

WV Board of Examiners of Psychologists
Minutes - Friday, January 31, 2020
Emergency Meeting – Conference Call
Meeting Location: Board Office 1205 Quarrier St. Charleston, WV

Present: Sandra Stroebel, Ph.D. Board President; Beverly Branson, MA, Board Secretary; Susannah Poe, Ed.D. Charley Bowen, MA; and Kathleen Lynch, Administrative Assistant.

Absent: Shirley Vinciguerra, Lay Member and Jeffrey Harlow, Ph.D., Executive Director

Public Present: None

AGENDA ITEM

Call to Order – 12:00 PM – Dr. Stroebel called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

HB 4427 – Background - Members of the House of Delegates put forth HB 4427 which enters the Board of Examiners of Psychologists into a compact with other state Boards known as PSYPACT. PSYPACT is a new section of ASPPB. HB 4427 is proposed to be part of the Board's State Code creating a new section §30-21A-1 through 13. The wording of HB 4427 is mostly the proposed legislative wording from ASPPB on PSYPACT.

On January 20th HB 4427 was presented on the House floor. It was referred to the House Health and Human Resources Committee on that day. The Board was notified by ASPPB three days after the bill was presented on the House floor. No one from the Legislature contacted the Board about this proposed bill. Ms. Lynch contacted Dr. Harlow on 1/23. She then contacted the Board on 1/24. Information was collected by Board members and Ms. Lynch concerning the bill. On Tuesday 1/28 Ms. Lynch attended the 4:00 pm House Health and Human Resources Committee meeting to ask that the proposed bill be postponed until the Board had a chance to review it. The Legislative Committee gave the Board two days but then decided to give the Board until February 6th. On January 30th Ms. Lynch contacted the Administrative Law Department of the Secretary of State's Office to ask that the Board be granted an emergency meeting so that the bill could be discussed, this meeting was approved.

Agenda Items

HB 4427 - During the emergency meeting, the Board discussed the bill, the expense of entering into the compact and the expense if there would be an interjurisdictional ethics case. The Board discussed the House reasoning behind the bill, part of which was to provide additional school psychologists. Nothing in PSYPACT or the bill mentions the ability of school psychologists to be granted an interjurisdictional practice certificate through this compact. The compact is for the highest level of doctoral psychologists to perform telepsychology and/or 30-day temporary practice in a compact state. Also discussed was that this bill would not allow for Master's level candidates to participate in the Compact. It was decided that the Board would schedule a meeting between the Board and the House Health and Human Resources Committee members who supported the bill.

Adjourn – It was moved, seconded, and passed to adjourn at 12:32 pm.