

INDIANA STATE PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

May 8, 2026

Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Hale called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. in W064, Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana and declared a quorum in accordance with Indiana Code § 25-33-1-3(g).

Board Members Present:

Gregory Hale, Ph.D., Chair

Stephen G. Ross, Psy.D., Vice Chair and Board Liaison

Jere Leib, Ph.D., Member

Carrie Ball, Ph.D., Member

Alyson Harbor, Consumer Member

State Officials Present:

Monika Talbot, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Katie Bancroft, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency

Dana Brooks, Assistant Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency

Brad Repass, Litigation Specialist, Professional Licensing Agency

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Leib/Ball

Motion carried 5/0/0

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes of March 20, 2026, as amended.

Hale/Ross

Motion carried 5/0/0

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 currently have 18 open investigated files since the beginning of the year with an average investigation time of 11.23 months. There are currently 3 cases where litigation was opened with an average duration of 5.09 months.

The Board inquired if the report could include the types of allegations that are being filed. This information was included in the older versions of the report. Mr. Eldridge said he could look into it, but for psychology they typically see standard of care concerns, or people reporting that their psychologist was “rude”.

V. ADMINSTRATIVE HEARINGS

A. Edward Connor, Ph.D., License No. 20042263A

Cause No. 202604-PSY-0002

Re: Petition for Review of Denial of HSPP Application

The hearing in the matter of Dr. Connor was continued

VI. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Probation

There were no probation appearances.

B. Reinstatement

There were no reinstatement appearances.

C. Application

1. Malik Muhammad (PhD)

Mr. Muhammad did not appear as requested. The Board tabled his application at this time. If he fails to appear within one year of submitting his application, his file will be abandoned.

2. David Smith (PhD) (4th Attempt)

Dr. Smith appeared as requested to discuss his next examination attempt. He provided a study plan for the Board to review and discussed his strategy to prepare himself for the next examination attempt. He is currently employed at the VA. He received a breakdown of his previous examination in order to focus and prepare for the examination. He indicated that he had previously used older study materials, and he has since obtained newer versions to help prepare himself. He indicated the new material has similar wording to the exam questions, so he finds it more relevant.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Smith to sit for the examination.

Leib/Ross

Motion carried 5/0/0

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Douglas B. Samuel, Ph.D., Purdue University, and Deborah Finn, Ph.D., Indiana University

Re: Appearing For Discussion of Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS)

Dr. Samuel and Dr. Finn presented the PCSAS accreditation standard to the Board. They stated that they hope the Board considers this standard as an alternative to the APA approval. They stated that PCSAS is a non-profit organization recognized by the Commission on Accreditation Association with a focus on clinical science. Dr. Finn stated that there is some overlap with APA standards, and that they understand the request will not change current licensure standards and requirements. Dr. Finn stated that the request is to add another standardized training pathway for the profession that will be accepted for licensure. They discussed the benefits of their accreditation system, and the topics of training

covered by the system. Dr. Finn stated that PCSAS has been to the ASPPB regarding their accreditation pathway, and that those who have attended their programs have a pass rate for the EPPP at 90%.

The Board discussed what would be the next step if they wanted to approve them as an accreditation pathway. Such as would they need to go through administrative rule making process to add PCSAS as an accepted standard.

B. Rule Readoption Hearing – LSA #25-814

RE: 868 IAC 1.1

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve the readoption of 868 IAC 1.1.

Hale/Ross

Motion carried 5/0/0

C. Post Doctoral Hours

The Board requested to discuss the review of Post-Doctoral Hours as they have new members. Dr. Leib read over the Administrative Rule for practicum hours and stated that some of the language felt contrary to the statute and felt that the language was not consistent. Dr. Hale noted an understanding that training directors have made a push to have practicum hours be considered towards an HSPP credential. He stated that he reached out to Dr. Bowman to discuss how the Board considered the practicum hours by precedent, and that they could be accepted as the students are being supervised by an HSPP. The Board noted that with the way the statute and the administrative rule read, that an individual could obtain their HSPP with all post-master practicum hours. Dr. Hale stated that the issue is the Board's expectation of at least one-year post-degree training.

VIII. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

A. Limited Scope Temporary Psychology Permit

There were no Limited Scope applications for review.

B. Psychology by Examination/Reciprocity

1. Michael Manis (PhD)

Dr. Manis's application was submitted for review of his education at Indiana State University. He indicated on his application that his pre-doctoral internship was not APA or APPIC approved at the time of graduation. He did note that his doctoral internship was APA approved.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Manis' application.

Hale/Ross

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C. HSPP Endorsement

1. Jennifer Dyarman, PhD, License No. 20044025A

Dr. Dyarman's HSPP application was submitted for review of her post-doctoral internship hours. She indicated on her forms that she could not obtain signatures from her supervisor, but provided

an explanation and supporting documentation for the Board to consider. The Board reviewed the screenshots she provided, and requested an appearance. Application was tabled.

2. Ashley Sheridan, PhD, License No. 20043558A

Dr. Sheridan's HSPP application was submitted for review of her post-doctoral hours. She submitted additional hours since her last HSPP application to the Board. The Board noted she completed additional hours as requested.

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

Ross/Leib
Motion carried 5/0/0

D. Continuing Education

1. Robert Heck, PhD

Dr. Heck provided several courses for review by the Board. The Board noted there are no concerns with the continuing education courses provided.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Heck's request for approval of the continuing education courses he has attended.

Hale/Leib
Motion carried 5/0/0

2. Paul Toth, PhD

Dr. Toth provided a course for review by the Board. The Board noted no concerns with the continuing education course he provided.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Toth's request for approval of the continuing education course he has attended.

Hale/Leib
Motion carried 5/0/0

IX. INDIANA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION REPORT

Dick Rhoad presented the report from the Indiana Psychological Association.

He thanked the Board for allowing the representatives from PCSAS to present their information and welcomed the new members to the Board.

Mr. Rhoad provided an overview of the types of services the IPA provides for the Psychologists and the public.

He updated the Board on the Annual Spring Ethics Conference which was on March 27, 2026.

He provided an update on the discussion around the standardization master level psychologist. He stated that both the APA and ASPPB are discussing the issue but have different perspectives.

X. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Vaught asked if the November Board meeting date needs to be changed as there is a conflict with the IPA Fall Conference. The Board changed the November meeting date to the 13th.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Indiana State Psychology Board adjourned at 10:58 a.m.