

MINNESOTA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

Minutes of the 382nd Meeting

September 8, 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

PUBLIC SESSION

Board Chair, M. Seibold called the public session of the meeting to order at 9:13 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. Wolf moved, seconded by S. Ward that the minutes of the Board meeting of August 4, 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. Rules Committee Update. The Board passed two motions related to the proposed licensure rules at the May 12, 2006 Board meeting.

The motions are:

1. The Application Review Committee (ARC) moved that the Rules Committee be directed to write a rule stating that if individuals graduated from a program in Clinical, Counseling, School, or Professional Psychology, the program must be APA/CPA/ASPPB.NR approved. If the individuals have degrees in any other specialty, they may apply for licensure, but the application must go through the course review method of approval.
2. On a motion by J. Romano/J. Wolf, the Rules Committee was also instructed to add language that no one can sit for the examinations until they earn the doctoral degree upon which licensure will be based.

The Rules Committee met on August 7, 2006, and language was developed to comply with motion #1 above. On further review of existing proposed language, the Committee found that the language requested in motion #2 above had already been written.

The Rules Committee moved approval of the language written in compliance with motion #1. 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. 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 decided on the topic: The Culture of Poverty and is in the process of selecting speakers.

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

c. Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards' (ASPPB) Vacancies on its Board of Directors. ASPPB sent information about movement on its Board of Directors and requested that the member Boards take note of the changes and the vacancies created. Staff requested that the Minnesota Board of Psychology instruct its delegates to the Annual meeting which candidate this body wishes to support. Staff also requested that the Board select its delegate and alternate delegate for the 2006 Annual meeting, which will be attended by M. Seibold, J. Wolf, and P. Walker-Singleton.

J. Wolf recommended and the Board members agreed that the delegate should be M. Seibold and the alternate should be J. Wolf.

S. Hayes recommended and the Board members agreed that the delegate and alternate caucus on the appropriate candidates to support on behalf of the Board.

d. Proctors for Examinations. The next deadline for LPP to LP conversion is December 31, 2006. By that date, applicants for the conversion must have passed both licensure examinations, the EPPP and the PRE. Staff has scheduled several extra administrations of the PRE for the remainder of this year in order to accommodate all applicants. Therefore, staff is seeking proctors for these test dates. Licensure Supervisor, P. Huwe, requested Board member volunteers. Members volunteered for:

September 12 - S. Hayes	October 19 – G. Jensen (tentatively)
November 14 – M. Fulton	December 13 – S. Ward
December 14 – S. Hayes	December 19 – M. Fulton

Staff thanks the volunteers.

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.

Bridges, Sarah L., PhD, LP	LP4236	08/31/06
Gammello, Nicholas C., MA, LP	LP1437	09/30/06
Ludeke, Russell J., PhD, LP	LP1409	08/31/06
Mattson, Karen E., MA, LP	LP0573	12/31/05
Reed, Rebecca S., PhD, LP	LP4061	08/31/06
Rousseau, III, Rudolph J., MEq., LP	LP1420	08/31/06
Simon, Michelle A., MA, LP	LP3155	09/30/06
Thoresen, Cheryl S., MA, LPP	LPP0042	09/30/06
Thompson, Duane H., MA, LP	LP1424	08/31/06

S. Ward 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 07C-001 applied for admission to the EPPP and requested a variance. The applicant met the requirements for a PhD with a major in Psychology from the University of Arizona-Tucson in August 2005. Applicant’s university does not list the internship on the official transcript. Applicant provided sufficient documentation to demonstrate that Applicant completed the pre-degree internship.

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 variance 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.

c. Applicant 07C-003 applied for the EPPP and requested a variance. Applicant met the requirements for a PhD with a major in Psychology from Oklahoma State University on December 16, 2005. Applicant’s university does not list the internship on the official transcript. Applicant provided sufficient documentation to demonstrate that Applicant completed the pre-degree internship.

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 variance 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.

d. Attorney Michael J. Weber appeared before the Board on behalf of his client, Gary D. Vikesland, MA, LP. Mr. Vikesland is licensed at the master’s level and recently earned a PhD in psychology from a regionally accredited educational institution. Assuming that Mr. Vikesland’s doctorate would not qualify him for licensure with the Board, Mr. Weber requested that the Board consider a waiver/variance of Minnesota Rules 7200.5100, subpart 3. Limit on use of degree. The rule states that a psychologist licensed by virtue of a master’s degree who has a doctorate from an institution that is not accredited by a regional accrediting association or whose doctoral major does not meet the educational requirements for licensure may not use the term “Doctor”, “PhD”, “PsyD”, or “EdD”, with the psychologist’s name in any situation or circumstance related to the practice of psychology.

Mr. Weber presented to the Board several alternatives to complying with the rule. The alternatives presented were in the form of two options. Option #1 would allow Mr. Vikesland to state his credentials without PhD when he is engaged in “Clinical Psychology/Psychotherapy (as well as Psychological Research, Psychological Assessments, and Psychological Reports).” This option

also proposed that Mr. Vikesland be allowed to use his PhD behind his name and place either MA-LP or MA, LP in parenthesis after PhD, when he was working in Industrial/Organizational Psychology.

Option #2 would allow Mr. Vikesland to use PhD after his name, and regardless of the type of psychological service he was providing, he would use (MA-LP) after PhD. Alternatively, Mr. Vikesland would use PhD behind his name and (MA, LP) for use with both Clinical and Industrial/Organizational Psychology.

Both options described language he would use in any written descriptions of his qualifications or any verbal references to his title.

Mr. Vikesland addressed in a letter the three criteria specified in Minnesota Rule 7200.6000 that the Board uses to determine whether to grant a waiver or variance: adherence to the rule would impose an undue burden on the petitioner; the granting of the waiver/variance will not adversely affect the public welfare; and, for use only in the case of a variance, the rationale for the rule can be met by alternative practices or measures.

The Board discussed the alternatives proposed with Mr. Weber and asked why Mr. Vikesland did not appear at the Board meeting; the licensee had a prior commitment. The Board asked if the licensee had sent a copy of his curriculum vita; he did not. Board members discussed the fact that the licensee did not first apply to convert his licensure from master's to doctoral level licensure, however, Mr. Weber stated that Mr. Vikesland was under the impression that his PhD would not qualify him for licensure because Mr. Vikesland's "doctoral program involved taking a different set of courses than those students specializing in clinical or counseling psychology" take.

J. Wolf moved, seconded by T. Thompson that a variance be granted and that the licensee be instructed to use the second variation of Option #2 [Licensee's name, PhD (MA, LP)], on the basis that the Licensee met the burden to prove that adherence to the rule would impose an undue burden, that granting the variance will not adversely affect the public welfare, and that the alternative proposed meets the rationale for the rule. Voting "aye": S. Hayes, T. Thompson, S. Ward, and J. Wolf. Voting "nay": M. Fulton, G. Jensen, J. Lee, T. Nguyen-Kelly, J. Romano. There being four "ayes" and five "nays", motion failed.

J. Romano moved, seconded by M. Fulton that consideration of the variance be tabled until the October 6, 2006 Board meeting, so that Mr. Vikesland could attend the meeting and answer questions of the Board members. Questions include why Mr. Vikesland has not applied for conversion from master's to doctoral level licensure. The Board also wants to review his curriculum vita. 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.

e. Applicant 06C-175 applied for the EPPP and requested a variance. Applicant met the requirements for a MS with a major in Counseling Psychology from St. Cloud State University. Applicant provided sufficient documentation to demonstrate that Applicant earned 1 to 2 graduate quarter credits in Theories of Measurement.

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 variance 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.

f. Applicant 06C-175 applied for the EPPP and requested a variance. Applicant met the requirements for a MS with a major in Counseling Psychology from St. Cloud State University. Applicant did not provide sufficient documentation to demonstrate that Applicant earned 3 graduate quarter credits in Cognitive-Affective Bases of Behavior.

The Application Review Committee moved that the variance request be denied on the basis that the applicant did not meet the burden to prove that adherence to the rule would impose an undue burden on the applicant, that granting the variance 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-144	06C-403	06C-195	07C-004	06C-073
07C-001	07C-003	06C-402	04C-071	06C-123
06C-280	06C-023	07C-002	06C-160	06C-088
07C-005	06C-301	07C-007		

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.

04C-091	05C-128	05C-109	06C-233	06C-047
06C-053	06C-388	06C-405	06C-251	06C-360
06C-255	06C-329	06C-401	06C-301	06C-403

6. Approval of Conversion from Master’s to Doctoral 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.

7. Approval of Conversion from Licensed Psychological Practitioner to Licensed Psychologist.

The Application Review Committee moved approval of the following licensees for conversion from Licensed Psychological Practitioner to Licensed Psychologist having fulfilled the requirements of Minnesota Statute section 148.907, subdivision 5. 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.

LPP0061 Carol Ann Sweasy, MA
LPP0019 Joan Elaine Christensen, MA
LPP0018 Frances A. Bieganeck, MS

8. Licensed Psychologists.

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.

Angela Lynne Ehrlick, PhD
Dawn Boettcher, PsyD
Nancy Oliver Read, PhD
Cathryn Silver, PsyD
Abbey Weiss, PsyD
Christine Anderson Jacob, PhD
Andrea Marie Victor, PhD
Andrew Charles Weis, PhD

9. Licensed Psychological Practitioners.

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.

Elizabeth Rachel Gardner, MA
Larry Howard Zarling, MA

10. Other Business.**a. Letter Transmitting Contributions to the Scott Terhune Fund for Families and Children.**

P. Walker-Singleton presented, for the Board’s information, a copy of the letter sent to the Fund in honor of the late Scott Terhune.

b. Shortage of Psychology Professionals in Greater Minnesota.

G. Jensen presented a memorandum to the Board giving information about the shortage of primary care from mental health providers in greater Minnesota. Mr. Jensen is concerned that with the elimination of master’s level licensure in psychology, “the percentages of licensed psychologists serving people in out-state areas will be reduced in future years.” Mr. Jensen asked the Board for consideration of possible partial solutions. In order to give the topic more time for discussion, the Board decided to place this item on the agenda for the November 3, 2006 Board meeting.

11. Adjournment.

J. Romano moved, seconded by M. Fulton that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:42 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

SUSAN HAYES
Board Secretary