

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

MINUTES OF MEETING

January 17, 2008

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Psychology was called to order at 8:20 am 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:

Peter Oppenheimer, PhD

James Curran, PhD

Margaret Paccione-Dyslewski PhD

Board members not in attendance:

James Campbell, PhD

Staff members in attendance:

J. Michel Martineau

Charles Alexandre

The minutes of the meeting held on December 6, 2007 were presented. On motion by James Curran, seconded by Peter Oppenheimer, it was unanimously voted to accept the Open Session minutes as presented.

Members discussed the need to define in regulation and determine the eligibility of licensure of applicants who receive doctorate degrees from distance or online education programs. Discussion focused on American Psychological Association (APA) approved programs and criteria necessary to establish for licensure eligibility from non-approved APA programs.

Members discussed CEU's and the need to assure compliance. The possibility of a limited audit via US Mail was discussed; Charles Alexandre suggested the Board wait until a permanent Administrator is in place. The Board also discussed the proposed regulations.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of James Curran, seconded by Margaret Paccione-Dyslewski, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues investigative cases will be discussed. Complaints # PS-02-2006, PS#01-2007 were discussed.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order. On motion of James Curran, seconded by Peter Oppenheimer, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

Adjournment

On motion of James Campbell, seconded by Margaret Paccione-Dyslewski, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. Open session adjourned at 9:45 AM.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2008 at 8 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michel Martineau

Board Administrator

Health Professionals Regulation