

LICENSURE COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE MINUTES

Friday, February 2, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. or until Completion of Business

Primary Location (members/staff):

Department of Consumer Affairs
1625 N. Market Blvd., El Dorado Room
Sacramento, CA 95834

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Committee Members

Mary Harb Sheets, PhD, Chairperson
Julie Nystrom
Lea Tate, PsyD

Board Staff

Antonette Sorrick, Executive Officer
Jonathan Burke, Assistant Executive Officer
Stephanie Cheung, Licensing Manager
Cynthia Whitney, Central Services Manager
Sandra Monterrubio, Enforcement Program Manager
Mai Xiong, Licensing/BreEZe Coordinator
Liesel McCockran, CPD/Renewals Coordinator
Lavinia Snyder, Examination Coordinator
Anthony Pane, Board Counsel

Agenda Item 1: Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum

Dr. Harb Sheets, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., roll was called, and a quorum established.

Ms. McCockran provided information related to Continued Professional Development (CPD).

Agenda Item 2: Public Comment(s) for Items not on the Agenda.

Note: The Committee may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting [Government Code Sections 11125 and 11125.7(a)]

Elexia Estrada, PSB, complained about the ease of use of the Board's website compared to the Board of Behavioral Sciences.

Synde Manion stated that she was looking forward to hearing about American Psychological Association (APA) vs. Non-APA Accredited programs.

Discussion ensued on CE vs. CPD, Ms. Sorrick provided historical context about the expansion of the program and Ms. McCockran provided a link to the advisory and recording of the CPD webinars.

Discussion ensued regarding fee increases which had not been raised in statute in 30 years and the increased cost of doing business since that time. The Board is self-supporting and are set to match the cost to provide services which was provided through analysis through several previous meetings.

Discussion ensued on citations and how many fees are paid vs. unpaid, payment plans, and additional recovery process.

Discussion ensued on PsyPact and that the Board had no plans to join PsyPact at this time.

Agenda Item 3: Chairperson's Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dr. Harb Sheets welcomed all participants.

There was no Committee or public comment offered.

Agenda Item 4: Review and Possible Approval of the Licensure Committee Meeting Minutes: July 21, 2023

It was M/(Tate)/S(Nystrom)/C to approve the July 21, 2023, Licensure Committee Meeting Minutes.

There was no committee or public comment offered.

Vote

3 Ayes (Harb Sheets, Nystrom, Tate), 0 Noes

Agenda Item 5: Staff Reports

a. Licensing Report (M. Xiong)

Ms. Xiong provided this update which was included in the meeting materials beginning on page 11.

There was no Committee comment offered.

Discussion ensued on where to find meeting materials which were provided on the Board website.

There was no further public comment offered.

b. Continuing Education/Professional Development and Renewals Report (L. McCockran)

Ms. McCockran provided this update which was included in the meeting materials beginning on page 19.

c. Examination Report (L. Snyder)

Ms. Snyder provided this update which was included in the meeting materials beginning on page 23.

Ms. Sorrick commented that Ms. Snyder would be retiring soon and expressed appreciation for her years of service.

The Committee thanked Ms. Snyder and wished her well.

There was no further Committee and no public comment offered.

Agenda Item 6: DCA Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) Presentation on Examination Performance: APA-accredited vs. Non APA-accredited programs

Dr. Robert Calvert presented this item which was included in the meeting materials beginning on page 27.

Discussion ensued on data presented and possible reasons for fluctuation of passing rates over the years as well as comments about APA-accredited and non-APA-accredited programs.

Discussion ensued on the transition of the EPPP from paper and pen to computer and how that may have affected passing rates for some members of the test takers as well as a change in vendor that administered the test.

Agenda Item 7: Barriers to Telehealth Survey Follow-Up: Review Competency Requirements for Doctoral Programs, Training Settings, and Supervised Experience

Dr. Harb Sheets presented this item which was included in the meeting materials beginning on page 89.

Discussion ensued on comments of respondents related to the practice of telehealth, the use of technology within the practice, and providing appropriate privacy for patients. Discussion continued regarding the possibility of an article in the Journal or a posting on the Board website about best practices for telehealth and privacy. Additionally, it was discussed that the Committee may want to think about this and revisit at the next meeting with some ideas each member could bring.

Public comment

Dr. Elizabeth Winkelman, California Psychological Association (CPA), stated that CCR Section 1396.8 - Standards of Practice for Telehealth Services speaks to competence including with technology and may provide an option to highlight for licensees.

Discussion ensued on potential types of continuing education requirements that could be helpful. A comment was made that the Board of Behavioral Sciences required a 3-hour course in telehealth.

Dr. Harb Sheets echoed comments in the discussion that competency was a requirement for licensees and that there were various ways to become educated on new technologies as they develop within an industry and thanked all for participation in the discussion.

Agenda Item 8: Recommendations for Agenda Items for Future Licensure Committee Meetings

Dr. Harb Sheets introduced this item.

Anne Gimple asked that the Committee investigate why older people have a lower pass rate with the EPPP.

There was no further Committee or public comment.

Agenda Item 9: Closed Session – The Licensure Committee will Meet in Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(2) and Business and Professions Code Section 2949 to Discuss and Consider Qualifications for Licensure.

The Board went to closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.