

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, 7 April 2005

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Psychology (Board) was called to order at 8:30 A.M. on the above date in Room 104, Cannon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance:

Maria Garrido, PSY.D

Peter Oppenheimer, Ph.D

Joan Retsinas, Ph.D

Joan Rollins, Ph.D.

Beverly Serabian, Ph.D.

Board members not in attendance:

None

Staff members in attendance:

Kelly Doyle, Board Administrator, Health Professions Regulation

Others in attendance:

None

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2005 were presented. On a motion by Dr. Retsinas and seconded by Dr. Garrido, it was unanimously Voted to accept the Open and Executive minutes as presented and that the Executive minutes to remain sealed pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

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Topics of Discussion

The Board reviewed and approved the applications of the following candidates for licensure by examination, to take the EPPP

examination:

- David Tate**
- Jennifer Johnson**
- Chantelle Hart (post-doc not complete)**

The Board reviewed and approved the applications of the following candidates for licensure by endorsement:

- Anjale Palav**
- Stephen Swartzlanderb**

Adjournment to Executive Session

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the Open Session and move to Executive Session pursuant to the Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 (a)(1)(4) of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed, or oral examinations administered. On a motion by Dr. Rollins, and seconded by Dr. Serabian, it was unanimously so Voted to adjourn to Executive Session.

Return to Open Session

Dr. Oppenheimer called the Open Session back to Order at 9:45 A.M.

On motion of Dr. Oppenheimer, seconded by Dr. Rollins, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

Topics of Discussion (continued)

The Board reviewed and discussed correspondence received from a psychologist regarding her 1999 approval to take the EPPP. The Board noted that this psychologist is allowed to register to take the examination due to the fact that the Board approved her, based on her credentials to take the examination, in 2000. Staff will notify the psychologist of the Board's decision regarding this matter.

The Board considered a written request by a licensee for approval of continuing education credit for a course taken by the licensee. The Board noted that according to the Rules and Regulations, continuing education hours would be accepted by the Board for coursework that has been approved by the organizations noted in Section 8.1. The Board noted that the licensee would have to have this course approved by one of the named organizations noted in Section 8.1 in order for it to count toward the licensee's continuing education requirement.

Staff distributed to the Board, for their information, copies of correspondence from the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards. This correspondence was informational in nature therefore no action by the Board was necessary.

Announcements

Staff distributed to the Board a letter from Patricia Nolan, MD. Dr. Nolan expressed her gratitude for the work that the Board members do for the people of Rhode Island. No action by the Board is necessary.

On a motion by Dr. Rollins, and seconded by Dr. Retsinas, it was unanimously so Voted to appoint Dr. Oppenheimer as Chairman of the Board.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment

The Chair called for a motion to adjourn the Open Session pursuant to the Sections 42-46-4 and 42-42-5 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island. On a motion by Dr. Retsinas, and seconded by Dr. Rollins, it was unanimously so Voted to adjourn.

The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Doyle

Board Administrator

Health Professions Regulation