

INDIANA STATE PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

MINUTES

MARCH 5, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Ross called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. through video and audio conferencing at <https://IndianaEnhanced.Webex.com/join/PLAWebex> or by calling 1-240-454-0887 and declared a quorum in accordance with Indiana Code § 15-5-1.1-6(c).

Board Members Present:

Stephen G. Ross, Psy.D., Chair
Raymond W. Horn, Ph.D., Member
Jere Leib, Ph.D., Member
Amber Finley, JD, Consumer Member
Gregory Hale, Ph.D., Member

Board Members Not Present:

State Officials Present:

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Dana Brooks, Assistant Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Philip Gordon, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Ross/Hale
Motion carried 5-0-0

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

IV. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Patricia Gibson, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, reviewed the consumer complaint report with the Board. Ms. Gibson stated their office has twenty-four (24) open complaints. Ms. Gibson stated that the average time a complaint is open is seven (7) months. Currently there is one (1) litigation case pending that is four (4) months old. There are no new current litigation cases.

V. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Probation

There were no probation appearances.

B. Reinstatement

1. John Henry Wisely Houser, Ph.D., License No. 20042556A

Dr. Houser appeared as requested to discuss his affirmative response to question number three “ Since you last renewed, and except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court, have you been arrested OR have you entered

into a prosecutorial diversion or deferment agreement regarding any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state OR have you been convicted of any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state OR have you plead guilty to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state OR have you pled nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state or U.S. territory?” on his license reinstatement. Dr. Houser submitted a statement and supporting documents regarding an incident that occurred on June 6, 2020 when he attended a rally for racial justice. He stated that at the end of the peaceful rally the police were called and arrested those who were protesting. He was charged with disorderly conduct and had a court case scheduled in August 2020 with the other participants of the rally.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to reinstate Dr. Houser’s license.

Ross/Finley
Motion carried 5-0-0

C. Application

1. **Stephanie Luallin, Ph.D.**

Dr. Luallin appeared as requested to discuss why she did not answer yes to question number four (4) “Except for minor violations of traffic laws resulting in fines, and arrests or convictions that have been expunged by a court, have you ever been arrested; have you ever entered into a prosecutorial diversion or deferment agreement regarding any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; have you ever been convicted of any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; have you ever pled guilty to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state; or have you ever pled nolo contendere to any offense, misdemeanor, or felony in any state?” on her application. Dr. Luallin stated that she is currently going through the expungement process for her background and thought that it had been completed. She indicated that the incident in question was a DUI which occurred in the state of Pennsylvania. Her attorney at the time informed her that if she completed the Accelerated Rehabilitation Disposition (ARD) program and attended AA meetings as directed by the courts the incident would be removed from her record. The Board inquired if she remembered what her alcohol level was of the incident. Dr. Luallin stated that she believed her blood level was .204 at the time of her arrest. She did attend three (3) AA meetings after the incident and the last meeting she attended was on or about February 12, 2021. When Dr. Luallin attended doctoral program, they requested she complete an evaluation which found there were no issues. Her criminal probation was completed as of February 2021.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Luallin’s application to take the EPPP examination pending receipt of the completion of her criminal probation.

Ross/Leib
Motion carried 5-0-0

2. **Deep Kaur Battu, Ph.D.**

Dr. Battu appeared as requested to discuss her request to take the EPPP examination for the fourth time. Dr. Battu explained to the Board that during her previous examination attempts she was experiencing a high volume of personal stresses which made studying for the examination not a priority. Since COVID, she has lessened her work and personal stresses which has allowed for more time to set time aside for studying. She is also seeing a therapist to assist her with understanding her responses to stress. She has taken courses through APA website, and divided her time more equally with her employer to allow her to focus on passing the exam. Since September she has studied

around 2.5 hours a day during the week, and 8 hours a day during the weekend. The Board advised that she may also want to register for the EPPP Practice Exam offered by the ASPPB.

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

Hale/Leib
Motion carried 5-0-0

3. **Sheryl Smith**

Ms. Smith appeared as requested to discuss her psychology application for licensure. Ms. Smith currently holds a master's degree in psychology from Walden University which was granted in 2010. The Board informed her that for psychology licensure you must hold a doctorate degree in psychology (Ph.D) and inquired if she holds a doctorate. Ms. Smith stated that she does hold a doctorate degree as that is what is listed on her transcripts. She informed the Board that she was wishing to obtain her license as the job she is applying for requires that she has a professional license in psychology.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Ms. Smith's application due to lack of a doctoral degree in psychology.

Ross/Horn
Motion carried 5-0-0

VI. **ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

There were no administrative hearings.

VII. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **Multicultural Competence Continuing Education**

The Indiana Psychology Association submitted formal outline of language for multicultural competence continuing education. Dr. Tasha Williams who heads the diversity committee at the IPA completed research on what other states have implemented and personally appeared to answer any questions the Board might have. Dr. Horn expressed concerns that the proposed language is too broad and wanted to know what separates this particular CE from the current CE that a psychologist is required to complete. Much like the ethics requirement, the multicultural CE should give a pointed direction to the psychologist of what is needed. Dr. Ross stated that they kept some of the language broad so that psychologists who specialize would not need to complete CE in an area that did not apply to their particular focus. Dr. Williams stated that they also kept the language broad so that it may be stay fluid over time when culturally things change, like with ethics. The Board liked starting the rule with a very broad statement, and then clarifying with more direct focus to help relieve any confusion the public would have on the expectation. Currently the Board agrees that the current language as applied in the State of New Mexico aligns with their expectations. The Board requested that further discussion be held at the May 7, 2021 meeting to finalize their decision.

VIII. **APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW**

A. **Limited Scope Temporary Psychology Permit**

There were no Limited Scope Temporary Permits for review.

B. **Psychology by Examination/Endorsement**

1. **Reginald Murray, Ph.D.**

Dr. Murray's application for psychology licensure was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Murray is a 2019 graduate of California Southern University which is an online university and submitted detailed information for his internship and a syllabus for each course taken. The Board has not approved this online university as there is a statute requirement for the Internship to occur onsite. The Board expressed concerns on how the internship was conducted as it appeared that Dr. Murray was performing services rather than clinical training.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Dr. Murray's application as his online training does not meet the statutory requirements.

Ross/Horn
Motion carried 5-0-0

C. HSPP Endorsement

1. **Melissa A. Lachajewski, Ph.D.**

Dr. Lachajewski's application was submitted for review of her HSPP hours. Dr. Lachajewski submit hours for her HSPP that occurred before her doctorate was conferred. According to statute Dr. Lachajewski may submit hours that occurred post-internship. All hours are not required to be post-doctoral.

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

Horn/Leib
Motion carried 5-0-0

2. **James Natter, Ph.D.**

Dr. Natter's HSPP application was submitted for review of his HSPP hours. Dr. Natter's post-internship hours occurred over ten years ago and were submitted to ensure they still met current state requirements. The Board determined there were no issues with the submitted hours.

Board Review: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Natter's HSPP license.

Ross/Horn
Motion carried 5-0-0

D. Continuing Education

1. Alison E. Schwing, Ph.D.

Re: Adult Clinical Case Seminar: Working with Resistant Patients

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Schwing's request for approval of the continuing education program.

Ross/Leib
Motion carried 5-0-0

IX. INDIANA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION REPORT

Dick Rhoades of the IPA stated that currently CE applications for psychology are at a current high and the IPA office can now provide Category I CE through home study options. IPA will be sponsoring a Fall Conference that will provide up to ninety (90) hours of CE for applicants. The Fall Conference is partnered with the Illinois Board and a smaller conference will be sponsored in May. The May conference will be

focusing on ethics on peer review consultations. The Telepsychology PsyPact Bill has passed in the Senate and has been submitted to House approval. Currently there are fifteen (15) States that are active with the PsyPact Bill, and thirteen (13) States are currently trying to pass this into law. There has been discussion on how insurance is going to bill telepsychology hours, and currently there is a broad definition in place for that billing practice.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Indiana State Psychology Board adjourned at 10:22 a.m. by general consensus.

Stephen G. Ross, Psy.D., Chair

Date