

INDIANA STATE PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

Minutes
July 11, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Hale called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in Conference Center Room 1, Indiana Government Center South, 302 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
Amber Finley, JD, Consumer Member

Board Members Not Present:

Vacant

State Officials Present:

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

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Ross/Leib
Motion carried 4/0/0

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes of May 9, 2025, as amended.

Ross/Finley
Motion carried 4/0/0

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 20 open investigated files since the beginning of the year. There were 13 files open last quarter, and 9 open this quarter. There has been 1 case where litigation was opened, and 1 was closed. The average age of the files investigated is 10.61 months.

Currently there is one litigation file open which was a Cease-and-Desist case. Mr. Eldridge stated that most of the complaints coming in are being closed with no action but that the Board may see a few more in the future. He stated that they have been reaching out to the Board liaison for standard of care inquiries. Dr. Ross confirmed that was the case.

V. ADMINSTRATIVE HEARING

There were no administrative hearings.

VI. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Probation

There were no probation appearances.

B. Application

1. Amber Beal (PsyD)

Dr. Beal submitted correspondence requesting that her appearance be rescheduled.

2. Kevin Rowe (Ph.D.)

Dr. Rowe appeared as requested to discuss his next examination attempts. He discussed his previous examination attempts and the scores he received. Dr. Rowe informed the Board that he believes that he needs more than one on one support to better prepare himself for the examination. He discussed his study plan with the Board, and employment working as a therapist. He stated that between examination attempts he has listened to various advice, watched training videos and set aside time to study. He stated that the cost of study materials adds up quickly so he will not attempt the examination for at least another six to nine months. Dr. Rowe is currently working as a school psychologist. The Board made recommendations and discussed study materials.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Row to test for the EPPP examination.

Hale/Ross
Motion carried 4/0/0

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Dr. Leib stated that he will be unavailable for the September meeting.

VIII. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

A. Limited Scope Temporary Psychology Permit

There were no limited scope permit applications for review.

B. Psychology by Examination/Reciprocity

1. Chandra Coles (PsyD)

Dr. Coles applied for licensure via reciprocity. Her application was submitted for licensure equivalency review. She is currently licensed in the state of Kentucky and indicated on her application that her program was not APA approved at the time of her graduation and the internship completed was not APA or APPIC approved. She was requested to provide a copy of her Kentucky application on June 4, 2025, which has not yet been received. The Board staff is requesting review of her application to determine if her transcript and verification of her Kentucky license is sufficient information in order to make a determination on her file. The Board reviewed her transcripts and noted that her program does not appear to have a pre-doctoral training program or a residency program which is required to be considered equivalent training.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Dr. Coles' application by reciprocity as her license is not considered equivalent.

Hale/Ross
Motion carried 4/0/0

2. Veronica King (Ph.D.)

Dr. King's applied for licensure via reciprocity. Her application was submitted for licensure equivalency review. She is currently licensed in the state of New York and indicated on her application that her program was not APA approved at the time of completion. The Board reviewed the information she disclosed regarding her coursework at Walden University. They stated that they had questions regarding her program and residency and requested that she appear.

Board Action: Dr. King's application was tabled pending an appearance.

3. Aril Reed (Ph.D.)

Dr. Reed applied for licensure via examination. Her application was submitted for review as she indicated that her program was not APA approved at the time of graduation, and her internship was not APA or APPIC approved at the time of completion. Ms. Vaught stated that she did look up the program, and it is an approved program. Dr. Reed provided a copy of her syllabus and letters of support for the Board to review. The Board discussed as to whether her internship was equivalent.

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

examination and sit for the EPPP examination

Ross/Leib
Motion carried 4/0/0

C. HSPP Endorsement

1. Emily Boswell, Ph.D, License No. 20043930A

Dr. Boswell's application for HSPP was submitted for review of her practicum and post-internship hours. She graduated with her Ph.D. in December 2024. The Board noted that she does meet the hour requirement, but does not have one year after her Ph.D granted per IC 25-33-1-5.1. The Board noted their previous discussion regarding this topic and that there are mostly practicum hours and not post-doctoral experience. The Board discussed the difference between practicum hours and post-doctoral hours.

Board Action: The Board tabled Dr. Boswell's application until they could come to a consensus of the review of practicum and post-internship hours.

2. David Eakin, Ph.D. License No. 20043932A

Dr. Eakin's application for HSPP was submitted for review. Dr. Eakin provided a copy of his National Register of Health Service Psychologist confirmation forms for review of his post graduate hours. He graduated with his Ph.D. in 2004 and has been licensed in the state of Alabama since 2005.

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

Ross/Leib
Motion carried 4-0-0

3. Christina Riccardi, Ph.D., License No. 20043945A

Dr. Riccardi's application for HSPP was submitted for review. Dr. Riccardi provided a copy of her ASPPB PsyPro application for review and consideration in lieu of the completed documents. She graduated with her Ph.D. in 2012 and has been licensed in the states of Florida, North Carolina, and New York.

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

Hale/Ross
Motion carried 4-0-0

4. Samantha Ruxer, PsyD, License No. 20043903A

Dr. Ruxer’s application for HSPP was submitted for review of her practicum and post-internship experience. She provided an addendum of her multiple Form Bs in order to provide clarification of her experience hours. She graduated with her Ph.D. in May of 2024. The Board noted that she completed a post-internship and meets the month and hour requirements.

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

Hale/Finely
Motion carried 4-0-0

D. Continuing Education

There were no CE applications for review.

IX. INDIANA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr. Dick Rhoad of the IPA provided his report.

He stated that his office has received a number of concerns regarding IPLA and the Board making dramatic changes in their review process for HSPP applicants. He stated that applicants are being asked to provide 1 year of postgraduate hours after the conferral of their Ph.D. He stated that it is very rare to accumulate all health service provider hours on a continuous basis 1 year after the conferral of the Ph.D. He stated that in recent months, applicants are being asked to provide more months of training when they have the required hours. He stated to ask that is “inappropriate”. He stated that IPLA’s website does not list that 12 months after the Ph.D. is conferred, but he also understands that the website lists simplified instructions.

Dr. Hale stated that the law lists 12 months after the Ph.D. Mr. Rhoad refuted that it does not. He stated that the law gives the Board the option of their own standards which include a combination of post-internship (Form C) and practicum (Form B) hours as outlined in the administrative rule.

Dr. Hale stated that Mr. Rhoad is referring to the administrative rule, while what the Board is referencing is the statute. Dr. Hale stated that the Board has been seeing a recent trend where most applicants are providing mostly practicum hours for their HSPP, and a limited number of post-doctoral training hours. He stated that he understood how practicum can count; however, you cannot treat your training hours as just a “numbers game”. The Board is trying to ensure that applicants have enough clinical training under their belt before they go out on their own for the protection of the public.

Mr. Rhoad stated that this review process is a dramatic change and has impacted professionals negatively. He stated that there have been professionals who were granted their HSPP without the 1-year stipulation.

Ms. Haddad, Board counsel, stated that if there ever is a conflict between a statute and administrative rule, then the statute takes precedence. She stated she would have to read over the relevant information to provide clarification on the matter.

Mr. Rhoad stated that his purpose was to bring this matter to the Board's attention that a change has occurred without discussion from the Board. Dr. Ross inquired what Mr. Rhoad is requesting the Board to do at this time. Mr. Rhoad stated that he wishes for the Board to review the HSPPs as they have done historically and move the applicants forward.

Dr. Hale stated that he has reached out to former Board members regarding this matter. He stated that this matter had been brought up previously years ago. He stated that this discussion is a matter of "new school thinking" versus "old school thinking."

Ms. Haddad stated that the Board does not have to decide today regarding the matter as we are discussing precedence. She stated that the Board does not want to appear arbitrary or capricious. Dr. Hale stated that he understands that some people feel impacted; however, each case is different as circumstances and training are different. He stated that the Board could provide more mitigating circumstances when these cases come before them.

The Board noted that this matter will be added as a discussion item at their next meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Indiana State Psychology Board adjourned at 10:52 a.m.