

The University of the State of New York
State Education Department
OFFICE OF THE PROFESSIONS
State Board for Psychology

Friday, February 10, 2023

Present: Chair Eloise Archibald, Caroline Clauss-Ehlers, Anu Raj, Julia Peacock, Lauren DeCaporale-Ryan, Angela Antonikowski, Kerry Brand.

Staff: David Hamilton, Assistant Commissioner & Acting Executive Secretary; Kathleen Letzelter and Diane Martin, Psychology Board office.
Paul Thompson, Executive Secretary (Massage, Respiratory Therapy, Applied Behavior Analysis)

1. **Convening**
Assistant Commissioner Hamilton convened the meeting at 2:20 p.m. Attendees engaged in a round of self-introductions.
2. **Review of Minutes of June 10, 2022**
The minutes were received without change.
3. **Acting Executive Secretary Report**
Secretary Hamilton provided the Board with an update on staffing and reminded the Board that nominations are being accepted for openings on the State Board. He reminded attendees to visit the new OP website. .
4. **Interstate Licensure Compacts**
The Board received a copy of Deputy Commissioner Sarah Benson's November 2022 presentation to the Board of Regents Health Care Work Group on licensing compacts. The presentation provided information for consideration when the State considers any compact, including PSYPACT for the psychology profession.
5. **Legislation**
The Board received Chapter 740 of the Laws of 2022 related to forensic evaluations for child custody cases. The law requires training of psychologists, social workers and psychiatrists who perform such evaluations. There will be a chapter amendment to address remote evaluations, but the coursework will be developed by the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence under contract with the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence.

Governor Kathy Hochul's proposed 2023-2024 budget was released on February 1, 2023 and has a number of proposals that affect the professions, including:

- adoption of licensing compacts for medicine and nursing,
- funding the ongoing modernization of the OP licensing system; and

- transfer 44 health professions from SED to DOH.

The Regents will provide guidance on policy to be communicated to the Legislature and stakeholders that will be shared with Board members and associations.

New York would join the licensing compacts for psychology, mental health counseling and emergency medical services under legislation (S1229) introduced by the Senate minority leader.

6. Regulations

The Board received an advisory notice from www.op.nysed.gov/psychology that provides information about the requirement each licensed psychologist complete three hours of acceptable continuing education on professional boundaries, in each three-year registration period starting on or after April 1, 2023. If the course work includes content on ethics, the guidance indicates such course may be counted toward both requirements.

7. Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP)

The State Board received information from the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) regarding the EPPP. No later than January 1, 2026, the EPPP is one examination with two parts, EPPP (Part 1 – Knowledge) and EPPP (Part 2 – Skills). Currently New York only requires a candidate to pass Part 1.

The Board discussed the addition of Part 2 and had concerns about the appropriateness of the examination as a measure of clinical skills; performance on high stakes examinations, particularly by diverse candidates; and the financial cost for two examinations, particularly if multiple attempts are required. The Board office will continue to participate in discussions and reach out to ASPPB and other jurisdictions, some of which may oppose the Part 2. However, if ASPPB requires a jurisdiction to administer both parts, the only alternative would be creation of a state-specific examination. The Board will be updated throughout the process by the Assistant Commissioner.

8. Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System (PCSAS)

The State Board received information from the PCSAS requesting “parity” with the accreditation by the American Psychological Association (APA). Commissioner’s regulations §.72.1 requires an applicant for licensure to present satisfactory evidence of a doctoral degree from:

1. a program registered as leading to licensure, pursuant to section 52.10, or
2. accredited by an acceptable accrediting agency, or
3. determined by the Department to be substantially equivalent to a NYS-registered or accredited program.

The education requirements in section 52.10 are consistent with the accreditation standards of the APA. Comparative Education within the Office of the

Professions performs an individual transcript evaluation of applicants who completed a program that falls within number 3, whether the program is domestic or foreign. Members Antonikowski and DeCaporale-Ryan volunteered to work with Ms. Letzelter on a review of an updated Comparative Education evaluation sheet that is used to evaluate such programs to determine if they are comparable to New York programs.

The Board office can access the standards for accreditation by PCSAS for review by Ms. Letzelter and Members Antonikowski and DeCaporale-Ryan. In some professions, there is more than one accreditation body acceptable to the Department; in some professions, there might not be an accreditation body. Members expressed concern about confusion if there is more than one accreditation body and, after review of the PCSAS standards in accordance with Commissioner's Regulations, a recommendation may be made to the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

9. Other business

The Board of Regents will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. The hearing is required under Open Meetings Law as part of authorizing members of the Board and its subcommittees, and members of all State Education Department boards and subcommittees to attend meetings by video-conferencing under extraordinary circumstances. The hearing is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., at the end of the Board of Regents monthly meeting after the conclusion of their monthly meeting in Albany.


Chair Archibald was re-elected to a one-year term by acclamation. The position of Vice Chair was not filled; any interested candidates should contact the Board office.

10. Adjournment

The next meeting of the State Board will be held on Friday, May 19th, 2023 from 2 to 4 p.m.

The State Board meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. .

Submitted by


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