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## **MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE CALL MEETING**

### **BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

January 14, 2022

#### **1. ROLL CALL and CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Virtual Conferencing meeting of the Board of Psychology was called to order by the ~~Vice~~ **Chair**, Stacy Waldron, at 10:32 a.m. in the State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall S, Conference Room LLB, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>, and posted in the Licensure Unit on 01.07.2022.

The following members answered the roll call:

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT (5) – all on call**

Jennifer Dreibelbis, Member  
Tomeka Johnson, Member  
Connie Petersen, PhD, Member  
Stacy Waldron, PhD, ~~Vice~~ **Chair**  
Rebecca Schroeder, Member

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT (2)**

Mark Lukin, PhD, Secretary  
Stephanie Bruhn, PhD, ~~Vice~~ **Chair**

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Kris Chiles, Program Manager, Licensure Unit, (in room)  
Public (on call)

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

#### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Dreibelbis moved, seconded by Petersen, to adopt the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Dreibelbis, Johnson, Petersen, Waldron, Schroeder (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bruhn, Lukin, (2). Motion carried.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Deferred to next meeting

#### **4. REGULATION STATUS UPDATE:** 172 NAC 155 and 156

Chiles reported the regulations for 172 NAC 155 and 156 are still in review by Legal, no changes to report.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Executive Order 21-18 and Directed Health Measures  
<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Psychology.aspx>

EO 21-18 includes the following:

1. Executive Order Nos. 21-12, 21-15, and 21-17, which currently are scheduled to end on December 31, 2021, remain in effect through March 31, 2022; and
2. The identical statutory waivers and conditions contained within Executive Order Nos. 21-12, 21- 15, and 21-17 continue through March 31, 2022.

b. Association Updates/Correspondence

- Association of State Provincial Psychology Boards <http://www.asppb.org>

Waldron reported she has been attending the Board chair meetings virtually and working on Bylaws.

- PSYPACT <https://www.asppb.net/page/PSYPACT>

The Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) is an interstate compact designed to facilitate the practice of telepsychology and the temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology across state boundaries. Chiles reported 30 states have enacted Legislation and 28 are effective. Additional information can be viewed on the PSYPACT website.

- American Psychological Association <http://www.apa.org>
- Nebraska Psychological Association <http://www.nebpsych.org>

NPA's representative Dr. Lundquist Wall reported 2 bills being watched:

LB 963: Religious freedom for Healthcare

LB 885: Implicit Bias training for all health care professions under the Uniform Credentialing Act.

**Added to minutes as a reference:**

Senator Cavanaugh's Statement of Intent: The goals and purposes of LB 885 is to reduce or eliminate the factors and biases that cause disparities in health outcomes for women of color who are pregnant or postpartum. Black mothers in the United States are more likely to die during and after childbirth than Black mothers in any other developed country in the world. The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention statistics show that Black and Native American mothers die of pregnancy-related causes at a rate about three times higher than white women in the United States. Research indicates that as much as two-thirds of these deaths are preventable. LB 885 would require annual implicit bias training for all health care professionals through their continuing education hours necessary to maintain their licenses.

c. Justice Behavioral Health Committee

Petersen was voted in as Psychology Representative (Lukin Received) Petersen did not receive any direct notification from the Justice Behavioral Health Committee.

**6. UPDATES AND REPORTS**

Statistics: Examinations, Licensing, Disciplinary/Non-Disciplinary Information, Renewal (attached to agenda)

**7. INVESTIGATIVE AND CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION – Closed Session**

**MOTION:** Schroeder moved, seconded by Dreibelbis, to enter into closed session at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of hearing discussions of an investigative/confidential nature and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Waldron repeated the motion and purpose. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Dreibelbis, Johnson, Petersen, Waldron, Schroeder (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bruhn, Lukin, (2). Motion carried.

Members agree to return to open session

**8. OPEN SESSION:** Review, Recommendations and Report Out (Applications, Mail Ballot Summary Report, and Reinstatements)

No applications were reviewed.

**9. ANNUAL BUSINESS**

- Elections and Appointments (officers, investigative consultant, and education reviewers)

The following slate of Officers was selected:

Chair: Bruhn  
Vice Chair: Waldron  
Secretary: Petersen

Appointment of Investigative Consultant, Education Reviews, PSYPACT Representative

Investigative Consultant: Schroeder  
Justice Behavioral Health Committee: Petersen  
ASPPB: Dreibelbis  
Education Reviews: Deferred to March meeting  
PSYPACT Representative: Deferred to March meeting

- b. Approval of Method of Noticing Meeting Agendas <https://ago.nebraska.gov/open-meetings> Section 84-1411

Current process is posting the agendas on the Licensure Unit’s website, in the lobby of the Licensure Unit, and upon request mailing the agenda.

**MOTION:** Petersen moved, seconded by Johnson to approve the current method of noticing meeting agendas. Voting aye: Dreibelbis, Johnson, Petersen, Waldron, Schroeder (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bruhn, Lukin, (2). Motion carried.

- c. Per Diem Payments (Neb. Rev. Stat. §38-171 – attached to agenda)

Chiles provided a review of the current per diem guidelines – see below:

1. \$25 For 1 day of preparation for each meeting (investigations/applications).
2. \$50 Attending the Board meeting (in person or by conference call).
3. \$50 Each day of travel where overnight arrangements have been made (board meeting or national meeting).
4. \$50 Each day the member is representing the board at a national meeting of state licensing boards (ASPPB)
5. \$50 Each day the member is representing the board at the Justice Behavioral Health Meeting or PsyPACT, etc)
6. \$50 Regulation Hearing, legislative testimony, or other board related meetings when representing the Board (prior board approval required).
7. \$50 for the assigned education reviewer (when requested)
8. \$50 for each review by the Investigative Consultant

**MOTION:** Petersen moved, seconded by Johnson to approve the current per diem guidelines. Voting aye: Dreibelbis, Johnson, Petersen, Waldron, Schroeder (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bruhn, Lukin, (2). Motion carried.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Waldron stated the next meeting of the Board is March 11, 2022 and declared the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Submitted,

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Connie Petersen, PhD, Secretary  
Board of Psychology

Summarized by the Licensure Unit