

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Teleconference/Video Conference  
September 19, 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 9:31am 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:** Ball made a motion to approve the agenda. Ashokar seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

**Public Testimony/Public Comment Period:** None.

**Approval of the Minutes May 2, 2025:** Roegiers made a motion to approve the minutes from May 2, 2025, as written. Ball seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

**FY Financial Update:** Tellinghuisen Geddes reported that as of June 30, 2025, year-end revenue was \$75,665.71 year-end expenses were \$64,376.55 and the year-end cash balance was \$148,008.38. Dosch made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Stanage seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

**Renewal Update:** Tellinghuisen Geddes reported that 10 licensees did not renew their license for the June 30, 2025, renewal. This is lower than in previous years. Licensees who did not renew are able to initiate renewal before January 1, 2026, so more renewals may come in.

**Board Member Appointments:** Tellinghuisen Geddes reported that Miller and Christiansen will term out at the end of October. DSS will need recommendations for board members to submit to the Governor's office for their replacements. Anyone who has recommendations should contact the Board office. Miller advised she may have a recommendation. Board members thanked Miller and Christiansen for their years of service and Miller expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve on board.

**Upcoming ASPPB Meetings:** Miller reported she will be attending the upcoming ASPPB Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri in October. She also indicated she plans to continue to travel to the ASPPB meetings in the future and would be interested in representing the board at those meetings. Tellinghuisen Geddes advised that the Board could choose to send Miller to future ASPPB meetings to represent the Board, even

as a non-Board member. The board will need a contract with Miller to reimburse travel expenses as they would for a board member. Stanage agreed that sending Miller, as a non-board member, would be the same as sending the board administrator to the meeting. Board members agreed. The board office will be in contact with DSS to finalize that process, when needed.

**ASPPB Service Award Nomination:** Miller reported that Carol Tellinghuisen was awarded the ASPPB State and Provincial Service Award. This is the second time someone from South Dakota has been awarded this prestigious award. Tellinghuisen is unable to attend the October meeting in St. Louis to accept the award, so Miller plans to accept the award on her behalf.

**Election of Officers- Future Slate after October 30, 2025:** The board discussed the need to elect officers to become effective October 30, 2025, as Christiansen, current vice-president, and Miller, current president, will term out at the end of October and there will not be another board meeting until later in the winter. Following discussion, Stanage nominated Ball as President, Ashokar as Vice-President and Roegiers as Secretary/Treasurer to become effective October 30, 2025. Christiansen moved to adopt the recommendation from Stanage. Dosch seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

**Online/Hybrid Psychology Programs-Discussion:** The board discussed online and hybrid psychology programs considering recent inquiries as to whether these programs meet requirements for licensure in South Dakota. Miller advised the board has always taken a strict adherence to the statutes governing the education requirements which require one year in full-time residence. The board has always maintained the position that “at least one year of which must be in full time residence” pursuant to SDCL 36-27A-1(2)(i) means a program requires students to be on-campus on a full-time basis and in-person throughout a year of study as part of the program. Full-time residence means a consecutive day-to-day basis throughout the year of study. The board agreed that programs that allow cumulative periods on campus and call it a “year in residence”, do not meet requirements for licensure in South Dakota. Tellinghuisen Geddes mentioned the two programs that have come into question recently are Walden University and Capella University, both of which do not meet the residency requirement in statute. It was noted that the only online program the Board has determined to meet requirements is Fielding University, and is APA Accredited. Ball mentioned the board should continue to monitor the discussion in the future as the landscape of telehealth evolves.

**Annual Review of Open Meeting Laws (SDCL 1-25-13):** Tishkoff provided an overview of the guide to South Dakota’s Open Meeting Laws, prepared by the Attorney General’s Office as required by SDCL 1-25-13.

**Schedule Next Meeting:** The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 9, 2026, at 8:30 MST/9:30 CST via Microsoft Teams.

**Executive Session Pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2:** Stanage made a motion to enter executive session at 10:10am CDT. Dosch seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote. All others exited the meeting. The board exited executive session at 11:56 am CDT. Stanage exited the meeting.

**Applicant Approval:** Ball recommended applicants #759, #762 and #767 be approved for licensure per passing of the oral examination today, pending any outstanding licensure requirements that are applicable. Roegiers made a motion to approve applicants #759, #762 and #767 for licensure, pending any outstanding licensure requirements to complete. Christiansen seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote with Stange noted as absent.

**Complaints:** Tellinghuisen Geddes reported dismissal of complaint #232 by the investigative committee on September 5, 2025, due to lack of probable cause, pursuant to SDCL 36-1C-4. One complaint was reported as pending.

**Any other business:** None.

**Adjourn:** Dosch made a motion to adjourn at 11:59 a.m. CDT. Ball seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote with Stanage noted as absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalie Ball, Ph.D.  
Secretary

1-27-1.17. Draft minutes of public meeting to be available--Exceptions--Violation as misdemeanor. The unapproved, draft minutes of any public meeting held pursuant to § 1-25-1 that are required to be kept by law shall be available for inspection by any person within ten business days after the meeting. However, this section does not apply if an audio or video recording of the meeting is available to the public on the governing body's website within five business days after the meeting. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to draft minutes of contested case proceedings held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1-26.