

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Teleconference/Video Conference
May 2, 2025

Members Present: Trisha Miller, Ph.D., (President); Matthew Christiansen, Ph.D. (Vice President); Rosalie Ball, Ph.D., (Secretary); Thomas Stanage, Ph.D., Member; Justine Ashokar, Ph.D.; Member; Terry Dosch, Lay Member; Brian Roegiers, Lay Member.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Brooke Tellinghuisen Geddes, Executive Secretary; Katie Funke, Executive Assistant; Greg Tishkoff, Legal Counsel, DSS; Tracy Mercer, Special Projects Coordinator, DSS.

Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions: Miller called the meeting to order at 9:33am CDT.

Roll Call: Tellinghuisen Geddes called the roll. Miller, yes; Christiansen, yes; Ball, yes; Stanage, yes; Ashokar, yes; Dosch, yes; Roegiers, yes. A quorum was present.

Corrections or Additions to the Agenda: None.

Approval of the Agenda: Stanage made a motion to approve the agenda. Roegiers seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Public Testimony/Public Comment Period: None.

Approval of the Minutes from January 17, 2025 and April 4, 2025: Christiansen made a motion to approve the minutes from January 17, 2025, as written. Ball seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote. Ball made a motion to approve the minutes from April 4, 2025, as written. Ashokar seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

FY Financial Update: Tellinghuisen Geddes reported that as of March 31, 2025, year-to-date revenue was \$13,815.71, year-to-date expenses were \$49,005.42 and the year-to-date cash balance was \$101,529.51. Roegiers made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Stanage seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

ASPPB Mid-Year Meeting Report- Miller: Miller reported on the ASPPB Mid-Year meeting she recently attended. Major topics included the EPPP and master's level licensure. Miller reported that the EPPP will be a single test which will incorporate both skills and knowledge. The updated exam will not be ready until late 2026. There were no estimates on costs reported. Stanage questioned the prior opposition from Texas. Miller felt their concerns were likely addressed. Lastly, Miller reported that the name of the exam will not change, in effort to not require states to change their language in their regulations. Next, Miller reported on discussions around master's level licensure. Miller reported there have been concerns around APA accreditation of master's level licensure, as many feel their accreditation standards are not as robust as they once were, and some feel APA have lowered their expectations for Master's level psychologists. Miller explained the encouragement for states to recognize they don't have to utilize the APA or ASPPB model for licensure, and states will be able to adopt parts of their model language as they see fit. Miller complimented South Dakota's regulations as standing the test of time and allowing for flexibility and change. Miller encouraged the board to think about South Dakota's motivation for future licensing of master's level psychologists, and if it would sufficiently address shortage issues in rural communities. Stanage believes the board will inevitably need to

get on board with licensing at the master's level. Discussion on when programs will be available through universities was held. It is unknown when Universities will start offering master's level programs. Lastly, Miller mentioned that other topics that were addressed at the meeting were updates to the code-of-ethics and that South Dakota will likely need to adopt an updated version in the near future.

Master's Level Licensure-ASPPB: The Board did not discuss this further as this was addressed during the ASPPB mid-year meeting report.

ASPPB Service Award Nomination: Miller reported that she will be submitting the Board's nomination for Carol Tellinghuisen, former administrator, to ASPPB.

Application Review Officer: The board discussed the need for a new application review officer as Miller will be going off the Board in October. Miller advised she will be available to review applications with the new review officer until then. Following discussion, Ball volunteered to act as the application review officer.

Schedule Next Meeting: The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, September 19, 2025, at 8:30 MDT/9:30 CDT via Microsoft Teams.

Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2: Dosch made a motion to enter executive session at 10:11am CDT. Christiansen seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote. All others exited the meeting. The board exited executive session at 11:05 am CDT.

Applicant Approval: Miller recommended applicant #756 be approved for licensure per passing of the oral examination today, pending any outstanding licensure requirements that are applicable. Ball made a motion to approve applicant #756 for licensure, pending any outstanding licensure requirements to complete. Roegiers seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Vote on RFP: There was no need for a vote on the RFP.

FY26 Executive Secretary Contract: Stanage made a motion to approve the Executive Secretary Contract with Professional Licensing, LLC with the same contract amount as FY25. Ball seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Adjourn: Stanage made a motion to adjourn at 11:07 a.m. CDT. Dosch seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalie Ball, Ph.D.
Secretary

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