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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

TIME: 10:38 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DOS Conference Room (2900C)

301 5th Avenue, 2nd Floor

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

December 15, 2025

State Board of Psychology
December 15, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS:

Donald McAleer, Psy.D., Chair
Matthew Eaton, Deputy Commissioner, on behalf of
Arion Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
Professional and Occupational Affairs
David Zehrung, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Daniel Warner, Ph.D., Secretary
Steven K. Erickson, JD, Ph.D., LLM
Jade Logan, Ph.D.

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Lindsay Szymanski, Esquire, Board Counsel
Cathy A. Tully, Esquire, Board Counsel
Thomas Leech II, Board Administrator
Todd Kriner, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Patrick Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Liliana Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
CJ Restemayer, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,
Prosecution Division
Ronald K. Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel
Nicholas Kahler, Law Clerk, Department of State
Nicole Maloney, Division Chief, Bureau of
Professional and Occupational Affairs, Health
Licensing Division
Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State
Adrienne McClendon, Esquire, Board Prosecutor

ALSO PRESENT:

Molly Cowan, Psy.D., Director of Professional
Affairs, Pennsylvania Psychological Association
Larissa Newlin, Psy.D., Psychologist, William Penn
School District
John Bielamowicz, Chair, Texas Behavioral Health
Executive Council
Ryan T. Bridges, Chair, Texas State Board of
Examiners of Psychologists

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ALSO PRESENT (CONT.)

- Robert Romig, Deputy Executive Director, Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council
- Allan M. Tepper, Psy.D., JD
- Rachael Baturin, MPH, JD, Deputy Executive Director, Pennsylvania Psychological Association
- Paul Kettlewell, Ph.D., Pennsylvania Psychological Association
- Sara Wedeman, Ph.D., Senior Research Psychologist, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, President, Behavioral Economics Consulting Group LLC
- Alex Siegal, J.D., Ph.D., Director of Professional Affairs, Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards
- Kari Orchard, Executive Director, House Professional Licensure Committee, Pennsylvania House of Representatives
- Colleen Fleming, Psy.D.
- Sharon Hall
- Gina Rodgers, Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.

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2 State Board of Psychology

3 December 15, 2025

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
6 at 9:30 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
7 with Lindsay Szymanski, Esquire, Board Counsel, for
8 the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
9 deliberations on a number of matters that are
10 currently pending before the Board and to receive the
11 advice of counsel.]

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13 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
14 Board of Psychology was held on Monday, December 15,
15 2025. Donald McAleer, Psy.D., Chair, called the
16 meeting to order at 10:38 a.m.

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18 [Donald McAleer, Psy.D., Chair, requested an
19 introduction of Board members and attendees. A
20 quorum of Board members was present.]

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22 [Lindsay Szymanski, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted
23 this meeting of the State Board of Psychology is
24 being held in a hybrid format, both in person and by
25 livestream teleconference, pursuant to Act 100 of

1 2021, which requires Boards to use a virtual platform
2 to conduct business when a public meeting is being
3 held.

4 Ms. Szymanski also noted the meeting was being
5 recorded, and voluntary participation constituted
6 consent to be recorded.

7 Ms. Szymanski also noted the Board entered into
8 Executive Session for the purpose of conducting
9 quasi-judicial deliberations on a number of matters
10 that are currently pending before the Board and to
11 receive the advice of counsel.]

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13 Approval of Minutes - October 20, 2025

14 MS. SZYMANSKI:

15 I believe the Board would entertain a
16 motion to approve the minutes from the
17 October 20, 2025 Board meeting. May I
18 have a roll call?

19 CHAIR MCALEER:

20 Well, we need a motion.

21 DR. WARNER:

22 I motion to vote.

23 DR. ZEHRUNG:

24 David Zehrung, I second that.

25 CHAIR MCALEER:

1 direction to the Psychology Board to streamline
2 processes, reduce or eliminate unnecessary
3 regulations and get more mental health practitioners
4 into the field. He stated, when Association of State
5 and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) put out the
6 mandate, the second test had to be adopted or states
7 would lose access to the first test. Texas started
8 to question why the second test was necessary. He
9 added their Board unanimously agreed that an
10 additional test would create an additional barrier
11 and additional cost for licensees.

12 Mr. Bielamawicz stated Texas had spoken with
13 ASPPB prior to ASPPB abandoning the EPPP2 at the
14 recent national meeting. He added Texas had begun
15 the process to establish their own licensing exam,
16 which has been funded by their legislature. He noted
17 that Mr. Romig had been instrumental in taking all of
18 the information to the ASPPB national meeting at
19 which time they found a number of people agreed with
20 Texas regarding additional barriers and costs.

21 Mr. Romig explained Texas was moving forward
22 despite ASPPB taking back the EPPP2 mandate, as the
23 debate had raised questions which had blossomed into
24 a larger conversation across the county about the
25 nature of licensure testing, what is competency and

1 how strict should the barrier to entry be. He added
2 the data shared by ASPPB demonstrated the passage
3 rates for EPPP1 and EPPP2 was fairly stiff. Texas
4 questioned if the EPPP was potentially weeding out
5 candidates who would be successful psychologists if
6 not for their struggle with the EPPP. He added the
7 conclusion Texas drew was that one test does not work
8 for everyone, and there should be recognition that
9 people's backgrounds, educational experiences and
10 life experiences may inform a different but equally
11 valid pathway to licensure.

12 Ryan T. Bridges, Chair, Texas State Board of
13 Examiners of Psychologists, stated the goal of Texas
14 designing an exam was not to eliminate usage of EPPP
15 or stop accepting EPPP as safe. He explained Texas
16 met with ASPPB regarding concerns with the January
17 2026 start date of EPPP part 2 and Texas asked for
18 data to support the exam. When they asked for the
19 data, Texas was met with roadblocks where they were
20 not allowed to see the data supporting the exam and
21 could not verify the necessity of a part two exam.
22 He noted, even though the two parts were combined,
23 they still have not been allowed access to the
24 underlying data.

25 Mr. Bridges explained, during the most recent

1 Texas legislative session, they tasked the State
2 Board to develop an exam that could be used as an
3 alternative to the EPPP within Texas and possibly
4 other states. He noted legislature allocated funding
5 to research the development of the exam and will
6 allocate additional funding after a proposal is
7 developed. He added the process to create an exam is
8 long-term. He stated they are working with people
9 from other states to help develop the proposal and
10 determine what an alternative exam would look like.

11 Mr. Romig explained they could have requested
12 funding to write a contract with a testing company
13 like Pearson Vue or PSI; however, the test would be
14 similar to all of the other licensing exams and would
15 not bring anything new to the table. Mr. Romig
16 explained the reasons for writing a completely new
17 exam. He added they were asking what purpose a
18 licensing exam is fulfilling for each state and how a
19 better job can be done to meet the goals of the exam.

20 He further added they are not asking any state to
21 commit to anything but are just collecting data until
22 May 2026. He noted advisory work groups are being
23 formed to consider all parts of the exam and what is
24 being tested.

25 He also shared there will be a technical advisory

1 committee to ensure any ideas can actually be
2 accomplished and are scientifically valid and
3 psychometrically valid. He added Texas is committed
4 to being very transparent and sharing all information
5 with any state who wants to be a part of the new
6 exam.

7 Mr. Romig stated the general timeline for the
8 first part of the project is to work through the
9 spring with the work groups and technical committees
10 to design a list of exam parameters that could be
11 taken to a testing company. He added they will be
12 going through the normal exam development process but
13 will be more intentional with what they are looking
14 for. He noted, once the proposal is created, they
15 will take it to the Texas legislature for the fall
16 2026 session, who will decided if it is worth
17 creating the exam.

18 Mr. Bielamawicz reiterated Texas is trying to
19 stop the spread of misinformation regarding the
20 alternate exam. He stressed Texas is not going to
21 eliminate testing completely. He added they will
22 continue to accept EPPP, will continue to allow
23 reciprocity and licensure by endorsement, and will
24 continue to be engaged in PSYPACT. He noted any sort
25 of collaboration with other states which increases

1 mobility across state lines for psychologists is
2 beneficial for both the profession and the general
3 public.

4 Mr. Romig mentioned one of the work groups being
5 formed will be regulation-focused and will have
6 liaisons from other states. The group will
7 specifically look at what each state needs the exam
8 to be and what needs to be done for the state to
9 legally use the exam.

10 Chair McAleer noted, in Pennsylvania, the license
11 law would need reopened.

12 Mr. Bridges reiterated the plan is to be as open
13 and transparent about the exam development process as
14 possible in case a state needs to take information to
15 their legislature.]

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17 Appointment - PPA Presentation

18 [Rachael Baturin, MPH, JD, Deputy Executive Director,
19 Pennsylvania Psychological Association (PPA), stated
20 Act 4 of 2024 created an associate license for
21 Marriage and Family Therapists (MFTs) and Licensed
22 Professional Counselors (LPCs). She highlighted PPA
23 findings, indicating that access for students to
24 complete their internship and postdoctoral studies
25 have been difficult, largely due to insurers unable

1 to reimburse students. As a result, PPA drafted
2 language to introduce a bill that would allow for the
3 creation of an associate psychology license; which in
4 turn, would allow students to fulfill required hours.
5 She explained students would be allowed to get the
6 associate's degree and then the sites where they are
7 doing internships or postdoctoral studies would be
8 allowed to be reimbursed for the services being
9 provided. She noted the programs would have to
10 verify that the student completed all of their
11 coursework and currently in either internship or
12 postdoctoral studies.

13 Dr. Zehrung stated PPA's proposed legislation
14 would vary from other states like Maryland. He asked
15 if the associate license would require the degree be
16 completed or just the coursework.

17 Ms. Baturin confirmed that PPA's proposal would
18 be based on all doctoral level coursework being
19 completed.

20 Chair McAleer requested confirmation that the
21 proposal would not apply to practica, which Ms.
22 Baturin provided. She added PPA stated a person in
23 practica is not far enough into their program to be
24 reimbursed under insurance.

25 Molly Cowan, Psy.D., Director of Professional

1 Affairs, Pennsylvania Psychological Association,
2 added the proposal would also require the student has
3 to be practicing under a supervising psychologist.
4 The student would not be allowed to practice
5 independently with the associate license.

6 Dr. Erickson asked for clarification as to why
7 the license was necessary. Ms. Baturin explained
8 commercial insurance expressed a willingness to
9 reimburse if the student has a license. She added
10 the license is needed to remunerate the provider
11 which allows the provider to bill for the service.

12 Chair McAleer understood the proposal would allow
13 for additional training opportunities for people.
14 Ms. Cowan noted PPA heard from student members who
15 have difficulty finding internship sites and from
16 professional members who would be pleased to
17 supervise practitioners in training but cannot afford
18 to do so if the trainees are unable to generate
19 income at the practice while being supervised.

20 Paul Kettlewell, Ph.D., Pennsylvania
21 Psychological Association, stated the associate
22 license would also allow for an intern to represent
23 themselves to the public and patients with more
24 authority, similar to physician trainees.

25 Ms. Cowan provided an update on the master's

1 license work being done by APA and ASPPB. She noted
2 the APA model is moving forward and will be out for
3 public comment in January 2026. She added PPA is not
4 looking at legislation anytime soon.]

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6 Report of the Prosecutorial Division
7 [Adrienne McClendon, Esquire, PA Office of General
8 Counsel presented the Consent Agreement and Order for
9 Agenda Item 4, Case No. 24-63-001779.]

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11 MS. SZYMANSKI:

12 Regarding the Consent Agreement at Item
13 No. 4 on your Agenda, Case No. 24-63-
14 001779.

15 After discussion in Executive
16 Session, I believe the Board would
17 entertain a motion to reject this
18 Consent Agreement as too harsh.

19 DR. WARNER:

20 Do I move to vote? I move to vote.

21 DR. ZEHRUNG:

22 I second that motion.

23 CHAIR MCALEER:

24 Thank you. May we have the roll call
25 please.

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McAleer, aye; Eaton, aye; Zehrung, aye;

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Warner, aye; Erickson, aye; Logan, aye.

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[The motion carried unanimously.]

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[Liliana Fisher, Esquire, Board Prosecutor presented

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the Consent Agreement for Agenda Item 5, Case No. 22-

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63-003302.]

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10 MS. SZYMANSKI:

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Regarding the Consent Agreement at Item

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No. 5 on your Agenda, which is Case No.

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22-63-003302.

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After discussion in Executive

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Session, I believe the Chair would

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entertain a motion to adopt this

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Consent Agreement.

18 CHAIR MCALEER:

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May we have the motion please?

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DR. WARNER:

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I move to vote.

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DR. ZEHRUNG:

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I second that motion.

24 CHAIR MCALEER:

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Thank you. May we have the roll call

1 please.

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3 McAleer, aye; Eaton, aye; Zehrunge, aye;
4 Warner, aye; Erickson, aye; Logan, aye.

5 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent at
6 Agenda Item 5, Case No. 22-63-003302, is Jay
7 Skolnick, Ph.D.]

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9 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
10 presented the Consent Agreement for Agenda Item No.
11 6, Case No. 24-63-017830.]

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13 MS. SZYMANSKI:

14 Seeing no other questions regarding
15 this Consent Agreement, Item No. 6 on
16 your Agenda, Case No. 24-63-017830.

17 After discussion in Executive
18 Session, I believe the Board would
19 entertain a motion to adopt this
20 Consent Agreement.

21 CHAIR MCALEER:

22 May we have the motion please?

23 DR. WARNER:

24 I make the motion to vote.

25 DR. ZEHRUNG:

1 I second the motion.

2 CHAIR MCALEER:

3 Thank you. May we have the roll call
4 please.

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6 McAleer, aye; Eaton, aye; Zehrunge, aye;

7 Warner, aye; Erickson, aye; Logan, aye.

8 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent at
9 Agenda Item 6, Case No. 24-63-017830, is Joseph
10 Weldon.]

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12 Report of Board Counsel - Final Adjudication and
13 Order

14 [Lindsay Szymanski, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted
15 Agenda Item No. 7 and Agenda Item No. 8 were tabled
16 for the next meeting to address the filed
17 exceptions.]

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19 Report of Board Counsel - Sunshine Act Presentation
20 [Lindsay Szymanski, Esquire, Board Counsel presented
21 the Sunshine Act and Recusal Guidelines Presentation.
22 She summarized that the Sunshine Act ensures
23 transparency in government by requiring open meetings
24 for all official actions and deliberations involving
25 agency matters. Any time a quorum of Board members

1 meets to discuss Board business, the meeting must be
2 publicly advertised. Deliberations are defined as
3 discussions intended to lead to decisions, and
4 official actions include votes or policy decisions.

5 Public notice of meetings must be issued at the
6 beginning of the calendar year and at least three
7 days in advance, with any changes requiring 24-hour
8 notice. Emergency meetings are exempt but must be
9 justified. All meetings and Agendas are posted
10 publicly, including in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and
11 on the Board's website.

12 Ms. Szymanski noted that amendments to the
13 Sunshine Act in 2021 require that if the agenda
14 changes within 24 hours of the meeting, an amended
15 agenda must be published afterward. Meeting
16 locations and agendas must be made available in
17 advance, and discussions outside the posted agenda
18 are only allowed if there is a natural connection.
19 All votes must be publicly casted, so virtual
20 participant members must have cameras on. Meeting
21 minutes must include the time, place, attendance, and
22 substance of discussions, though not verbatim.
23 Executive Sessions may be held for limited purposes,
24 such as discussing litigation strategy, deliberation
25 matters, or personnel issues, though personnel issues

1 typically fall outside Board purview. Executive
2 Sessions must be announced with reasons and remain
3 confidential even after the meeting.

4 She warned that violations of the Sunshine Act
5 can invalidate meeting actions and lead to litigation
6 or attorney fees. Criminal penalties are rare and
7 requires action by the District Attorney. She
8 clarified that actions of Board committees like the
9 Application Committee or Probable Cause Committee are
10 not considered to be a meeting if there is no quorum
11 and if actions are preliminary or administrative.

12 Regarding recusals, Ms. Szymanski outlined the
13 types of recusals and the impact of those recusals.
14 Mandatory recusals include involvement in
15 prosecution, being a complainant, or having a direct
16 financial interest. Strongly recommended recusals
17 include personal connections or outside knowledge of
18 a case. Discretionary recusals apply when
19 impartiality is uncertain. She advised Board members
20 to consult Counsel in advance when unsure.
21 Abstentions from voting are allowed for lack of
22 preparation or uncertainty but prevent a member from
23 requesting reconsideration later. Members may still
24 attend for quorum purposes, but recusals count
25 against quorum.

1 She also detailed conflict-of-interest rules.
2 Professional members may not serve as officers or
3 agents of statewide professional associations, and
4 public members may not be part of the regulated
5 profession or have immediate family members who are.
6 Public members must not hold any other appointed
7 office in the Commonwealth.]

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9 Report of Board Counsel - Regulatory Report
10 [Lindsay Szymanski, Esquire, Board Counsel reported
11 there had not been much movement on any of the
12 regulations since the last meeting. She noted for
13 Regulation 16A-6317, Continuing Education; and
14 Regulation 16A-6323, final regulations are being
15 drafted by Regulatory Counsel. Regarding 16A-6324,
16 Code of Ethics, she stated Board and Regulatory
17 Counsel are working on the updates. She reported the
18 regulatory analysis form is being drafted for 16A-
19 6320, General Revisions. She added she is scheduled
20 to have the form sent to Regulatory Counsel at the
21 start of 2026.]

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23 Report of Board Chairperson
24 [Donald McAleer, Psy.D., Chairperson, welcomed Dr.
25 Logan to the Board. He noted there was one

1 professional opening left on the Board and hoped the
2 Governor's Office would move forward with
3 applications soon.

4 Chair McAleer reported on attending the annual
5 ASPPB in October with Dr. Zehrunge. He noted a number
6 of issues were addressed including redoing ASPPB by-
7 laws, discussion on reimagining the EPPP exam and
8 rising complaints around supervision and supervisory
9 activities of psychologists. He added Pennsylvania
10 had not seen an increase; however, other
11 jurisdictions have.

12 Dr. Zehrunge commented the context for updating the
13 by-laws language was related to themes presented
14 during the earlier Texas Board presentation. He
15 stated ASPPB talked about supervision guidelines. He
16 added there was training on supervision as a
17 sanction, not just as preparation for clinical
18 practice. He also noted there was discussion about
19 the Uniform Licensing Act.

20 Chair McAleer noted the meeting was beneficial.
21 He encouraged the Board to continue to send members
22 to both the semi-annual and annual meeting. He added
23 there are ongoing presentations for Board Counsels as
24 well.]

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1 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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3 Report of Board Administrator

4 MS. SZYMANSKI:

5 Item No. 11 is the Application to
6 Request Approval to sit for the
7 Psychology Licensing Examinations of
8 Larissa Newlin, Psy.D.

9 I believe the Chair would entertain
10 a motion to provisionally deny the
11 Application to sit for the Psychology
12 Licensing Examinations of Ms. Newlin at
13 Item No. 11 on the Agenda.

14 CHAIR MCALEER:

15 May we have a motion please?

16 DR. WARNER:

17 I make that motion.

18 DR. ZEHRUNG:

19 I second that.

20 CHAIR MCALEER:

21 Thank you. May we have the roll call
22 please.

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24 McAleer, aye; Eaton, aye; Zehrung, aye;
25 Warner, aye; Erickson, aye; Logan, aye.

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 MS. SZYMANSKI:

4 Item No. 12 is the Review of Supervised
5 Experience of Colleen Fleming, Psy.D.

6 I believe the Chair would entertain
7 a motion to approve the Supervised
8 Experience of Colleen Fleming at Item
9 No. 12 on your Agenda.

10 CHAIR MCALEER:

11 May we have the motion please?

12 DR. WARNER:

13 I make that motion.

14 DR. ZEHRUNG:

15 I second that motion.

16 CHAIR MCALEER:

17 Thank you. May we have the roll call
18 please.

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20 McAleer, aye; Eaton, aye; Zehrung, aye;
21 Warner, aye; Erickson, aye; Logan,
22 recuse.

23 [The motion carried. Dr. Logan was recused from
24 deliberations and voting on the matter.]

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1 Report of Board Members - No Report.

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3 Discussion Items - ASPPB's 40th Midyear Meeting -
4 April 16-19, 2026, Charlotte, North Carolina

5 MS. SZYMANSKI:

6 I believe the Chair would entertain a
7 motion to send two people to ASPBB's
8 40th mid-year meeting on April 16th
9 through 19th, 2026 in Charlotte, North
10 Carolina.

11 CHAIR MCALEER:

12 May I have a motion please?

13 DR. WARNER:

14 I make that motion.

15 DR. ZEHRUNG:

16 I second.

17 CHAIR MCALEER:

18 Thank you. May we have the roll call
19 please.

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21 McAleer, aye; Eaton, aye; Zehrunge, aye;

22 Warner, aye; Erickson, aye; Logan, aye.

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 Discussion Items - Discussion Concerning Application

1 Requirements

2 [Daniel Warner, Ph.D., Secretary, commented he would
3 benefit from a checklist of the typical things the
4 Board reviews for applications. He found himself
5 searching for the same information repeatedly.

6 Ms. Szymanski stated there was not a list, but
7 Board staff and Board Counsel could work on one.

8 Mr. Leech stated there are application processing
9 instructions at the administrative level. He does
10 not know of anything to assist Board Members with
11 applications that cannot be processed at his level.
12 The Application Committee would be required to review
13 the guidelines.

14 Chair McAleer suggested starting with the staff
15 guidelines and then adding in information as needed.

16 Ms. Szymanski stated most of the guidelines are
17 regulatory in nature; therefore, a more streamlined
18 list could be made. Mr. Leech agreed and stated he
19 could work with Counsel to draft a checklist.

20 Chair McAleer presented that Dr. Zehrung had
21 asked if there was a historical repository to help
22 understand past decisions made by the Board.

23 Dr. Zehrung added that prudent decisions should
24 be made in each case; however, part of that process
25 is awareness of past decisions. He noted that having

1 information on past decisions would help provide
2 continuity when turnovers occur with Board staff and
3 Board Members. He suggested a future analysis
4 displaying correlation between counts of
5 psychologists in the field versus the category of
6 infraction.

7 Ms. Szymanski stated there is not a repository of
8 past decisions. She understood the desire to be
9 consistent, but Boards are not bound by past
10 decisions. She noted that Prosecution does provide
11 annual reports, and all Consent Agreements are on the
12 website as public documents. She added she can look
13 into Dr. Zehrung's concerns.]

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15 Correspondence

16 [Donald McAleer, Psy.D., Chairperson, stated there
17 was an unusual number of requests for CE extensions.
18 He added, in addition to CE extension requests,
19 licensees can also request to put their license in
20 inactivation while they gather the necessary CEs for
21 the two-year requirement.]

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23 MS. SZYMANSKI:

24 All right. Since we do have a number
25 of Ratification of CE Extensions. At

1 Item Nos. 15 through 20, we have James
2 Spangler; Caroline Martin; Joan
3 McGlone; Murray A. Cooperstein; Sara
4 Wedeman; and Kathy Segal.

5 I believe the Chair would entertain
6 a motion to ratify and approve all of
7 those CE Extension Requests.

8 CHAIR MCALEER:

9 Yes. May we have the motion please?

10 DR. WARNER:

11 I make that motion.

12 DR. ZEHRUNG:

13 I second that.

14 CHAIR MCALEER:

15 Okay, roll call please.

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17 McAleer, aye; Eaton, aye; Zehrung, aye;

18 Warner, aye; Erickson, aye; Logan, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 MS. SZYMANSKI:

22 For Item No. 21, which is Irena
23 Tsapelas. This is a permit request.

24 I believe the Chair would entertain
25 a motion to grant the six-month

1 temporary permit of Ms. Tsapelas' Ph.D.
2 at Item No. 21 on the Agenda.

3 CHAIR MCALEER:

4 May I have a motion please?

5 DR. WARNER:

6 I make that motion.

7 DR. ZEHRUNG:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR MCALEER:

10 Roll Call please?

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12 McAleer, aye; Eaton, aye; Zehrunge, aye;

13 Warner, aye; Erickson, aye; Logan, aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 MS. SZYMANSKI:

17 I believe the Chair would entertain a
18 motion to deny the PPLE Examination
19 Waiver Request of Rivkah Eidex, Psy.D.
20 at Item No. 22 on the Agenda.

21 CHAIR MCALEER:

22 May I have a motion please?

23 DR. WARNER:

24 I make that motion.

25 DR. ZEHRUNG:

1 I second.

2 CHAIR MCALEER:

3 Roll call please.

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5 McAleer, aye; Eaton, aye; Zehrung, aye;

6 Warner, aye; Erickson, aye; Logan, aye.

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 FYI Items - PSYPACT 3rd Quarter Compliance Letter

10 [David Zehrung, Ph.D., Vice Chair, reported on the

11 PSYPACT meeting held in Tucson, Arizona, in November

12 2025. He highlighted there were 43 participating

13 jurisdictions in PSYPACT. Massachusetts and New York

14 have introduced legislation to join PSYPACT, leaving

15 10 jurisdictions who are not participating yet. He

16 noted Pennsylvania has 293 Authority to Practice

17 Interjurisdictional Telepsychology (APIT) holders, in

18 second place behind Florida with 321 APIT holders.

19 He added from 2020 to 2025, there were a total of 12

20 APIT credentials revoked. He further added there are

21 currently over 14,000 active APITs.

22 Dr. Zehrung reported PSYPACT is increasing their

23 resources. He noted that PSYPACT now has a YouTube

24 channel and is currently working on an AI client to

25 assist website visitors.

1 Dr. Zehrung noted discipline in a jurisdiction
2 leads to permanent revocation of ATIP and temporary
3 authorization permits (TAP) in all compact states.
4 This includes minor infractions in which a Board may
5 not intend to jeopardize PSYPACT status. He added
6 four minor infractions, lawyers may consider other
7 responses such as letters of concern, colleague
8 assistance or consent agreements that state if
9 fulfilled, charges will be dropped.

10 Dr. Zehrung shared, over the past year, federal
11 grants were made available for rural health care. If
12 a jurisdiction was a PSYPACT state, they got 100
13 extra points on their grant application.

14 He also noted the mid-year commission meeting
15 would be virtual in July 2026. He was asked to
16 participate in a task force reconciling governance
17 documents.

18 Dr. Zehrung concluded his report by noting the
19 third quarter report shows Pennsylvania continues to
20 be compliant with PSYPACT.]

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22 New Business - Election of Officers

23 MS. SZYMANSKI:

24 Is there a nomination for Chair of the
25 State Board of Psychology? This would

1 be effective January 1, 2026.

2 DR. WARNER:

3 I officially nominate Dr. McAleer.

4 MR. EATON:

5 Are there any other nominations? If
6 there's none, Dr. McAleer, do you
7 accept that nomination?

8 CHAIR MCALEER:

9 I do. Thank you.

10 MS. SZYMANSKI:

11 Is there a motion to elect Dr. McAleer
12 as Chair of the State Board of
13 Psychology effective January 1, 2026?

14 DR. WARNER:

15 I make that motion.

16 DR. ZEHRUNG:

17 Second.

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19 Eaton, aye; Zehrunge, aye; Warner, aye;
20 Erickson, aye; Logan, aye.

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 MS. SZYMANSKI:

24 Is there a nomination for Vice Chair
25 for the State Board of Psychology

1 effective January 1, 2026?

2 DR. WARNER:

3 I nominate David Zehrung.

4 MR. EATON:

5 Any other nominations?

6 MS. SZYMANSKI:

7 All right, if there are no other
8 nominations, is there a motion to elect
9 Dr. Zehrung as Vice Chair of the State
10 Board of Psychology effective January
11 1st of 2026?

12 DR. WARNER:

13 I make that motion.

14 DR. LOGAN:

15 May I second that motion?

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17 McAleer, aye; Eaton, aye; Warner, aye;

18 Erickson aye; Logan, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 MS. SZYMANSKI:

22 Is there a nomination for Secretary for
23 the State Board of Psychology effective
24 January 1st of 2026?

25 DR. ZEHRUNG:

1 I nominate Daniel Warner.

2 MR. EATON:

3 Dr. Warner, do you accept?

4 DR. WARNER:

5 I do.

6 MS. SZYMANSKI:

7 Are there any other nominations?

8 Is there a motion to elect Dr.
9 Warner as Secretary of the State Board
10 of Psychology effective January 1,
11 2026?

12 DR. ZEHRUNG:

13 I make that motion.

14 DR. LOGAN:

15 I can second it.

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17 McAleer, aye; Eaton, aye; Zehrung, aye;
18 Erickson, aye; Logan, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 [Matthew Eaton, Deputy Commissioner, on behalf of
22 Arion Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
23 Professional and Occupational Affairs, noted the 2026
24 and 2027 meeting dates were on the Agenda. He
25 thanked Chair McAleer for coming in person to

1 officially open the Pittsburgh boardroom. He added
2 if the Board would like to hold a meeting in
3 Pittsburgh in 2026, they just needed to let Mr. Leech
4 know a few months in advance. He recommended the
5 August meeting as a possibility.]

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7 Public Comment

8 [Sara Wedeman, Ph.D., Senior Research Psychologist,
9 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, President,
10 Behavioral Economics Consulting Group LLC, commented
11 the Board should not assume the people who are
12 applying for CE extensions are in full-time private
13 practice. She was personally facing a December
14 deadline with the National Science Foundation.

15 Dr. Wedeman recommended the Board have standard
16 wording as to what the process is regarding CE. She
17 noted she was unaware of the two CE hours in child
18 abuse that caused her some confusion, time and angst.
19 She had submitted several help tickets through PALS.

20 Ms. Szymanski understood where Dr. Wedeman was
21 coming from. She noted the Board regulations are
22 very clear about CE requirements with the additional
23 CE for child abuse. She understood how the letter
24 could be confusing and Board Counsel would consider
25 using clearer language in the letters.

1 Mr. Eaton stated, from an administrative
2 viewpoint, he would look into the tickets Dr. Wedeman
3 submitted through PALS and ensure they were responded
4 to properly.]

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6 [Larissa Newlin, Psy.D., Psychologist, William Penn
7 School District, asked if she would have an
8 opportunity to discuss her case from Agenda Item No.
9 11 with anyone.

10 Ms. Szymanski informed her she would receive a
11 provisional denial letter which would state the
12 reasons for the denial. Following the letter, she
13 would have the opportunity to address the issues with
14 the Board.]

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16 Adjournment

17 CHAIR MCALEER:

18 So, I would entertain a motion to
19 adjourn the meeting.

20 DR. WARNER:

21 I make that motion.

22 CHAIR MCALEER:

23 Great. Meeting is adjourned. And I
24 wish everyone a happy holiday season
25 until we see you in February.

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[There being no further business, the State Board of
Psychology Meeting adjourned at 12:10 a.m.]

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary
minutes of the State Board of Psychology meeting, was
reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and
that the minutes accurately summarize the substance
of the State Board of Psychology meeting.



Gina Rodgers,

Minute Clerk

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