

INDIANA STATE PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

MINUTES

MARCH 4, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Ross called the meeting to order at 8:32 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
Jere Leib, Ph.D., Member
Amber Finley, JD, Consumer Member
Raymond W. Horn, Ph.D., Member

Board Members Not Present:

Gregory Hale, Ph.D., Member

State Officials Present:

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Dana Brooks, Assistant Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Heidi Adair, 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/Leib

Motion carried 4-0-0

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

There were no minutes for review.

IV. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Kiely Kessler, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, reviewed the consumer complaint report with the Board. Ms. Kessler stated their office has twenty-eight (28) open complaints. Ms. Kessler stated that the average time a complaint is open is eight point one (8.1) months. Currently there is no litigation cases.

V. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Probation

- 1. Sanka Samardzija, Psy.D., License No. 20043349A**
Cause No. 2020 ISPB 0001

Dr. Samardzija appeared as requested regarding her ongoing probation. She is currently employed at Independent Medical Examiners LLC located in Chicago, Illinois and St.

Joseph's Carmelite Children's Center located in E. Chicago, Indiana. She has completed approximately twenty-eight (28) hours of continuing education. She noted that she will be eligible to request to withdraw her probation in March. The Board advised Dr. Samardzija that she must submit a written request to PLA, once she is ready, in order to schedule a hearing.

B. Reinstatement

There were no reinstatements for review.

C. Application

There were no application appearances.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Processing Applications

Application processing is currently four (4) to six (6) weeks for processing. If additional documentation is submitted after the initial review, processing time can increase. Applicants are advised to apply online and to review the application instructions for what is required to be submitted.

VIII. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

A. Limited Scope Temporary Psychology Permit

There were no Limited Scope applications for review.

B. Psychology by Examination/Endorsement

1. Allison Meyer

Dr. Meyer's application was submitted for review of her internship which occurred at a different university than where she received her doctoral degree. Dr. Meyer graduated from Duke University on September 1, 2020 and completed an APA-Accredited predoctoral internship at the Mary Rackham Institute at the University of Michigan on August 31, 2020. The Board reviewed a letter from Timothy Strauman, Ph.D. from Duke University that stated that her internship was still affiliated with Duke University and that the internship meets licensure requirements.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Meyer's application to sit for the EPPP examination.

Ross/Horn
Motion carried 4-0-0

2. Elizabeth Stevens

Dr. Steven's application was submitted for review of her internship. Her internship was completed at a facility with the Department of Veteran Affairs with Puget Sound Health Care System located om Seattle, Washington by Steve McCutcheon, Ph.D. The internship did not appear on her transcript but is APA-Accredited. The Board stated that her internship met licensure requirements.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Stevens' application to sit for the EPPP examination.

Horn/Ross
Motion carried 4-0-0

3. **Lydia Lemmon**

Dr. Lemmon's application was submitted for review of her internship. Dr. Lemmon is a 1993 graduate from the University of Denver. She indicated that her internship completed at Delaunay Mental Health Center in Portland, Oregon, between 1992 and 1993, was not APA accredited. The Board reviewed correspondence from Shelly Smith Acuna, PhD, University of Denver, verifying the completion of the internship. However after further review, requested additional information regarding the Delaunay Mental Health Center. The application was tabled to request further information.

4. **Gregory Hupp**

Dr. Hupp's application was submitted for review as he indicated that his doctoral program and internship was not APA Accredited at the time of completion. Dr. Hupp is a 2008 graduate of the University of North Texas currently holds a license and HSPP in the state of Texas with no discipline. The Board reviewed his application and found that based upon the information presented they were unable to determine that he meets the licensure requirements as outlined in the statute and rules. The application was tabled to request further information.

5. **Suzanne Ladson**

Dr. Ladson's application was submitted for review as she indicated that her internship was not APA accredited or APPIC approved at time of completion. Dr. Ladson is a 2014 graduate of Alliant University. The Board reviewed her application and found that based upon the information presented they were unable to determine that she meets the licensure requirements as outlined in the statute and rules. Board tabled for more information.

C. HSPP Endorsement

1. **Myrian Graham, Ph.D.**

Dr. Graham's HSPP application was submitted for review. Application was reviewed by Dr. Ross prior to the meeting and requested additional information from Dr. Graham clarifying her internship. Dr. Graham is a 2017 graduate of Walden University and completed an internship at Christopher and Associates Evaluation and Counseling from August 2013 to May 2014. Dr. Ross stated that based upon his review the internship did not meet their requirements based upon that it was not publicly advertised. The Board stated that her internship appears to be a company/employment internship, and not a clinical psychology internship.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Dr. Graham's HSPP application based upon administrative rules, 868 IAC 1.1-13-2.1 and 868 IAC 1.1-13-3.1

Ross/Leib
Motion carried 4-0-0

2. **Kyle Surace, Ph.D.**

Dr. Surace's HSPP application was submitted for review of his post-internship and doctoral practicum hours. Dr. Surace is a 2021 University of Indianapolis graduate. He has submitted multiple doctoral practicum hours that are not clear to the Board. The Board requested that Dr. Surace submit a letter summarizing his practicum locations, hours, and supervision. Application was tabled pending further documentation.

3. Corie Hess, Ph.D.

Dr. Hess' HSPP application was submitted to the Board for review of her doctoral practicum and post-internship hours. Upon review it was determined that Dr. Hess had met the requirements for the HSPP.

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

Ross/Findley
Motion carried 4-0-0

4. Abbie Jones, Ph.D.

Dr. Jones' HSPP application was submitted for review. The Board noted that on Dr. Jones' psychology licensure application that her internship was APA approved, however, on her HSPP application her supervisor noted that her internship was not APA approved. The Board requested further information on how her internship was conducted. Application tabled pending further information.

D. Continuing Education

1. Robin Petkovich
Re: 2021 Special Education Law Conference

The Board reviewed the submitted application and noted that the lecturer was a Clinical Social Worker. The topics of the Conference did look like it would cover clinical knowledge.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Petkovich's application for continuing education hours.

Ross/Leib
Motion carried 4-0-0

IX. INDIANA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr. Rhoades stated that they have received calls regarding application process, and that their office is trying to assist in answering inquires.

Mr. Rhoades gave an update on the Psy-Pact bill currently in the 2022 legislative session and it looks as though it will pass and signed into to law. The intention is that if it passes, it will make the application process smoother.

The new Administrative Rule regarding Multi-Cultural training is still waiting approval. IPLA stated they will resubmit the proposed rule for approval.

Mr. Rhoades stated that his office is still receiving calls of master level clinicians providing diagnosis without correct educational training. There is concern that supervision of these master level clinicians is not being completed correctly, and/or is being done across State lines with telehealth. It was advised

that if they receive a report of that, to file a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General through Consumer Complaints regarding the practitioner. The Board stated that they would like to review the new code regarding diagnosis. Mr. Rhoades stated that he can send it to the Board members.

The IPA will be holding their new ethics conference near Purdue Northwest this year. If applicants are looking for approved CE, they are always holding CE seminars and training practitioners can complete.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Indiana State Psychology Board adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Dr. Stephen G. Ross, PsyD, Chairman

Date