

IOWA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa
Origination Site: Professional Licensure Conference Room 526
Open Session Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2021

Due to COVID-19 concerns, this meeting was held electronically. Board members and interested members of the public were invited to participate in this meeting by video or telephone. This electronic meeting of the Iowa Board of Psychology was held in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.8. The Code states that a governmental body may conduct a meeting by electronic means only if circumstances are such that meeting in person is impossible or impractical and access is provided to the public. Access to this meeting was provided by electronic means as described and the agenda was posted on the website.

Chairperson – Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Matt Cooper, Vice Chairperson.

Roll Call (via telephone)

Members Present:

Lisa Streyffeler, Ph.D.

Matthew Cooper, Psy.D.

Ruth Kunkle, public member

Laura Fuller, Ph.D

Lora Keipper, Psy.D.

Justin Rhode, Public Member

Matthew Cooper, Psy.D.

Members Absent

None

Staff Present

Steve Garrison, Bureau Chief

Sharon Dozier, Board Executive

Ana Dixit, Assistant Attorney General

Beth Jorgenson, Discipline Coordinator

Vicky Winter-Clearman, Assistant to Board Administration

Public Attendees

Paul Ascheman, IPA

Introductions

Were made by the Board, staff and guests present.

Election of Officers

Chair

Streyffeler moved the nomination of Cooper as Board Chair. A second was received by Kunkle. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Vice Chair

Kunkle moved the nomination of Streyffeler as Board Vice Chair. A second was received by Rhode. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Approval of Open Session Minutes

April 30, 2021

Kunkle moved the Board approve the open session meeting minutes of April 30, 2021 as presented. A second was received by Rhode. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Reports

Board Executive, Sharon Dozier

ASPPB Information, Rules Status:

Dozier noted the August 18, 2021 effective date of administrative rules adopted to implement House File 2627.

Dozier reported on the ASPPB survey regarding the Part 2 EPPP examination. She said several states are participating as “Early Adopters” of the Part 2 exam. Board consensus is for inclusion of the agenda topic for discussion at the next board meeting.

Discussion followed regarding the expense of the second examination. There was a comment regarding the medical profession, which recently moved away from a second simulated clinical examination as a measure of professional competency.

Paul Ascheman was recognized. He spoke of the Board’s internship requirement, which serves as a “gateway” to measure professional competency.

In response to Fuller’s inquiry, Dozier stated the ASPPB has information posted on their website that members may access as a resource for evaluating the objectives of the Part 2 examination.

Dozier also reported that ASPPB has invited participation from this board at the ASPPB Board of Directors meeting on August 27, 2021. ASPPB will provide additional information and interested members may contact her for more details. Streyffeler and Cooper are interested in attending.

Board Chair, Matt Cooper

No report was given.

Other Reports – Board members

No reports were given.

Bureau Chief, Steven Garrison

Bureau Chief Garrison noted approximately half of the Bureau continues to work remotely.

Cooper inquired as to mandates for an in person meeting in November. Garrison stated the online option will be provided and a mask mandate may be imposed. A hybrid option will likely be available with screens provided.

AAG Report

AAG Laura Steffensmeier was unable to attend, and AAG Ana Dixit provided legal coverage. She did not provide a report.

Requests

Proposal to add multicultural competency to the continuing education requirements for licensure, submitted by Joyce Goins-Fernandez, Ph.D.

Dozier note this request has been retracted by the requestor.

New Business

- a. Agenda items for next board meeting
EPPP examination

In response to Cooper's inquiry, Dozier stated new board members Fuller and Keipper participated in an orientation session, including the legal overview provided by AAG Steffensmeier.

Administrative Rules

For adoption: ARC 5617C, adopt new Chapter 243, "Practice of Psychology," to amend Chapters 240 "Licensure of Psychologists," and 244, "Prescribing Psychologists." Establishes standards of practice for telepsychology and other practice requirements; provides a technical correction in the offsite supervision requirements for a license; and removes the term variance from the joint waiver provision of the Board of Medicine for prescribing psychologists.

Dozier summarized the administrative rules for adoption and thanked Paul Ascheman for his participation in the committee meetings to develop the rules. She said there was no public comment received on the noticed rules. Upon adoption by the Board, the effective date will be October 13, 2021.

Paul Ascheman thanked the Board for the opportunity to assist with the constructing of the proposed administrative rules. He noted the terms of the Psypact would impact on the practice rules in the event the proposed law change to enact Psypact is passed. He also stated the Iowa Psychological Association has opposed the adoption of the Psypact for the past two years.

Cooper moved the Board adopt ARC 5617C, to adopt new Chapter 243, "Practice of Psychology;" and to amend Chapters 240, "Licensure of Psychologists" and 244, "Prescribing Psychologists." A second was received by Fuller. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Public Comment

Paul Ascheman thanked the Board's professional staff for their responsiveness during the pandemic. He extended an invitation to the IPA Board of Directors meeting. He offered his

assistance to the Board regarding the EPPP Part 2, Psypact, and related issues. Ascheman said the requested inclusion of multicultural continuing education as a mandated topic was voted down by the IPA membership as the profession currently has an ethical requirement related to cultural sensitivity and personal dignity.

The Board recessed at 10:27 a.m. and reconvened at 10:33 a.m.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Kunkle to enter into closed session at 10: 35 a.m. to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings as allowed under Iowa Code section 21.5(1)d and to discuss records that are required to be kept confidential as allowed under Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a). A second was received from Rhode. Roll call was taken:

Cooper-Aye

Streyffeler – Aye

Fuller – Aye

Keipper-Aye

Kunkle-Aye

Rhode- Aye

Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 11:53 a.m.

Open Session to vote on items discussed in closed session

Fuller moved the Board approve the closed session meeting minutes of April 30, 2021 as presented. A second was received by Rhode. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Rhode moved the Board close 21-0045, 21-0112 and 21-0170. A second was received by Kunkle. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Future Board Meeting

November 5, 2021

The 2022 meeting dates will be posted on the Board's webpage.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned unanimously at 11:59 a.m. on a motion by Fuller and a second by Keipper.

The minutes were approved at the November 5, 2021 board meeting.