

DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
Board of Psychology

3 CAPITOL HILL
CONFERENCE ROOM 209
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Thursday, September 4, 2014
8:30 AM

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

James F. Campbell, Academic Psychologist
Peter M. Oppenheimer, Chairperson, Psychologist
Margaret Paccione-Dyszlewski, Psychologist
Charles E. Maynard, Public Board Member

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Board Psychologist – Board Vacancy

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Arlene Hartwell, Board Manager
Steve Morris, Legal Counsel (at 9:13 AM)

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Psychology was held on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 209, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:34 AM on a motion by Peter Oppenheimer and seconded by James Campbell. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the May 22, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Charles Maynard and seconded by Peter Oppenheimer to accept the Open Session minutes of May 22, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Board Manager Report

- Arlene Hartwell introduced herself as the newly appointed board manager.
- Open and closed session materials, Chapter 5-44 of the Rhode Island General Laws, Rules and Regulations for Licensing Psychologists, and an Application for Licensure as a Psychologist were distributed.
- Consent forms were signed by all board members present today.
- Chapters 5-44-9, 5-44-10, 5-55-11 were reviewed
 - i. The board agreed that the board manager could continue to grant licenses to applicants who meet all of the requirements set forth in the Rules and Regulations for Licensing Psychologists.
 - ii. The board stipulated that all questionable credentials be brought before them at the next scheduled board meeting.
 - iii. The board agreed that 5-44-10 is no longer accurate and should be amended.
- Arlene Hartwell informed the Board of Psychology members that Open Meetings Act policy and procedure will be followed at all Board of Psychology meetings as required by law.

4. Old Business

- Telemedicine
 - i. The board plans to corroborate with the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB), and other health professionals in the State of Rhode Island to propose legislation that will assure that the practice of telemedicine addresses the safety and protection of Rhode Island residents seeking psychological counseling.
 - ii. ASPPB Interjurisdictional Telepsychology Compact (IJTC) information was disseminated for discussion at a future meeting. Arlene will email information to the board member not present today.
 - iii. The board decided to meet prior to the deadline for comment on the draft of the IJTC. A tentative date of November 13, 2014 was decided upon.
 - iv. Peter Oppenheimer suggested that David Heckman and members from other boards addressing telemedicine issues attend a future meeting to discuss furthering legislation relative to telemedicine.

5. New Business

- Peter Oppenheimer suggested that we hold new business until after the Board is able to review the complaint for which there is an appearance scheduled for 10:00 AM today.

6. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Peter Oppenheimer and seconded by James Campbell, Jr. to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:03 AM. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

7. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Peter Oppenheimer and seconded by Charles Maynard at 10:43 to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

8. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- The board reviewed 1 application, and proposed action on 2 cases.

9. Adjournment

The next Board of Psychology meeting will be held Thursday November 13, 2014 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 209, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Charles Maynard and seconded by Peter Oppenheimer to adjourn at 8:46 AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Arlene Hartwell
Board Manager
Office of Health Professionals Regulation