

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
State Board for Psychology
March 8, 2024

Public Locations: Albany, Hauppauge, New York City, Syracuse

Present: Eloise M. Archibald, Chair (New York City)
Kerry L. Brand (Albany)
Barbara Fontana (Hauppauge)
Matthew David Johnson (Syracuse)
Julia Saur (Albany)
Anu Raj (Hauppauge)

Absent: Angela Marie Adger-Antonikowski
Caroline Clauss-Ehlers
Lauren De Caporale Ryan

Department Staff:

David Hamilton	Assistant Commissioner
Diane Martin	Board Staff
Karen Shier	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.

Overview of Licensure Compacts

Assistant Commissioner Hamilton provided an overview of licensure compacts, including models and common features; potential benefits; variations between compact and state licensure requirements; and legal and administrative challenges for implementation. Board members discussed possible Compact scenarios, complications, and unknowns.

Review of Draft Meeting Minutes

- May 19, 2023 (Motion – Matt Johnson; second – Kerry Brand; approved. Chair Archibald abstained.)
- September 29, 2023 (Edit: update Member Saur’s name. Motion – Matt Johnson; second – Kerry Brand; approved)

Executive Secretary’s Report

- Mr. Thompson noted the retirement of Deputy Commissioner Sarah Benson. Assistant Commissioner David Hamilton will oversee the work of the Office of the Professions until the Board of Regents appoints Ms. Benson’s successor.
- Board members inquired about the “temporary” classification attached to the job posting for the Psychology Board Executive Secretary position, as it could be a point of confusion. That

wording stems from the title's Civil Service classification, since the Executive Secretary is appointed by, and serves at the discretion of, the Board of Regents.

- Board members inquired about ongoing developments related to the mandate to implement the EPPP "Part 2" skills examination. Mr. Thompson summarized his observations of a recent public hearing on the topic held by the Texas Board for Psychology.

Mr. Thompson noted that Texas has a regulatory review process designed to limit unnecessary restraint of trade. This means the Texas Board will need to justify to the Governor and others involved in the regulatory review process why the addition of the "Part 2" exam requirement is essential. Overall, Texas Board members questioned what problem is being solved by the "Part 2" mandate.

Texas Board members and public commenters also stated that an additional licensure requirement would further restrict access to the profession and exacerbate rural and regional practitioner shortages. Likewise, they expressed concern that the requirement will frustrate the entry of the very people they want to enter the profession, i.e., candidates from underrepresented communities. Some commenters were concerned that the mandate may push candidates into related professions (e.g., professional counselor) at the expense of the psychology profession.

Board members asked Mr. Thompson to share any additional information he may have about concerns raised by other state boards.

- The Board office will canvass members for a suitable summer meeting date, to accommodate in-person attendance to the extent possible.

Adjournment

Motion: Eloise Archibald

Second: Anu Raj

Resolved: That the meeting be adjourned at 3:55 p.m.