

INDIANA STATE PSYCHOLOGY BOARD
Minutes
September 13, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Hale called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Professional Licensing Agency - Room W064, Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Zoom and declared a quorum in accordance with Indiana Code § 25-33-1-3(g).

Board Members Present:

Gregory Hale, Ph.D., Chair
Raymond W. Horn, Ph.D., Board Liaison Member
Amber Finley, JD, Consumer Member

Board Members Not Present:

Stephen G. Ross, Psy.D., Vice Chair
Jere Leib, Ph.D., Member

State Officials Present:

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Dana Brooks, Assistant Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Brad Repass, Litigation Specialist, Professional Licensing Agency
Chris Anderson, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Jill Haddad, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

The video recording can be found on:

<https://www.youtube.com/@INProfessionalLicensingAgency>

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as amended.

Horn/Finley
Motion carried 3/0/0

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of May 17, 2024 and July 12, 2024 were accepted as amended.

Finley/Horn
Motion carried 3/0/0

Dr. Horn discussed the change in detail of the minutes. Board staff noted that with the availability of the video recordings, the minutes were not required to be as detailed.

IV. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Ryan Eldridge, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, presented the consumer complaint report. He reported that they have closed thirty (30) consumer complaints this year, opened thirty-seven (37) this year, and there are currently twenty-two (22) open. The average age for the open complaints is eleven point nine (11.9) months. Primarily complaints have been filed in Marion County followed by Hamilton County. There are currently twenty-six (26) complaints filed against psychologists. The primary complaint against psychologists have been unprofessional conduct followed by professional incompetence.

There has been one (1) litigation case open this year with zero (0) litigation cases currently open. The duration of the litigation is zero (0) months.

Dr. Horn inquired regarding a case that has been under investigation for the past three (3) years. Mr. Eldridge stated that the practitioner under investigation can contact the Office of Attorney General for an update. Dr. Horn expressed concerns for the length of time of the investigation, and how it impacts the professional when it comes to professional practice insurance. He also discussed concerns regarding the lack of utilizing the expertise of the Board liaison. He discussed with Mr. Eldridge how professional incompetence and malpractice complaints are evaluated. Dr. Hale also expressed his concerns with how the Board liaison is not being utilized, but felt re-assured as Mr. Eldridge discussed how malpractice complaints are investigated.

V. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Probation

There were no probation appearances.

B. Application

1. Lisa Ruble, PhD (HSPP)

Dr. Ruble appeared as requested via zoom. She was requested to appear to provide clarification on her post-doctoral training for her HSPP application. She provided a cover letter and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She discussed with the Board her training in Kentucky and the training she completed at Riley with Dr. Sears.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Ruble's HSPP application.

Horn/Finley
Motion carried 3/0/0

2. Gina Sanchetti, PhD (HSPP)

Dr. Sanchetti appeared as requested via zoom. She was requested to appear to provide clarification on her post-doctoral training for her HSPP application. Dr. Sanchetti discussed that she spoke with her supervisor Dr. Carmichael who reviewed the records of training and noted that she did 9 months of supervision with her. Dr. Sanchetti stated that she did an additional 3 months of training under Dr. Carmichael to meet the requirements.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Sanchetti's HSPP application.

Horn/Finley
Motion carried 3/0/0

3. Behnaz Zamani (PhD)

Dr. Zamani appeared as requested with her supervisor Dr. Cody Walls, HSPP. She previously applied for the psychology license in May, where the Board determined that she did not have the correct doctoral level internship. Dr. Zamani provided additional documentation regarding her internship. She stated that she did have two HSPP supervisors and provided clarification on her internship that she completed at Indiana State University.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Zamani's application to take the EPPP examination.

Hale/Horn
Motion carried 3/0/0

C. Renewal

1. Susan Birndorf, PhD, License No. 20042866A

Dr. Birndorf appeared as requested with her counsel Mike Mullen to discuss her yes response about a recent arrest since she last renewed. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She indicated that she was a part of a peaceful demonstration, and she entered into a diversion agreement at the end of August. The Agreement required her to complete community-service and pay a fine.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Birndorf's psychology license renewal.

Hale/Finley
Motion carried 3/0/0

2. Christine Liedtke, PhD, License No. 20042492A

Dr. Liedtke appeared as requested with her counsel Doug Bitner to discuss her yes response regarding a malpractice incident that has been settled since she last renewed. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She indicated that the malpractice was dismissed at the beginning of the year, and there were no additional allegations of concern.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Liedtke's psychology license renewal.

Horn/Finley
Motion carried 3/0/0

3. Viann Nations, PhD, License No. 20043769A

Dr. Nations appeared as requested to discuss her yes response regarding discipline that took place against her license in the state of Idaho since she last renewed. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. She discussed with the Board the client interaction

that occurred between herself and her client which the Idaho Board had investigated. Dr. Nations indicated that the client did live with her at one point during her treatment, and she assisted with helping the client move across State lines in order to get treatment. Dr. Nations stated that after the investigation, Idaho placed her license on probation with supervision requirements, and she was forced to cease providing services to her client. Dr. Nations stated that her client does have a new therapist, but she keeps in contact with them via text. The Board discussed Dr. Nation's process for documentation, and if she was aware of the differences between Indiana and Idaho. Dr. Nations indicated that she was unaware that Indiana would have different requirements. She also indicated that she was seeing at least one Indiana client; however, she does not hold her HSPP license. Dr. Nations indicated that her understanding was that since the client pays cash, it was allowed. The Board inquired into what was discussed in November when she last appeared before them. Dr. Nations indicated that when she last appeared before the Board, they discussed a client of hers that was stalking her. She did not indicate at that time of the Idaho pending action.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Dr. Nation's application for renewal of her psychology license based upon the Idaho disciplinary action.

Hale/Horn
Motion carried 3/0/0

4. Anissa Rivers, PhD, License No. 20042306A

Dr. Rivers appeared as requested via zoom regarding her yes response regarding a recent termination since she last renewed. She provided a statement and supporting documentation for the Board to review. Dr. Rivers stated that she resigned from Regional Health where she was employed. She provided the Board with a summary of events regarding an issue at the facility where she felt client abandonment was occurring with another practitioner that was no longer employed at the facility. Dr. Rivers provided what steps she took in order to bring the matter up to the facility and other parties concerned. She stated that Regional Health informed her that the reason of the termination was due to her communicating harmful correspondence against the facility. Dr. River's informed the Board of her current employment as a Clinical Training Director at a University.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. River's psychology license renewal.

Hale/Horn
Motion carried 3/0/0

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. EPPP Examination 2026

Dr. Hale provided an update on the EPPP part two (2) discussion. He discussed the rationale for the part two (2), and that some States have already implemented the use of the exam. He stated that Texas is still in the process of appealing the use of the exam; however, they are an outlier as most States are accepting the new change. Dr. Hale stated that he has not seen any data yet on the pass rate, but indicated that their is a belief that if applicants take part 1 during or closer to earning their degree, the passing rate is higher. Dr. Horn inquired into the interval of time between taking part one (1) versus part two (2). It was noted that we will need to have both parts for Indiana to approve the psychology license, so it should encourage applicants to not wait to take both parts. Ms. Vaught inquired if an applicant could take part two (2) prior to part one (1), or what occurs if you fail one-part multiple times. Dr. Hale indicated that those questions were not asked at the meeting he attended, so there are still a number of administrative questions to consider.

B. Electronic Meeting Policy

The Board reviewed the Electronic Meeting Policy and approved. They discussed remote appearances for both the Board members and the applicants.

VII. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

A. Limited Scope Temporary Psychology Permit

There were no Limited Scope applications for review.

B. Psychology by Examination/Reciprocity

There was no psychology by exam/reciprocity applications for review.

C. HSPP Endorsement

There were no HSPP applications for review.

D. Continuing Education

1. Emily Elder, CE Course Approval Request

Dr. Elder submitted a request for her continuing education course to be considered for approval. The Board noted that the course was approved by the CPA, which is an approved CE Sponsor.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve the continuing education course.

Horn/Finley
Motion carried 3/0/0

2. Tamika Zapolski, CE Provider Application

Dr. Zapolski applied to become a Category 1 CE Sponsor. The Board noted that there are ten items in the law that she must demonstrate to meet, and she needs to provide a list of the dates she will be holding CE events.

Board Action: The application was tabled for additional information.

VIII. INDIANA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr. Rhoads of the IPA provided his report to the Board. He stated that if the Board needs to attend any discussions regarding the changes with the EPPP part two (2), he is available, and he can help notify Indiana psychologists on the changes as they occur.

He stated that there has been discussion regarding master level psychologists by the ASPPB. He is keeping an eye out for any changes or input that he can provide.

He discussed the current legislation topics that are currently being considered. Mr. Rhoads stated that there is discussion to give income tax credit for those that are supervising preceptors. He stated that there are some that would not qualify for the credit, like if you were working at a university, however it is a hope to be an

incentive to be a supervisor. He stated that there are discussions on having post-doctoral training being 100% virtually supervised. Mr. Rhoads stated that is a concern for the Board based upon what they have reviewed in the past.

He informed the Board that with the current renewal now closed, the IPA is reviewing the licensing data as to how many Indiana psychologists reside in the State. Currently there are 1,919 psychologists that renewed with 1,348 residing in the State of Indiana. He stated that this number decreased from the last cycle. He indicated that this impact probably occurred due to COVID and PSYPACT availability.

Mr. Rhoads discussed the IPA CE Fall conference, and that it is all virtual.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Indiana State Psychology Board adjourned at 11:27 a.m.