

**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**  
**State Board for Applied Behavior Analysis**  
May 10, 2023

**Public Locations:** Albany (Wolf Road)  
Videoconference locations: Hauppauge, Rochester

**Present:** George R. Slingerland, Chair (Albany)  
Jason K. Watson, Vice Chair (Hauppauge)  
Erin DiCesare (Rochester)  
Daniel M. Fienup (nonpublic site)  
Elizabeth Gonzalez-Dolginko (Hauppauge)  
Kristin Knapp-Ines (Albany)  
Dorothy Novogrodsky (nonpublic site)

**Staff:** Kathleen Letzelter Board Staff  
Diane Martin Board Staff  
Paul Thompson Board Executive Secretary

**Meeting Convened**

The Executive Secretary called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. Board members and staff introduced themselves. The Executive Secretary noted that comments and discussion are restricted to State Board members and Department staff.

**Meeting Minutes**

- June 1, 2022 (Motion – George Slingerland; second – Erin DiCesare; approved.)
- October 26, 2022 (Motion – Jason Watson; second – George Slingerland; approved.)
- February 15, 2023 (Motion – Erin DiCesare; second – Elizabeth Gonzalez-Dolginko; approved.)

**Executive Secretary's Report**

- The Governor's budget proposal to move oversight of the health professions to the Department of Health was not included in the final State budget.
- On April 18, members of the Board of Regents and the Office of the Professions (OP) leadership team met with representatives of professional associations. OP staff presented on ongoing initiatives, such as the modernization of the licensing system. Later, participants discussed the use of technology in delivering professional services.
- The Board of Regents approved a resolution to allow remote participation in Board meetings under extraordinary circumstances. This applies to the State boards for the professions as well. The Executive Secretary summarized the policy and invited members to follow up with

any questions.

- The Executive Secretary encouraged Board members to identify potential new members. The Board will experience nearly complete turnover next year. Members who complete their terms may be appointed as Extended Members to serve on professional discipline, license restoration, and moral character proceedings.

#### **Proposed Regulations to Implement Changes in Education Law**

- The comment period on proposed regulations, as discussed by the Board of Regents in February, closed on May 1. Higher education institutions and others recommend changes to align State requirements more fully with national standards. Comments centered on references to internships, accreditation, and documentation of experience.
- The Department will proceed to revise the drafted regulations; emergency action and additional public comment may be needed.
- Member Fienup led discussions on how the proposed changes would affect licensure-preparation programs and their students. The Department's general program registration requirements and process will remain in place; the profession-specific content requirements will be evolving according to national standards.

#### **Draft Guidance on the Role of Unlicensed Personnel**

- The Board office developed a revised version of the guidance, based on additional feedback from the field. It is now being considered by counsel and will then proceed to Department leadership.

#### **Next Meeting**

- The Board discussed scheduling meetings out for the next year; Board office staff will follow up with proposed dates.

#### **Adjournment**

- The Board concluded its meeting at 3:10 p.m.