

MINNESOTA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

Minutes of the 381st Meeting

August 4, 2006

Members Present: M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, J. Romano, M. Seibold, T. Thompson, S. Ward, and J. Wolf

Members Absent: None

Others Present: N. Hart, Assistant Attorney General

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. On the recommendation of the Complaint Resolution Committee, the Minnesota Board of Psychology adopted an Order for Unconditional License of Donna Bahr, PsyD, LP.
2. The Professional Responsibility Examination Committee reported that the questions on the examination have been changed to eliminate the chance that an applicant can pass the examination as a result of the previous security issues.

PUBLIC SESSION

Board Chair, M. Seibold called the public session of the meeting to order at 9:55 AM, in the Psychology Board Conference Room, at 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and a quorum was declared present.

1. Approval of Minutes.

a. Board Meeting Minutes-June 23, 2006.

J. Romano moved, seconded by S. Ward that the minutes of the Board meeting of June 23, 2006 be approved as submitted. Voting "aye": M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, J. Romano, T. Thompson, S. Ward, and J. Wolf. Voting "nay": none. There being nine "ayes" and no "nays", the motion carried unanimously.

2. Administrative Matters.

a. Meet the New Board Members. The Governor made appointments to the Board of Psychology. He reappointed Myrla Seibold, PhD, LP to a third term on the Board. For her first term, Dr. Seibold served out less than ½ of a term of a previous Board member and was, therefore, eligible for reappointment. Governor Pawlenty appointed to the Board, Margaret Fulton, PhD, LP replacing Jack Schaffer, PhD, LP and Thanh Son Thi "Lisa" Nguyen-Kelly, PhD, LP replacing the late Scott Terhune, PhD, LP.

b. Continuing Education (CE) Planning Committee. J. Wolf reported that the Committee has secured a date for the next Board-sponsored continuing education activity. The Continuing Education and Conference Center at the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus has been reserved for April 20, 2007. The Committee is considering topics for the CE, including Autonomy

vs. Dependency over the Lifespan and Confronting Anxiety in a Culture of Fear. M. Seibold suggested aging as a topic for the Committee's consideration. J. Romano recommended considering a format of a keynote speaker plus smaller breakout sessions.

The Committee will continue to meet to further develop ideas and will report to the Board.

c. Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards' (ASPPB) 46th Annual Meeting of Delegates.

ASPPB will hold its 2006 Annual Meeting of Delegates on October 25-29, 2006 at the Catamaran Hotel in San Diego, CA. Staff prepared a tentative budget and recommended that the Board send four representatives to the meeting.

The Board decided by consensus to send, subject to availability, J. Wolf, M. Seibold, M. Fulton, and P. Walker-Singleton. If Dr. Fulton is unable to attend the meeting, J. Romano was named as her alternate.

3. Waivers/Variations.

a. The following licensees were granted approval of six-month time-limited variances to complete requirements for continuing education (CE), in compliance with MN Rule 7200.3400, subpart 2.

Duffy, William W., PhD, LP	LP0134	09/30/05
Eubank, Dillard, MA, LP	LP1230	06/30/06
Kinder, Bradley L., MA, LP	LP4383	06/30/06
Read, Doris A., PhD, LP	LP1370	07/31/06
Voigt, Roxann, MS, LP	LP4067	08/31/06
Watkins, Kathleen G., MS, LP	LP1308	06/30/06

J. Romano moved, seconded by S. Hayes that the six-month time-limited variance requests to complete continuing education requirements (MN Rule 7200.3400, subpart 2) be approved for the licensees listed above on the basis that the licensees met the burden to prove that adherence to the rule would impose an undue burden on the licensees, that granting the variances will not adversely affect the public welfare, and that the alternatives proposed meet the rationale for the rule. Voting "aye": M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, J. Romano, T. Thompson, S. Ward, and J. Wolf. Voting "nay": none. There being nine "ayes" and no "nays", the motion carried unanimously.

b. Applicant 06C-360 applied for licensure as a licensed psychologist. The applicant received part of the post-degree supervision between January 1981 and April 1981. The applicant was unable to locate the supervisor and requested a variance allowing documentation of supervision to be submitted in an alternate manner. The applicant was licensed in West Virginia in 1982 and requested that the Board accept the supervision documentation sent directly to the Board from the West Virginia Board. Applicant provided sufficient documentation from West Virginia of having met the supervision requirements for licensure in Minnesota.

The Application Review Committee moved that the variance request be granted on the basis that the applicant met the burden to prove that adherence to the rule would impose an undue burden on the applicant, that granting the variances will not adversely affect the public welfare, and that the alternative proposed meets the rationale for the rule. Voting "aye": M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, J. Romano, T. Thompson, S. Ward, and J. Wolf. Voting "nay": none. There being nine "ayes" and no "nays", the motion carried unanimously.

4. Admit to EPPP.

The Application Review Committee moved that the following applicants be admitted to the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) after having met the educational requirements for licensure. Voting “aye”: M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, J. Romano, T. Thompson, S. Ward, and J. Wolf. Voting “nay”: none. There being nine “ayes” and no “nays”, the motion carried unanimously.

06C-270	06C-386	06C-385	04C-119	06C-381
06C-389	06C-260	06C-398	06C-392	06C-058
06C-388	06C-390	06C-396	06C-308	06C-384
06C-055	06C-393	05C-003	05C-142	

5. Admit to PRE.

The Application Review Committee moved that the following applicants be admitted to the Professional Responsibility Examination (PRE) after having met the educational requirements for licensure. Voting “aye”: M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, J. Romano, T. Thompson, S. Ward, and J. Wolf. Voting “nay”: none. There being nine “ayes” and no “nays”, the motion carried unanimously.

06C-270	06C-401	06C-382	06C-397	06C-058
06C-396	06C-308	06C-384	06C-055	06C-394

6. Approval of Doctoral Degree for Master’s Level Licensed Psychologist.

The Application Review Committee moved approval of a request from the following licensee for conversion from master’s to doctoral level licensure having fulfilled the requirements of Minnesota Statute section 148.907, subdivision 4. Voting “aye”: M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, J. Romano, T. Thompson, S. Ward, and J. Wolf. Voting “nay”: none. There being nine “ayes” and no “nays”, the motion carried unanimously.

LP4005 Jennifer Suzanne Schwanberg, MS, LP (PhD)

7. Approval of Doctoral Degree for Master’s Level Licensed Psychological Practitioner.

The Application Review Committee moved approval of a request from the following licensee for conversion from master’s to doctoral level licensure having fulfilled the requirements of Minnesota Statute section 148.907, subdivision 4. Voting “aye”: M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, J. Romano, T. Thompson, S. Ward, and J. Wolf. Voting “nay”: none. There being nine “ayes” and no “nays”, the motion carried unanimously.

LPP0097 Shannon Kay Garrity, MA, LPP (PsyD)

8. Re-Licensure following Termination.

The Application Review Committee moved approval of the re-licensure of the following applicant. Applicant was Board terminated on October 8, 2004 for non-payment of the renewal fee. Applicant has met all requirements for re-licensure in Minnesota Rule 7200.3610. Voting “aye”: M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, J. Romano, T. Thompson, S. Ward, and J. Wolf. Voting “nay”: none. There being nine “ayes” and no “nays”, the motion carried unanimously.

Steven Wolinski, MS

9. Licensed Psychological Practitioner.

The Application Review Committee moved that the following applicant be licensed as a Licensed Psychological Practitioner after fulfilling all requirements for licensure of Minnesota Statute section 148.908. Voting “aye”: M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, J. Romano, T. Thompson, S. Ward, and J. Wolf. Voting “nay”: none. There being nine “ayes” and no “nays”, the motion carried unanimously.

Sara Elizabeth Werner, MA

10. Licensed Psychologist.

The Application Review Committee moved that the following applicants be licensed as Licensed Psychologists based on doctoral degrees after fulfilling all requirements of Minnesota Statute section 148.907, subd. 2. Voting “aye”: M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, J. Romano, T. Thompson, S. Ward, and J. Wolf. Voting “nay”: none. There being nine “ayes” and no “nays”, the motion carried unanimously.

Joseph Tudor Belanger, PhD
Bradley Scott Bengtson, PsyD
Melanie Marie Blahnik, PsyD
Hoinu Thirumalai Bunce, PsyD
Sara R. Friedman, PhD
Shannon Kay Garrity, PsyD
Roberta A. Goodman, PhD
Heide Lee Malat, PsyD
Nathaniel William Nelson, PhD
Gail Yvonne Pickett, PhD
William Louis Rush, PhD
Pamela Gale Schiele, PsyD
Patricia Ruth Sohler, PhD
Stephen Brent Walden, PhD
Laura Beth Weathersby, PsyD

11. Emeritus Registration.

The Application Review Committee moved approval of the following applicant for Emeritus Registration based on fulfilling the requirements of Minnesota Statute 148.9105 Emeritus Registration. The applicant, originally licensed as a MA, LP on May 3, 1996, completed an active career as a psychologist licensed in good standing with the Board. The applicant retired in June 2006. Voting “aye”: M. Fulton, S. Hayes, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, J. Romano, T. Thompson, S. Ward, and J. Wolf. Voting “nay”: none. There being nine “ayes” and no “nays”, the motion carried unanimously.

G. John Lund, MA

12. Other Business.**a. Follow up on the Inter-jurisdictional Practice Certificate (IPC)**

At the June 23, 2006 Board meeting, the Board discussed the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards’ (ASPPB) proposal to develop a new mobility opportunity for psychologists

who wish to practice as consultants in other jurisdictions without licensure. ASPPB requested feedback on the proposal from the member jurisdictions.

After discussion, the Board directed staff to convey to ASPPB that the Board supports the concept of another mobility option for psychologists, however, the provisions of the IPC, as proposed, needs more development. The Board stated that the issues raised by the proposal are important ones for jurisdictions that have never addressed them before, but the Minnesota Board is not ready to “endorse” the IPC, believing that the concept needs more development.

In addition, the Minnesota Board has in place a Guest Licensure law that appears to meet Minnesota’s needs regarding the same or similar issues discussed in the IPC proposal. The positive aspects of Minnesota’s guest licensure law as we see them include the fact that it allows consultants, presenters, educators, and expert witnesses quicker, easier, more streamlined access to practice for a short time when they are not licensed in this jurisdiction; the law does not interfere during disaster or emergency relief efforts by requiring a lengthy credentialing process. Minnesota has had the law in its current form since 1996 and it adequately addresses those issues in this state.

Based on our own experience, we reduced the number of days an individual is allow to practice under guest licensure from 60 days (as allowed by the IPC) to 30 days, because the Board found that 60 days allowed an individual in a border state, for example, to maintain a lucrative practice in Minnesota one day a week with only guest licensure. The Board found that to be too frequent and not in the interest of protecting the public to allow practice that often with no assurance that the guest licensees know or adhere to the Minnesota Psychology Practice Act. The Board found 30 days to be adequate to allow licensed psychologists to complete temporary tasks with little intrusion. In the past 10 years, we have received no complaints from guest licensees that 30 days was too short.

The Board concluded its comments to ASPPB by stating that the IPC had restrictions Minnesota’s guest licensure law does not have, such as requiring that in order to qualify for the IPC, the individual must have no disciplinary action. (We require no unresolved disciplinary action or pending complaints.) Also, the IPC does not allow psychotherapy, treatment, or diagnosis. These are skills needed for disaster or emergency relief efforts, which we do cover in the law.

Finally, the Board wondered why the credential is called a “certificate”, but the process is called “registration”?

Following receipt of the Board’s comments, Barb Van Horne, PhD, MPH, responded on behalf of the ASPPB Board stating that the information provided was “very helpful” and that it “sheds new light on the process.”

b. Memorial for the late Scott Terhune, PhD, LP.

Dr. Terhune’s widow contacted the Board of Psychology office and provided information about a memorial set up in Dr. Terhune’s honor. The Board decided that most of them will transmit their own contributions to the memorial, but that some may ask staff to transmit the contributions.

c. Article for the Minnesota Psychological Association’s Newsletter.

The Board will not have a contribution to submit to the next issue of the *Minnesota Psychologist*. However, G. Jensen volunteered to prepare for the following issue an article on the current Board members.

11. Adjournment.

J. Romano moved, seconded by S. Hayes that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:59 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN HAYES
Board Secretary