

**Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board
Licensed Psychology Advisory Committee
Meeting on Tuesday, October 12, 2021**

Minutes

Call to Order: Ric Steele, Chair of the Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Advisory Committee Members in Attendance: Ric Steele, Carol Crane, Jessica Hamilton, Tiffany Johnson, Janine Kesterson, Rodney McNeal, and Zachary Parrett were present by Zoom.

BSRB Staff in Attendance: David Fye and Leslie Allen were present by Zoom.

Review and Approval for the Agenda: Janine Kesterson moved to approve the agenda. Rodney McNeal seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Review and Approval of Minutes from Meeting on August 10, 2021: Zachary Parrett moved to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2021, meeting as written. Rodney McNeal seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Advisor Committee Members Introduction: Ric Steele, Chair of the Licensed Psychology Advisory Committee, welcomed Jessica Hamilton, Tiffany Johnson, and Zachary Parrett to the Advisory Committee.

Executive Director Report: David Fye, Executive Director for the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory (BSRB), reported on the following items:

1. Mary Ann Gable: Former Executive Director for the BSRB, Mary Ann Gabel, passed away on September 1, 2021. Flowers were sent to the visitation on behalf of the Board and the agency.

2. BSRB Budget for FY 2022-2023: On September 15, 2021, all state agencies submitted revised budget estimates for FY 2022 and FY 2023. The Executive Director submitted the agency's revised budget estimate for the same amounts approved by the 2021 Legislature, with internal adjustments to account for certain savings and other increased costs.

3. BSRB Website: The BSRB is presently doing most license renewals online. The Executive Director noted he hopes to move new license applications to an online platform. Additionally, the agency plans to move to an electronic records system over the next three years to free up the cost of storage. Recently, due to a network rollover, some postings were removed from the website, but BSRB staff is actively restoring that information to the website and it should be back shortly with no issues.

4. BSRB Staffing Updates: Governor Laura Kelly directed all state employees to primarily work from home through October 4, 2021. The BSRB is currently working on a hybrid method, limiting the number of staff members in the office at a time, while keeping the physical office open for business. The BSRB currently has an open administrative assistant position and is conducting interviews to fill this position.

5. Recent Meetings: The Board's annual planning meeting was originally scheduled to be in-person on September 27, 2021. However, due to concerns related to the COVID-19 variants, state agencies are prohibited from holding in-person meetings, so the first day of the annual planning meeting was held on Zoom. The second day will be on October 25, 2021.

6. Other Meetings: The Executive Director and Leslie Allen, Assistant Director and Licensing Manager, have spoken to students at several universities over Zoom, regarding licensure requirements and disciplinary topics.

Old Business:

1. PSYPACT Update: The 2021 Legislature passed SB 170, which added Kansas to a multi-state compact for licensed psychologists as of January 1, 2022. The compact allows licensed psychologists to apply for an e-passport to practice telehealth services in other states who are a part of PSYPACT. At the last Advisory Committee meeting, the Licensed Psychology Advisory Committee recommended that the Executive Director of the BSRB be selected as the PSYPACT Commissioner for the state of Kansas. At the Board meeting in July, the Board voted to confirm this recommendation. The Executive Director noted that the Board voted to charge a \$25 fee for Licensed Psychologists who list Kansas as their home-state and who practice under PSYPACT, mostly to recoup the cost of the yearly assessment by PSYPACT on the BSRB. The Executive Director will be representing Kansas at the annual PSYPACT Commission meeting on November 18, 2021. Currently, proposed changes to the PSYPACT rules are open for public comment, which will close on November 4, 2021. The Executive Director noted that Kansas licensees may begin to apply to the PSYPACT Commission on January 1, 2022.

2. Recommendations for Continuing Education: The Advisory Committee previously recommended requiring 3 hours of continuing education in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) for Licensed Psychologists each two-year renewal cycle and allowing these hours to double-count within existing continuing education requirements of 3 hours of ethics or 6 hours in diagnosis and treatment. At the Board planning meeting on September 27, 2021, the Board asked Advisory Committees to continue to discuss this topic and to bring back official proposals for the Board to consider. The Advisory Committee continues to support requiring three hours in DEI, while allowing the option of double counting these hours. Advisory Committee members discussed the option of composing a letter to the Board with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee.

New Business:

1. Direct Contact/Extenuating Circumstances Language: The Advisory Committee reviewed draft language on “direct client contact” and “extenuating circumstances,” noting the Licensed Psychology statutes differ from other professions. The Committee recommended the new language be passed by the Board with no further changes.

2. Legislative Special Committee: The Executive Director noted a Legislative Special Committee on Mental Health Modernization and Reform met last fall and submitted a report with recommendations to the 2021 Legislators. The Special Committee is meeting again this fall and asked the Executive Director to speak at the next meeting on the topic of supervision hours, workforce investment plans, and telehealth development of standards and guidelines.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date: December 14, 2021

Adjournment: Rodney McNeal moved to Adjourn. Carol Crane seconded. The motion carried.