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## Public Session Board Meeting Minutes

**May 22, 2015**

3218 Pringle Road SE  
Salem, OR 97302

**Members Present:** Fran Ferder, Ph.D., Chair  
Patricia Bjorkquist, Ph.D., Vice-Chair  
Peter Grover, Ph.D.  
James Hendry, Public Member  
Sandra Jenkins, Ph.D.  
Dorothy Mellon, Public Member  
Daniel Munoz, Ph.D.

**Members Absent:** Devin Salinas, Public Member  
Anne-Marie Smith, Ph.D.

**Legal Counsel:** Warren Foote, AAG

**Staff:** Charles Hill, Executive Director  
Karen Berry, Investigator  
LaReé Felton, Program Analyst  
Ashlie Rios, Office Specialist

**Guests:** Darrin Kazlauskas, DAS  
Valerie Heinrichs, DAS  
Robert Plamondon  
Ryan Dix, OPA Liaison

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### **INTRODUCTIONS/ROLL CALL**

Dr. Ferder called the Oregon Board of Psychologist Examiners (OBPE) Public Session meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2015, at 3218 Pringle Rd. SE, Salem, OR.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Darrin Kazlauskas, Department of Administrative Services (DAS ) Enterprise Human Resource Services (EHR), and Valerie Heinrichs from DAS, Shared Financial Services (SFS), attended the board meeting to discuss a current voucher from EHR and our budget biennium ending on 7/30/15. The board is currently projecting over budget and we are down to our last month in the fiscal year.. Mr. Kazlauskas, has been with DAS EHR for just over 18 months and his first task was to assess their budget, assets, accounts receivable, and accounts payable. The services provided under the voucher in question are things like: Personnel Database, E-Recruit, and iLearn. The Customer

Utility Board (CUB) took the system over in 2013 and created a ratio for the 90+ boards used and made a rate based off of what it costs to run the PPDB system and how many agencies use it and how much time they use it. They decided on a base rate; one for small agencies and one for large agencies. Prior to 2013 DAS would send out estimation invoices and some agencies paid this bill and some didn't. They found out that these estimation invoices' were wrong and did not cover the costs for PPDB. Valerie reported that in February the OBPE was approximately \$2,000 under budget but at the end of March we were approximately \$2,000 over budget and now at the end of April we are \$9,000 over budget. It's not a concern of available money but that we don't have permission to spend it. One idea is to ask the OBLPCT board to cover the Executive Directors salary for April-June 2015 due to the needs of the boards and the time spent at the OBLPCT board over the last biennium. Mr. Hill and Ms. Heinrichs will bring this idea to the OBLPCT's next board meeting.

## **ELECTIONS**

### **Chair**

Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Ms. Mellon seconded the nomination of Dr. Fran Ferder to continue her role as chair of the OBPE. No other nominations were made. All board members present voted in favor of the nomination, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

### **Vice-Chair**

Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Ms. Jenkins seconded the nomination of Dr. Peter Grover as Vice-chair to the OBPE. No other nominations were made. All board members present voted in favor of the nomination, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

Dr. Ferder moved and Dr. Grover seconded the nomination of Dr. Patricia Bjorkquist as the third party of the OBPE leadership team. All board members present voted in favor of the nomination, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

### **Consumer Protection Committee**

Mr. Hendry moved and Dr. Bjorkquist seconded the nomination of Ms. Dorothy Mellon to the CPC. No other nominations were made. All board members present voted in favor of the nomination, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

The Board thanked Mr. Hendry for his six years of service to the OBPE. His current term expires on 6/30/15.

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **Executive Session, Regular Meeting – March 20, 2015**

Mr. Hendry moved and Dr. Bjorkquist seconded the motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes from March 20, 2015. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

## **Public Session, Regular Meeting – March 20, 2015**

Mr. Hendry moved and Dr. Bjorkquist seconded the motion to approve the Public Session Minutes from March 20, 2015. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

### **Executive Director Delegations**

Mr. Hendry moved and Dr. Bjorkquist seconded the motion to approve the delegations to the Executive Director. All board members present voted in favor of the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

## **2014 CE AUDIT**

**License #5050:** PB moved and Dr. Grover seconded the motion to Adopt the Proposed Order issued by the ALJ. Roll call vote: Ms. Mellon-Aye; Mr. Hendry-No; Dr. Jenkins-Aye; Dr. Bjorkquist-Aye; Dr. Grover-Aye; Dr. Ferder-Aye; and Dr. Munoz-Aye. The motion passed.

## **APPLICANT MATTERS**

**Application #13-72:** Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Mr. Hendry seconded the motion to Deny the request for reconsideration. Roll call vote: Ms. Mellon-Aye; Mr. Hendry-Aye; Dr. Jenkins-Aye; Dr. Bjorkquist-Aye; Dr. Grover-Aye; Dr. Munoz-Recused; and Dr. Ferder-Aye. The motion passed.

## **CONSUMER PROTECTION CASES**

### **Orders**

**Case #2014-037:** Mr. Hendry moved and Dr. Bjorkquist seconded the motion to Approve Stipulated Order. Roll call vote: Dr. Grover-Aye; Dr. Bjorkquist-Aye; Dr. Jenkins-Aye; Mr. Hendry-Aye; Ms. Mellon-Aye; Dr. Munoz-Aye; and Dr. Ferder-Aye. The motion passed.

### **Thirty-Day Letter Responses**

**Case #2014-058:** Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Mr. Hendry seconded the motion to issue a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action with a \$1,000 civil penalty. Roll call vote: Ms. Mellon-Aye; Mr. Hendry-Aye; Dr. Jenkins-Aye; Dr. Bjorkquist-Aye; Dr. Grover-Aye; Dr. Munoz-Aye; and Dr. Ferder-Aye. The motion passed.

**Case #2014-060:** Mr. Hendry moved and Dr. Jenkins seconded the motion to issue a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action with a \$1,000 civil penalty. Roll call vote: Ms. Mellon-Aye; Mr. Hendry-Aye; Dr. Jenkins-Aye; Dr. Bjorkquist-Aye; Dr. Grover-Aye; Dr. Munoz-Aye; and Dr. Ferder-Aye. The motion passed.

**Case #2015-004:** Dr. Jenkins moved and Dr. Bjorkquist seconded the motion to issue a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action with a \$500 fine and denial of application for licensure. Roll call vote: Ms. Mellon-Aye; Mr. Hendry-No; Dr. Jenkins-Aye; Dr. Bjorkquist-Aye; Dr. Grover-Aye; Dr. Munoz-Aye; and Dr. Ferder-Aye. The motion passed.

## **New Case Reports**

**Case #2014-014:** Mr. Hendry moved and Dr. Jenkins seconded the motion to issue a Thirty-Day Letter. Roll call vote: Dr. Grover-Aye; Dr. Munoz-Aye; Ms. Mellon-Aye; Mr. Hendry-Aye; Dr. Jenkins-Aye; Dr. Bjorkquist-Aye; and Dr. Ferder-Aye. The motion passed.

**Case #2014-016:** Dr. Jenkins moved and Mr. Hendry seconded the motion to issue a Thirty-Day Letter. Roll call vote: Dr. Grover-Aye; Dr. Bjorkquist-Aye; Dr. Jenkins-Aye; Mr. Hendry-Aye; Ms. Mellon-Aye; Dr. Munoz-Aye; and Dr. Ferder-Aye. The motion passed.

**Case #2014-063:** Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Mr. Hendry seconded the motion to dismiss the case. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

**Case #2015-002:** Dr. Jenkins moved and Dr. Grover seconded the motion to dismiss the case. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

**Case #2015-003:** Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Ms. Mellon seconded the motion to dismiss the case. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

**Case #2015-005:** Dr. Jenkins moved and Dr. Bjorkquist seconded the motion to dismiss the case. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

**Case #2015-006:** Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Mr. Hendry seconded the motion to issue a Thirty-Day Letter. Roll call vote: Ms. Mellon-Aye; Mr. Hendry-Aye; Dr. Jenkins-Aye; Dr. Bjorkquist-Aye; Dr. Munoz-Aye; Dr. Grover-Aye; and Dr. Ferder-Aye. The motion passed.

**Case #2015-009:** Dr. Jenkins moved and Dr. Bjorkquist seconded the motion to dismiss the case. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

**Case #2015-012:** Ms. Mellon moved and Mr. Hendry seconded the motion to issue a Thirty-Day Letter. Roll call vote: Ms. Mellon-Aye; Mr. Hendry-Aye; Dr. Jenkins-Aye; Dr. Bjorkquist-Aye; Dr. Munoz-Aye; Dr. Grover-Aye; and Dr. Ferder-Aye. The motion passed.

**Case #2015-014:** Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Ms. Mellon seconded the motion to dismiss the case. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

**Case #2015-015:** Dr. Jenkins moved and Mr. Hendry seconded the motion to dismiss the case. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

**Case #2015-019:** Dr. Jenkins moved and Dr. Bjorkquist seconded the motion to dismiss the case. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

## **INVESTIGATION EXTENSIONS**

**Case #2015-001, #2015-009, #2015-014, #2015-016, & #2015-019.**

Mr. Hendry moved and Dr. Bjorkquist seconded the motion to approve the thirty-day investigation extension on the cases listed above. All board members present voted on the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Ms. Felton updated the board with all the current Senate and House Bills (SB & HB). SB 130, which allows the board to withhold the license from applications who have been convicted of a sex crime, is up and we expect that it will continue to move forward. HB 2037 regarding conversion therapy was signed by the Governor. HB 2363 & HB 2368 have both been signed as well.

## **FITNESS DETERMINATIONS – CRIMINAL HISTORY**

Statewide Standards (HB 3168) is in progress. DAS has been working on a one set standards for all agencies to use regarding the Criminal Background Check (CBC) in the application process. They will want all boards to eliminate their CBC rules and adopt their set standards instead. Ms. Felton is on the committee that is looking at this standard. The set standards are similar to ours already; however, Ms. Felton did have one addition. A first draft has not yet been sent out for agency review.

OBPE's Applicant Character & Fitness Review Process (carried over from 1/16/15). A standard process needs to be established in order to filter anything that comes up in the CBC process. A policy was borrowed from the Oregon Board of Social Workers (OBSW) for our board to review and possibly adopt a similar concept. The board agreed that they would like to see a ten year history instead of the four set by OBSW. An official OBPE draft will be given at the next meeting.

## **DEBRIEF: OPA 2015 ANNUAL CONFERENCE TOWN HALL**

Dr. Jenkins thought that this year went really well. There was a lot of questions and discussion between the board and the audience. People were more willing to come to the board and ask their questions which were friendly and well taken. There was also a lot of good discussion around unlicensed practice and telepsychology.

## **ASPPB PLUS**

ASPPB staff came to our January board meeting and explained the PLUS program that outsources the application process. Ms. Felton and Ms. Rios tried to track the application process over a week to see how much time this program would save for staff. Her estimations is that it would save the Office Specialist approximately 13% of her time a week; however, close to half of our applications are Endorsement Application and using the PLUS program for these individuals would not be worth it since they have all been practicing for at least 15 years and asking them detailed questions about their practicum, internship, residency, etc. would be difficult to answer. This would be excellent for new applicants but not worth the time for older licensees moving to Oregon. Dr. Grover thinks that it is smart to support a future process that would benefit future licensees. Dr. Bjorkquist thinks that this is the wave of the future; it's not "if" it's "when". Dr. Grover is in favor of a fee reduction on the application to new graduates to show that we approve of the system and

make it beneficial for them to utilize it. It would make it easier financially as well as we could gauge whether it is working for us for not during the Implementation Phase.

## **LICENSURE EXEMPTION WORKGROUP**

Legal Counsel has been working on this but they have not had a meeting with the other boards yet. They have reviewed the legislative history and will present this to the other boards that are affected. This topic will have to be pushed until further notice.

## **TELEPSYCHOLOGY**

There was some discussion at the OBPE Town Hall and the licensees would like some type of guidance/statement regarding Telepsychology in Oregon. Currently the OBPE doesn't have any rules relating to this topic; however, we could refer to the ASPPB compact as a resource. OPA currently has a bill in the legislature to help structure the practice. There are immediate questions that we don't have answers for. The biggest question is who has jurisdiction over the practice if a complaint is filed? Another topic is Intra-state telepsychology. This is permissible as long as you follow the ethics guidelines for security and HIPPA. Only a few small insurance agencies are covering telepsychology. The board will invite Dr. Spencer Griffith, Psy.D. to a future meeting to speak on the topic and perhaps write an article for the Newsletter.

## **APPROVE LICENSES**

Eric W. Bergreen, Psy.D.; Leonardo Bobadilla, Ph.D.; Jacqueline R. Cape, Ph.D.; Erin E. Currie, Ph.D.; Andrea L. Erb, Psy.D.; Sarah W. Feldstein Ewing, Ph.D.; Douglas L. Fogel, Psy.D.; Adam M. Gorman, Psy.D.; Jacob E. Helton, Psy.D.; Jordan M. Hendrickson, Psy.D.; Anne J. Kerr, Ph.D.; Britania J. Latronica, Ph.D.; Shea A. Lott, Ph.D.; Koreana R. Mangan, Psy.D.; Natalie J. Novick Brown, Ph.D.; Thomas L. Rath, Psy.D.; Walter M. Stephaniv, Ph.D.; Steven A. Stephens, Ph.D.; Elizabeth R. Stotler-Turner, Psy.D.; William J. Sturtevant, Ph.D.; Kristopher M. Thomas, Ph.D.; Karrie Patrice Walters, Ph.D.; & Jan K. Yomogida, Psy.D.

Dr. Bjorkquist moved and Ms. Mellon seconded the motion to approve all licenses listed above. All board members present voted in favor of the motion, no objections, and no abstentions. The motion passed.

The board took a short break at 2:36 p.m.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

This is an opportunity for the public to address the Board. The Chair will determine the length of the time given based on the meeting agenda and the number of individuals that wish to speak.

Mr. Robert Plamondon found online that Dr. Miller is still practicing and feels that an injunction might be in order so she doesn't continue to practice as her website says she is doing. He also wanted to touch on the unlicensed cases report that is missing from the website. Advice he has received from his attorney is to "expect to run the case all the way to the Appeals court". He feels this may be why the OBPE costs are going up for legal fees. He is also looking at the statistics between board action against Ph.D. licenses, Psychologist Associate licenses, and unlicensed practitioners. Mr. Plamondon would like the OBPE to review their decision against past cases and

work streamlining future actions. He also requested that the board raise the time allotted for the public to speak. Three minutes per meeting is only 48 minutes a year and that is not sufficient enough time for public interaction with the board.

Dr. Ryan Dix thanked the board for attending the OPA Conference and the board members and staff that were able to make it. They are going to be reviewing and providing feedback to the Board at the July meeting. He also mentioned that Dr. Griffith spoke at the OPA Conference around Telepsychology and he might be willing to come and give that same information to the board.

Mr. Hill was been working with the boards Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Human Resource (HR) personnel, Cyndi Smith, on filling the current vacant position. They agreed that a name change to Operations Manager is needed as well as some changes to the job description. This position is being opened up internally initially to provide a teaching position to our current employees and develop them if they accept.

## **STATISTICS**

### Licensure

47 new applications have been received and 38 licenses have been issued in 2015. There are currently 163 active applicants (including 70 practicing residents), and 1803 licensees: 1422 active, 204 semi-active, 175 inactive, and 2 suspended.

### Consumer Protection

26 complaints have been filed in 2015. There are currently 40 open cases under investigation (including the investigation files scheduled for Board consideration): 30 licensees, 4 applicants, and 6 unlicensed practice cases. There are 3 contested cases in process, and 2 cases on appeal.

The Oregon Board of Psychologist Examiners adjourned Public Session at 3:17 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted:*

// Charles Hill //

**Charles Hill, Executive Director**

July 24, 2015

**Date**