

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
State Board for Psychology
September 29, 2023

Public Locations: Albany, Hauppauge, Rochester

Present: Eloise M. Archibald, Chair (nonpublic site)
Kerry L. Brand (Albany)
Caroline Clauss-Ehlers (nonpublic site)
Lauren De Caporale Ryan (Rochester)
Barbara Fontana (Hauppauge)
Matthew David Johnson (Albany)

Absent: Angela Marie Adger-Antonikowski
Julia E. Peacock
Anu Raj

Staff (Albany):	Kate Letzelter	Board Staff
	Diane Martin	Board Staff
	Paul Thompson	Board Executive Secretary (Acting)

Meeting Convened

Mr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. Board members and staff introduced themselves. Mr. Thompson noted that comments and discussion are restricted to State Board members and Department staff.

Executive Secretary's Report

- Mr. Thompson summarized staffing challenges in the Board office; response times may slow temporarily as we await the return of staff members on leave and the replacement of staff who were promoted to other offices.
- The June 24, 2022, expiration of a longstanding, broad student-practice exemption has affected students attending out-of-state institutions that are not APA accredited. To qualify for that exemption now, students must be in a course of study in an institution approved by the Department—meaning (1) a NY licensure-qualifying program, or (2) a program accredited by the APA. The Department has developed a mechanism to assist out-of-state students who were in the midst of completing program experience requirements in New York at the time of the change, and who would not otherwise now qualify for the exemption.
- Follow up item: Mr. Thompson confirmed that candidates for licensure are expected to evidence the full breadth of APA standards (profession-wide competencies and discipline-specific knowledge). He noted that the Department does not assess supervisor evaluations of a student's in-program clinical experiences.

- Chapter 740 of the Laws of 2022 amended Domestic Relations Law to require that court ordered forensic evaluations involving child custody and visitation be performed by a licensed psychologist, social worker, or psychiatrist. These licensees must earn and maintain a certification to be eligible to perform such services. The Department has no role in administering the training program or certification, but it will provide an informational link on its website to assist the involved State agency with its outreach. That agency may consider offering the training for continuing education credits as well; it will be important to distinguish between training for the certification and a class that may only be acceptable for continuing education credits.
- According to the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards, “Effective no later than January 1, 2026, the [psychology licensure examination] is one examination with two parts, EPPP (Part 1 – Knowledge) and EPPP (Part 2 – Skills). This means the EPPP will only be offered as a two-part examination effective January 1, 2026.” This may have implications for the sequencing of our licensure requirements.
- Psychology licensure compact: Mr. Thompson noted that licensure compacts are a hot topic in many professions. Such compacts are designed to support license mobility by expediting practice across state lines; they are typically administered by a central compact commission consisting of representatives from participating states. The psychology compact has not advanced through the Legislature to date. Mr. Thompson noted the existing temporary practice permit.
- The Department is seeking approval for a Board Executive Secretary in multiple professions, including psychology.

Adjournment

Motion: Dr. Archibald

Second: Dr. Clauss-Ehlers

Resolved: That the meeting be adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Next meeting: the Board office will canvass members and provide potential dates.