

WV Board of Examiners of Psychologists
Minutes, Thursday, October 8, 2020
Meeting Location: Zoom Video Conference, Charleston, WV

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

Absent: Shirley Vinciguerra, Lay Member

Public Present: None

AGENDA

Call to Order: Dr. Stroebel called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

Old Business

Neuropsychology Guidelines – Response: Dr. Harlow’s 8/19/20 response letter was provided to the Board.

WV Legislature – Board Response: The response letter and information submitted to the Legislature was provided to the Board.

New Business

Minutes Approved for 8/6/2020 – Motion: Ms. Branson moved that the minutes be approved as written. Second: Dr. Fields Vote: Unanimous

Annual Auditor’s Conference for Licensing Boards, October 27th – Information on the 2020 Auditor’s Conference was presented to the Board. The conference will be held virtually.

ASPPB Meeting of Delegates, October 16th and 17th – The ASPPB meeting is being held virtually. Material was presented to the Board.

COVID-19 Guidelines – Update – To date 166 temporary permits have been issued to licensees from other states. 9 of these in September when the \$100 fee went back into effect.

Continuing Education – Continuing education requirements for becoming a supervisor were reviewed. Several people will look into current CE programs that can be used.

PSYPACT and the Legislature – Dr. Fields – Dr. Fields updated the Board on the information he has collected.

Bryce Lefever – Approve for Licensure – See below with oral candidates.

Annual Report – FY 2019 – 2020 – A draft of the 2019 – 2020 Annual Report was presented to the Board by Ms. Lynch.

Approval of Pcard Purchases August & September - Motion: Mr. Bowen moved that the Pcard purchases be approved. Second: Ms. Branson Vote Unanimous

Approval to Begin Process of Computer Purchase - Motion: Dr. Fields moved that the purchase of new computers is approved. Second: Mr. Bowen Vote Unanimous

Ten Oral Candidates in Queue – This item is informational and was presented to the Board.

Financial Review – A review of the Board’s finances occurred. The goal of having in reserve 1 ½ times the Board’s annual budget is 78% achieved thus far.

Next Meeting(s) – November 20, 2020 at 1:00 pm for oral examinations only and December 10, 2020 starting at noon for business and oral examinations.

Ethical Concerns

It was moved seconded and passed to enter executive session.

It was moved seconded and passed to exit executive session.

2016-1 – Review of Letters – This item was tabled.

2020-1 –Board Vote – Motion: Dr. Fields moved that this ethical inquiry be closed. Second: Ms. Branson Vote: Unanimous

2020-2 –Board Vote – Motion: Dr. Fields moved that probable cause be found in this ethical inquiry. Second: Ms. Branson Vote: Unanimous - Ethics Committee Member, Mr. Bowen, abstained

2020-3 –Board Vote - Motion: Dr. Fields moved that the supervised psychologist in this case be deactivated due to her not wanting to contest the complaint. Second: Ms. Branson Vote: Unanimous - Ethics Committee Member, Mr. Bowen, abstained A vote on this case will be sought at the next business meeting.

2020-4 – Board Vote - Motion: Ms. Branson moved that this ethical inquiry be closed with a finding of no probable cause. Second: Dr. Poe Vote: Unanimous - Ethics Committee Member, Mr. Bowen, abstained

Oral Examinations

It was moved seconded and passed to enter executive session.

It was moved seconded and passed to exit executive session.

Motion: Mr. Bowen moved that Bryce Lefever, Ph.D.; Christopher Staples, Ph.D.; Nathan Ernst, Psy.D.; Susan Weber, Psy.D.; Jillian Keener, Psy.D.; and Kendra Thorne, Ph.D. are approved as WV licensed psychologists. Second: Dr. Poe Vote: Unanimous Dr. Fields recused himself during Dr. Keener’s oral.

Bryce Lefever, Ph.D.	Passed	#1260
Christopher Staples, Ph.D.	Passed	#1261
Nathan Ernst, Psy.D.	Passed	#1262
Susan Weber, Psy.D.	Passed	#1263
Jillian Keener, Psy.D.	Passed	#1264
Kendra Thorne, Ph.D.	Passed	#1265

Adjourn – It was moved, seconded and passed to adjourn at 3:41 pm.