



## STATE OF OKLAHOMA

### *Board of Examiners of Psychologists*

#### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD

May 17, 2013

A Meeting of the Board of Examiners of Psychologists was held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 17, 2013, at The Attorney General's Office, 313 NE 21st Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In attendance were P. Fischer, Ph.D., Chair of the Board; M. Cohn, Ph.D., Vice-Chair of the Board; S. Beasley, Ph.D., Member of the Board; T. Bourdeau, Ph.D., Member of the Board; S. Turner, Member of the Board; M. Lane, Assistant Attorney General; K. Savage, Assistant Attorney General, J. Preslar, Assistant Attorney General, Serving as Hearing Officer; S. Balzar, Assistant Attorney General, Serving as Hearing Officer; T. Vaughn, Ph.D., Psychological Consultant to the Board; T. Rose, Executive Officer of the Board.

#### **Announcement and Introduction:**

Dr. Fischer announced that a quorum was present to conduct business. She confirmed with Ms. Rose that the meeting was filed with the Secretary of State and the agenda was posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

#### **Minutes:**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the April 26, 2013 meeting presented by Ms. Rose. Dr. Beasley made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2013 meeting. Dr. Bourdeau seconded the motion and the motion passed. Beasley, Turner, Cohn, Bourdeau and Fischer voted for the motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2013 meeting.

#### **Hearing:**

Linda Neal, Ph.D.; Disciplinary Hearing alleging practicing psychology on an invalid license.

Confirmation of a quorum was identified; S. Beasley, S. Turner, M. Cohn, T. Bourdeau and P. Fischer.

Dr. Fischer announced Dr. Neal holds license # 326. O.S. Title 59 Sections 1370 and 1370.1 of the Psychologists Licensing Act and 575:1-1-3 and 575:1-1-4 Rules of the Board provides the Board jurisdiction over Dr. Neal's license and course of action to be taken when dealing with complaints.

Linda Neal, Ph.D., Dan Murdock Attorney for Dr. Neal, M. Lane, Assistant Attorney General, J. Preslar, Assistant Attorney General serving as advisor to the Board were identified.

Ms. Preslar announced the Brief on the issue of jurisdiction submitted by M. Lane was received as requested at the April 26, 2013 meeting. The state presented their evidence.

Dr. Beasley made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Title 25, O.S. Supp 2008, Sections 307.b4 & 307.b7. Dr. Bourdeau seconded the motion and the motion passed. Beasley,

Turner, Cohn, Bourdeau and Fischer voted for the motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Title 25, O.S. Supp 2008, Sections 307.b4 & 307.b7.

The Board returned from Executive Session.

Mr. Turner made a motion to return from Executive Session. Dr. Bourdeau seconded the motion and the motion passed. Beasley, Turner, Cohn, Bourdeau and Fischer voted for the motion to return from Executive Session.

Dr. Fischer moved that the Board find that Dr Neal violated O.S.59 Section 1353 of the licensing act by practicing psychology without a valid active license. Dr. Neal's license should be revoked and a financial penalty of \$5,000.00 imposed pursuant to 575:1-1-4 of the Rules of the Board and due within 90 days of the order. Dr. Beasley seconded the motion and the motion passed. Beasley, Turner, Cohn, Bourdeau and Fischer voted for the motion that Dr Neal violated O.S.59 Section 1353 of the licensing act by practicing psychology without a valid active license. Dr. Neal's license should be revoked and a financial penalty of \$5,000.00 imposed pursuant to 575:1-1-4 of the Rules of the Board and due within 90 days of the order.

**Status of Current Request for Inquiries:**

RFI 12-9, RFI 12-10 and RFI 12-12; pending the outcome of BC 12-20.

RFI 13-1; Informal meeting has been held

RFI 13-2; no report

**Reports of Miscellaneous Complaint Issues, Order and Tutorials:**

BC 09-8 Reynolds; no report

BC 10-6 Palmer; Dr. Beasley made the motion to accept Dr. Palmer's clientele list as presented.

Mr. Turner seconded the motion and the motion passed. Beasley, Turner, Cohn, Bourdeau and Fischer voted for the motion to accept Dr. Palmer's clientele list as presented.

BC 11-3 Tedder; no report

BC 12-4 Neal; Hearing

BC 12-7 Turnock; no report

BC 12-11 Martin; Hearing scheduled for June 21, 2013; 1:00 pm

BC12-20 Talley; Dr. Vaughn reported that Dr. Tally remains in compliance with the consent order.

Dr. Beasley made the motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Title 25, O.S. Supp 2008, Sections 307.b4 & 307.b7. Mr. Turner seconded the motion and the motion passed. Beasley, Turner, Cohn, Bourdeau and Fischer voted for the motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Title 25, O.S. Supp 2008, Sections 307.b4 & 307.b7.

The Board returned from Executive Session.

Dr. Bourdeau made a motion to return from Executive Session. Dr. Beasley seconded the motion and the motion passed. Beasley, Turner, Cohn, Bourdeau and Fischer voted for the motion to return from Executive Session.

**Licensure Applications/Reports:**

Christopher Cushing, Ph.D.; The Board reviewed Dr. Cushing's licensure application. Dr. Bourdeau made a motion to approve Dr. Cushing's application to sit for the licensure examinations. Dr. Beasley seconded the motion and the motion passed. Beasley, Turner, Cohn, Bourdeau and

Fischer voted for the motion to approve Dr. Cushing's application to sit for the licensure examinations.

**Miscellaneous Request with Possible Board Actions**

Nicolas Gotcher, Ph.D.; the Board reviewed Dr. Gotcher PPUS application with Dr. Richard Swink. Dr. Beasley made a motion to approve Dr. Gotcher's PPUS application with Dr. Swink. Dr. Bourdeau seconded the motion passed. Beasley, Turner, Cohn, Bourdeau and Fischer voted for the motion to approve Dr. Gotcher's PPUS application with Dr. Swink.

Joy Williams, Ph.D.; the Board reviewed Dr. Williams' request of PPUS agreement with Dr. William Schmidt. Dr. Beasley moved to approve Dr. Williams' extension PPUS agreement with Dr. Schmidt. Mr. Turner seconded the motion and the motion passed. Beasley, Turner, Cohn, Bourdeau and Fischer voted for the motion to approve Dr. Williams' extension PPUS agreement with Dr. Schmidt.

**Psychological Technician Applications:**

David Hansen, Ph.D.; The Board reviewed Dr. David Hansen's request to hire Susan Shields, Ph.D. as a Psychological Technician. Dr. Bourdeau made the motion to accept Dr. Hansen's request to hire Susan Shields, Ph.D. as a Psychological Technician. Mr. Turner seconded the motion and the motion passed. Beasley, Turner, Cohn, Bourdeau and Fischer voted for the motion to accept Dr. Hansen's request to hire Susan Shields, Ph.D. as a Psychological Technician.

**Continuing Professional Education:**

The Board reviewed the request for Continuing Professional Education for "Ethics in Practice (am) & Supervision in the Modern World (pm)" sponsored by Hope Springs Private Practice, June 7, 2013 for 3 CPE (am) and 3 CPE (pm). Dr. Beasley made a motion to approve "Ethics in Practice (am) & Supervision in the Modern World (pm)" sponsored by Hope Springs Private Practice, June 7, 2013 for 3 CPE (am) and 3 CPE (pm). Mr. Turner seconded the motion and the motion passed. Beasley, Turner, Cohn, Bourdeau and Fischer voted for the motion to approve "Ethics in Practice (am) & Supervision in the Modern World (pm)" sponsored by Hope Springs Private Practice, June 7, 2013 for 3 CPE (am) and 3 CPE (pm).

**Administrative Issues:**

**Budget, Revenue and Expense Report;** Ms. Rose provided a monthly Budget, Revenue and Expense report to the Board.

**Strategic Plan Committees;** Dr. Vaughn reported the JP Exam Review Committee met May 10, 2013; next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2013.

**Continuing Education Programs and Sponsors;** No report

**Legislative Updates;** Dr. Beasley provided Sunset should be passed for 6 years.

**Consent Agenda;** No action was taken.

**Travel Policies;** no action

**PEER Review Committee Report;** Dr. Bourdeau, Dr. Beasley and Dr. Vaughn met with Julio Rojas, Ph.D.; Robert Wescott, M.D. and Nancy Chase with Oklahoma Health Professional Program (OHPP). Dr. Dr. Beasley made the motion to enter into a contract with OHPP for one year, pending approval of legal counsel. Dr. Bourdeau seconded the motion passed. Beasley, Turner, Cohn, Bourdeau and Fischer voted for the motion to enter into a contract with OHPP for one year, pending review and approval of the contract by legal counsel.

**Board Administration Organization;** no action was taken.

**Discussion regarding new legislation and/or additions to the Administrative Rules and Statutes;** Dr. Fischer provided board members a fee comparison graph for Oklahoma licensing and renewal fees with other states. She would like the Board's consideration of whether or not Oklahoma's fees should be modified in light of this information. The Board also discussed requirements to be a supervisor including (1) the effect of disciplinary action on a psychologist's ability to be a supervisor, (2) the years of practice required before a psychologist can be approved to be a supervisor, and (3) the number of licensees a psychologist will be allowed to supervise.

Discussion was had regarding the possibility of providing updated booklets of Rules and Laws.

**New Business;** Dr. Fischer presented Dr. Vaughn a plaque for his retirement in appreciation for Dr. Vaughn's service to Oklahoma Psychologists and the Board.

Dr. Beasley made the motion to adjourn. Dr. Bourdeau seconded the motion and the motion passed. Hand, Cohn, Beasley, Bourdeau, and Fischer voted for the motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Teanne Rose  
Executive Officer