

**KANSAS BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES REGULATORY BOARD  
BEHAVIOR ANALYST ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
August 1, 2022**

**Draft Minutes**

- I. Call to Order:** David Anderson, Chair of the Advisory Committee, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

**Committee Members:** David Anderson, Jacqueline Lightcap, Christie Stiehl, Emily Kessler, Pete Peterson, Kimberly Becker, Linda Heitzman-Powell, Mike Wasmer, Claudia Dozier, and Alice Zhang were present by Zoom.

**BSRB Staff:** David Fye and Leslie Allen attended by Zoom.

- II. Agenda Approval.** Kim Becker moved to approve the agenda. Emily Kessler Seconded. The motion passed
- III. Minutes Approval.** Emily Kessler moved to approve the minutes. Linda Heitzman-Powell seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Executive Director's Report.** The Executive Director for the BSRB reported on the following items:
- A. Agency Updates.** The BSRB is still under the Governor's direction to avoid in-person meetings. The Executive Director noted he will update the Advisory Committee when that direction is changed. There is a new part time licensing specialist. The BSRB will be focusing on the next Budget cycle. The budget is due on September 15. The Executive Director will be checking on contracts we have with other agencies.
  - B. Board Meeting on July 11.** The Board elected a new Chair Mary Jones and Vice-Chair David Anderson. The Governor appointed new Board members Cynthia Schendel for social work and Richard Nobles for Licensed Psychology. The Governor appointed Jim Kilmartin to serve as a public member beginning July 12, 2022. The Board will hold an all-day offsite planning meeting, which will take place at the end of October.
  - C. Other Meetings and Events.** The Executive Director attended will be attending an annual conference for professional counselors that is hosted by the National Board for Certified Counselors and will be presenting information on innovations in licensure
- V. Old Business**

**A. Continued Discussion on Unprofessional Conduct Regulations.** Christine Stiehl presented a side-by-side comparison for BSRB unprofessional conduct regulations and the professional conduct standards for the Behavior Analyst Credentialing Board (BACB), the national accrediting body recognized by the BSRB. The Executive Director provided additional information on unprofessional conduct standards for states that border Kansas, though it was noted that comparison was difficult as not all surrounding states license behavior analysts and one state adopted the standards of the BACB. It was noted that one of the challenges in comparing the BSRB to other jurisdictions is that the BACB outlines professional conduct standards, while the BSRB outlines unprofessional conduct. Members of the Advisory Committee volunteered to do further research on the BACB professional conduct standards to determine which of these standards might be suitable for unprofessional conduct regulations. The Advisory Committee will review these potential changes at the next Advisory Committee meeting.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Review of Possible Changes to Behavior Analyst Licensure Act and to the Regulations for the Profession.** The Executive Director noted a bill that would have revised the statutes for the Behavior Analyst profession was heard in 2016, but was not passed. The Executive Director highlighted some of the main differences between the statutes and regulations of the Behavior Analyst profession, when compared to the other professions overseen by the BSRB, and the value of having statutes and regulations that were more consistent. Advisory members expressed support for having consistent statutes and regulations, but also expressed concerns about requesting changes to the statutes, due the possible legislative action to remove licensure for the Behavior Analyst profession. The Advisory Committee did not recommend changes at this time.

**VIII. Next Meeting:** October 5, 2022

**IX. Adjournment:** Linda Heitzman-Powell moved to adjourn. Christine Stiehl seconded. The motion passed.