

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: 10:32 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

August 18, 2025

State Board of Psychology
August 18, 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.
Steven K. Erickson, JD, Ph.D., LLM - Absent
Katherine Bradley, Ph.D.
Daniel Warner, Ph.D.

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Ronald K. Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel
Patrick Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,
Prosecution Division
Thomas Leech II, Board Administrator
Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State

ALSO PRESENT:

Molly Cowan, Psy.D., Director of Professional
Affairs, Pennsylvania Psychological Association
Jennifer Smeltz, Republican Executive Director,
Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure
Committee
Brian Crosby, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, Penn
State University
Theresa Welles, Ph.D., Director of Psychological
Clinic, Associate Clinical Professor of Psychology,
Penn State University
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Jacob Hill, Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.

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2 State Board of Psychology

3 August 18, 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 Ronald Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the
8 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on
9 a number of matters that are currently pending before
10 the Board and to receive the advice of counsel.]

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12 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
13 Board of Psychology was held on Monday, August 18,
14 2025. Donald McAleer, Psy.D., Chair, called the
15 meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

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17 [Ronald Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
18 meeting was being held in a hybrid format, both in
19 person and via live stream teleconference.

20 Mr. Rouse also noted the meeting was being
21 recorded, and voluntary participation constituted
22 consent to be recorded.]

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24 [Donald McAleer, Psy.D., Chair, requested an
25 introduction of Board members. A quorum of Board

1 members was present.]

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3 Approval of Minutes - June 16, 2025

4 CHAIR MCALEER:

5 I think what we'll do first is the
6 Approval of Minutes from the June 16
7 meeting.

8 Having reviewed it, may I have a
9 motion to approve the minutes, please?

10 DR. WARNER:

11 I move to approve.

12 CHAIR MCALEER:

13 Thank you.

14 DR. ZUHRUNG:

15 Second that.

16
17 McAleer, aye; Eaton, aye; Zehrung, aye;
18 Bradley, aye; Warner, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 Report of the Board Prosecution

22 [Patrick Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented
23 the Consent Agreement for Item No. 2 on the Agenda,
24 Case No. 25-63-011021.]

25 MR. ROUSE:

1 Applications for Main Line ADHD Clinic,
2 Item No. 9; Child Behavior Management
3 Pittsburgh, LLC, Item No. 10; and
4 Central Keystone Counseling: Couples &
5 Family, LLC, Item No. 11 on the Agenda.

6 CHAIR MCALEER:

7 Motion please.

8 DR. WARNER:

9 Motion to approve these names.

10 DR. ZEHRUNG:

11 Zehrung, second.

12 CHAIR MCALEER:

13 Thank you. May we have the roll call
14 please?

15

16 McAleer, aye; Eaton, aye; Zehrung, aye;
17 Bradley, aye; Warner, aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 Discussion - Selection of Board Secretary

21 MR. ROUSE:

22 Is there a nomination for Secretary of
23 the State Board of Psychology?

24 DR. ZEHRUNG:

25 I nominate Dr. Warner.

1 MR. ROUSE:

2 Is there a second?

3 DR. BRADLEY:

4 I'll second, Dr. Bradley.

5 MR. ROUSE:

6 Are there any other nominations? Roll
7 call.

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9 McAleer, aye; Eaton, aye; Zehrung, aye;
10 Bradley, aye; Warner, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 MR. ROUSE:

14 Is there a motion to elect Dr. Warner
15 as the Secretary of the State Board of
16 Psychology?

17 DR. BRADLEY:

18 I'll make the motion.

19 DR. ZEHRUNG:

20 Zehrung makes that motion.

21 MR. ROUSE:

22 So was Dr. Bradley the motion and Dr.
23 Zehrung the second? Thank you. Any
24 other discussion? Roll call.

25

1 McAleer, aye; Eaton, aye; Zehrung, aye;
2 Bradley, aye; Warner, aye.

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 Correspondence

6 MR. ROUSE:

7 In the matter of Brian Crosby, Ph.D.,
8 and after discussion in Executive
9 Session, I believe the Chair would
10 entertain a motion to grant the Request
11 for a Waiver of the Experience
12 Requirement under section 41.32(1)(iv)
13 for Brian Crosby, Ph.D., at Item No. 14
14 on the Agenda.

15 DR. WARNER:

16 Move to vote.

17 DR. ZEHRUNG:

18 Zehrung second.

19 CHAIR MCALEER:

20 Roll call please.

21

22 McAleer, aye; Eaton, aye; Zehrung, aye;
23 Bradley, aye; Warner, aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 MR. ROUSE:

2 I believe the Chair would entertain a
3 motion to grant the EPPP Accommodation
4 request of Melissa Brennan-Bonini,
5 Psy.D. at time and a half to take the
6 examination in a separate room.

7 CHAIR MCALEER:

8 I believe that is correct. Thank you.
9 Motion please.

10 DR. WARNER:

11 Motion to vote.

12 DR. ZEHRUNG:

13 Zehrung, second.

14 CHAIR MCALEER:

15 Roll call please.

16

17 McAleer, aye; Eaton, aye; Zehrung, aye;
18 Bradley, aye; Warner, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 MR. ROUSE:

22 Next, Item No. 16, Celita Owens,
23 Psy.D., I believe the Chair would
24 entertain a motion to grant the EPPP
25 Accommodations Request of Celtia Owens,

1 Psy.D. at time and a half, earphones
2 and a separate room.

3 CHAIR MCALEER:

4 Yes, that's correct. Motion please.

5 DR. WARNER:

6 Motion to vote.

7 DR. ZEHRUNG:

8 Zehrung, second.

9 CHAIR MCALEER:

10 Roll call.

11

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

13 Bradley, aye; Warner, aye.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 Report of Board Counsel - Regulation 16A-6320 General
17 Revisions

18 [Ronald K. Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel, reported
19 Regulation 16A-1620, General Revisions, was released
20 as an exposure draft to stakeholders on June 17,
21 2025. The Board received one comment from licensed
22 psychologist Salvatore Cullari, Ph.D., which
23 supported the adoption of the draft Annex. Mr. Rouse
24 noted the Board discussed revisions to the Annex over
25 the prior two meetings. He asked if the Board had

1 any other suggestions or comments on the Annex.

2 Chair McAleer asked for the reasoning behind
3 requiring an applicant to wait for six months before
4 retaking the test after the first failure. Board
5 members stated it was kept the same from previous
6 Boards, and they were unaware of prior rationale.

7 The Board discussed if the six-month rule was a
8 requirement of the Board or if it was a requirement
9 of Association of State and Provincial Psychology
10 Boards (ASPPB). The suggestion was made to amend the
11 regulation to be consistent with the current Practice
12 Act, which is to allow retesting after 60 days rather
13 than six months.

14 Mr. Rouse put the Annex on the screen, which
15 showed the Board had already made the decision to
16 remove the six-month requirement in section 41.42.
17 The regulation, as proposed, would allow for an
18 applicant to retake the exam in the timeframe
19 required by ASPPB.]

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21 MR. ROUSE:

22 Regarding Item No. 6, is there a motion
23 to adopt the Annex and Preamble for
24 Regulation 16A-6320 and direct Board
25 Counsel to continue the regulatory

1 process?

2 DR. WARNER:

3 So moved.

4 DR. ZEHRUNG:

5 Zehrung, second.

6 CHAIR MCALEER:

7 Roll call please.

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

10 Bradley, aye; Warner, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 [Daniel Warner, Ph.D., exited the meeting at 11:01
14 a.m.]

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16 Report of Board Counsel - PSYPACT Notice of Proposed
17 Rulemaking

18 [Ronald K. Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel reported the
19 Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT)
20 published proposed rules for consideration and
21 comment. The proposed rules can be accessed through
22 the Board's website under announcements or through
23 PSYPACT (<https://psypact.gov/page/PublicComment>).

24 Mr. Rouse explained the proposed rules are: To
25 add a residency definition as specified in the

1 PSYPACT legislation; to provide a better
2 understanding of the grounds on which an
3 authorization application can be denied or a
4 previously issued authorization can be revoked; to
5 expand the appeals process to cover denials and
6 revocations separately for clarity; and to revise the
7 numbering of the entire rule to align the new
8 additions.

9 Mr. Rouse noted the 60-day public comment period
10 ends on October 3, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. EST. There will
11 be a public hearing regarding comments at PSYPACT's
12 Annual Meeting on November 17, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.
13 EST.

14 Dr. Zehrung participated in an information
15 hearing from PSYPACT regarding the changes. He noted
16 the changes were to better align their procedures
17 with actual PSYPACT legislation enacted in each
18 PSYPACT jurisdiction. None of the changes undermine
19 or alter licensing authority in any of the
20 jurisdictions.]

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22 Report of Board Counsel - FYI- HB 1000 of 2025
23 Prescription Privileges for Psychologists
24 [Ronald K. Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel, reported HB
25 1000 of 2025 proposes to amend the Professional

1 Psychologist Practice Act to provide for prescription
2 privileges for psychologists.

3 Section 2 regarding definitions adds the
4 following: Collaborative relationship, controlled
5 substance, drug prescribing psychologist,
6 prescription certificate, prescriptive authority,
7 primary care provider, psychopharmacology, clinical
8 practical experience, psychotropic medication and
9 telemedicine. The definition of practice of
10 psychology would be amended.

11 Mr. Rouse noted section 3.1 of the Act would be
12 amended to increase the number of Board members from
13 nine to eleven. The number of licensed psychologist
14 Board members would increase from six to eight with
15 at least two of those members being prescribing
16 psychologists.

17 Section 3.2 of the Act would be amended at
18 paragraph three to give the Board authority to
19 examine for, deny, approve, issue, revoke, suspend,
20 restrict, limit and renew the licenses of prescribing
21 psychologists as well as the authority to conduct
22 hearings in connection with those matters. Paragraph
23 7 would be added to require the Board to keep a list
24 of prescribing psychologists along with certain other
25 information, including their name, identification

1 number with the Board, DEA number, and effective date
2 they obtained prescriptive authority.

3 Section 6.1 of the Act would add the requirements
4 for a psychologist to qualify for a prescription
5 certificate issued by the Board. Section 6.2 would
6 describe the scope of practice of a prescribing
7 psychologist. Section 6.3 would require a
8 prescribing psychologist to file their DEA
9 registration and number with the Board.

10 Mr. Rouse reported Section 8 of the Act would be
11 amended to add prescribing psychologists as subject
12 to disciplinary action for various reasons. Section
13 8.1 of the Act would be amended to require
14 prescribing psychologists to report multiple
15 licensure to the Board.

16 Section 11 of the Act would be amended to add
17 prescribing psychologists as subject to penalties and
18 injunctions for unlawful practice.

19 Chair McAleer commented he has learned through
20 the years that sometimes so much is put into a law,
21 it begins to constrain the flexibility of what a
22 person can do in their practice. He did not go into
23 specifics and thanked Mr. Rouse for the overview.]

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25 Report of Board Counsel - Regulations

1 [Ronald K. Rouse, Esquire, Board Counsel, reported on
2 the ongoing regulations before the Board. Regulation
3 16A-6317 regarding continuing education received one
4 comment on the proposed rulemaking from Independent
5 Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC). Regulatory
6 Counsel is beginning the process of drafting the
7 final regulation.

8 Mr. Rouse noted Board Counsel and Regulatory
9 Counsel are working to update Regulation 16A-6324,
10 regarding the Code of Ethics.

11 Regulation 16A-6323, regarding Volunteer Licenses
12 is being drafted and updated by Regulatory Counsel.

13 He reported Regulation 16A-6327, regarding
14 Accreditation, had the final rulemaking approved by
15 IRRC on June 26, 2035. 16A-6327 was published on
16 August 2, 2025, officially amending the regulation.]

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18 Report of the Board Chairperson

19 [Donald McAleer, Psy.D., Chair, reported on attending
20 the Pennsylvania Psychological Association Convention
21 with Dr. Zehrung. They gave a one-hour presentation
22 and received uniformly positive feedback. He noted
23 the attendees appreciated the statistics given in the
24 presentation, and they have been asked to continue
25 presenting. He added one request was a presentation

1 on how to avoid getting into trouble with the Board.

2 Chair McAleer also reported he will be attending
3 the ASPPB annual meeting in October with Dr. Zehrung.
4 He added there will be another licensee attending
5 from Pennsylvania who is not a Board member.]

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7 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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9 Report of Board Members - No Report

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11 Correspondence -Correspondence from Evan M. Forman,
12 Ph.D. concerning patient service interruptions
13 [Donald McAleer, Psy.D., Chair, explained the Board
14 had received correspondence from Dr. Evan Forman
15 concerning patient interruptions of service,
16 particularly in the case of death or disability of a
17 psychologist. Dr. Forman inquired if the Board would
18 consider adding a regulation advising practitioners
19 to have a professional will or document as to who
20 will take care of their material if something were to
21 happen to them. Mr. Forman also gave an example of
22 another jurisdiction who had a similar regulation.

23 Mr. Rouse noted the Board's regulations at
24 section 41.57(d) require a psychologist retain
25 patient records for five years from the last date

1 service was rendered. Section 41.57(e) requires that
2 a psychologist shall provide for the confidential
3 disposition of records in the event of the
4 psychologist's withdrawal from practice, incapacity
5 or death.

6 Chair McAleer noted the regulations direct the
7 licensed psychologist to have a plan in place without
8 mandating the specificity of the plan. He
9 appreciated the comments by Dr. Forman and recognized
10 the issue has been raised in professional circles for
11 several years.]

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13 FYI Items - PSYPACT 2nd Quarter 2025 Compliance Letter
14 [David Zehrung, Ph.D., noted the Board had received a
15 letter noting from PSYPACT's perspective,
16 Pennsylvania was out of compliance with reporting.
17 He added the Board is working on a resolution. Mr.
18 Rouse noted the letter provided information on how to
19 schedule a meeting for the next steps.]

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21 Upcoming Meeting Dates

22 [Donald McAleer, Psy.D., Chair, noted upcoming
23 meeting dates as October 20, 2025; December 15, 2025;
24 February 16, 2026; April 13, 2026; June 15, 2026;
25 August 17, 2026; October 19, 2026; and December 21,

1 2026.]

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3 Adjournment

4 CHAIR MCALEER:

5 Any questions or comments from members
6 of the public that are in attendance?

7 Hearing none, then I think we would
8 entertain a motion to adjourn.

9 DR. BRADLEY:

10 So moved.

11 DR. ZEHRUNG:

12 Second.

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14 [There being no further business, the State Board of
15 Psychology Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.]

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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.



Jacob Hill,
Minute Clerk
Sargent's Court Reporting
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STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
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