent. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.