

**BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD
LICENSED PSYCHOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 02, 2022**

Approved Minutes

- I. Call to Order.** Ric Steele, Chair of the Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.
- Committee Members.** Ric Steele, Abby Callis, Tiffany Johnson, Janine Kesterson, and Doug Wright were present by Zoom.
- BSRB Staff.** David Fye and Leslie Allen were present by Zoom.
- II. Agenda Approval.** The Advisory Committee lacked quorum, so no changes were made to the agenda.
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes from Previous Advisory Committee Meeting on June 14, 2022.** The Advisory Committee lacked quorum to take official actions, so review and approval of the minutes from the previous meeting was deferred to the following Advisory Committee meeting.
- IV. Executive Director Report.** David Fye, Executive Director for the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory (BSRB), reported on the following items:
- A. Agency Updates.** BSRB is still under the direction of the governor's covid restrictions and will continue to hold meeting virtually until there are updates. The BSRB hired a part-time licensing specialist to cross-train on other areas in the office to add coverage for vacations and out-of-office staff to decrease delays in the licensing process. On September 15, 2022, the BSRB will be submitting a revised budget estimate for fiscal year (FY) 2023, as well as a new budget request for FY 2024 and FY 2025. The BSRB is currently scheduling meetings with some of the vendors for IT services, administrative services, and legal services to determine the costs to the agency moving forward for the next two years.
- B. Board Meeting on July 11.** The Board elected Mary Jones as the new Chair and David Anderson as the Vice Chair. The Governor appointed Cynthia Schendel (social work) and Richard Nobles (licensed psychology) as new professional Board members. The Governor appointed Jim Kilmartin as the new public member, beginning on July 12, 2022. At the Board meeting, the Board reviewed and made additional changes to the investigation policy. The Board will be holding an annual all-day planning meeting in Olathe, KS, on Oct 24, 2022.
- C. Other Meetings and Events.** The Executive Director will be attending a meeting held by the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) from August 3 to

August 6 in Philadelphia, PA, and will be a speaker on the topic of innovations in licensing.

V. Old Business

A. PSYPACT Update. The Executive Director provided an update on the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT). There are currently over 50 licensed Psychologists in Kansas practicing in other states under PSYPACT authority. At the PSYPACT mid-year meeting, two new rules were approved for public comment. Information on this public comment period is on the BSRB website. The proposed rules include authorization by PSYPACT to charge renewal fees for individuals practicing under PSYPACT.

B. Continued Discussion on Unprofessional Conduct Regulations. Discussion on the remaining unprofessional conduct regulations was deferred to a future meeting.

VI. New Business

A. Discussion on Accreditation Standards. The Chair of the Advisory Committee discussed current accreditation standards, historical accreditation standards through the American Psychological Association (APA), and an alternative accrediting body, the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS). It was noted that many psychology programs have become both APA and PCSAS accredited. However, it was noted that it is expected that many of the top programs may choose to drop their APA accreditation, and instead maintain the PCSAS accreditation. Currently, the BSRB recognizes the APA as the national accrediting body for the profession. The regulations for the BSRB specify alternative educational standards in regulation if an applicant attended a school that was not APA accredited, but those standards are based off APA accreditation standards prior to changes implemented by APA in 2016. Advisory Committee members spoke in favor of reviewing and considering changes to regulatory standards to make the standards more consistent with current standards. The Chair of the Advisory Committee highlighted language adopted by Texas to address some of these issues. The Advisory Committee expressed comments favorable to working on addressing these issues in the spring 2023.

VII. Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 6 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned.