

IOWA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

April 22, 2011
Conference Call Meeting Minutes

Origination Site: 5th Floor Professional Licensure Board Room 526
Lucas State Office Building
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Reason for the Conference Call

This board meeting was held by conference call to ensure timely action on complaints and other time sensitive matters. It was not feasible to hold an in-person meeting, due to the limited number of items and the short duration of the meeting. In accordance with Iowa Code section 21.8, access to the public portions of the meeting was provided to members of the public through attendance at the origination site.

Call to Order/Introductions

James Moody, vice chair, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. He asked the members and others on the conference call or at the Lucas Building to introduce themselves.

Members Present

James Moody, public member
Brenda Payne, Ph.D (joined the meeting at approx. 11:30 am)
Eugene Glass, Psy.D
Ronelle Langley, Ph.D
Mary Johnson, Ph.D;
John Dilley, Ed. D
Sarah Henderson, public member

Staff/Others Present

Sharon Dozier, board executive
Scott Galenbeck, AAG
Marvin Firch, Bureau Outreach and Compliance Educator
Morgain Hall, representing Iowa Psychological Association

Review Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Review of the February 11, 2011 meeting minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

Reports

Reports were tabled until the next board meeting.

Public Comment

Dr. Morgain Hall asked for clarification of the reasons for removing the mailed license renewal notices from the board rules. Moody stated that with the current technology, everything is done via email or the web, and Henderson added that the renewals are now online instead of by mail. Dozier and Firch also responded regarding the transition of the licensure system to new software in which all processes are completed online. Online renewal notices will be part of the new system. The deletion also brings the board rules into alignment with Iowa Code Chapter 147. Dr. Hall stated she was not aware of the online notice, and is not certain that the IPA was aware of this. She asked if there will be a rule stating this. Firch noted that the current system will not be in effect right away, and in the interim a paper notice will be mailed. The first step is to delete the old rules for all boards, and review language for all boards to implement at a later date.

Administrative Rules

The prenotice amendments to Chapters 240 and 242 were discussed. Dozier noted that the only amendment the board received comments on was the removal of a mailed notice of license renewal. A number of licensees sent a letter in opposition to the amendment. There was discussion about allowing a choice for licensees without access to email. Firch clarified that by law the state is not obligated to provide a notice, but an electronic notice will be provided. Dr. Hall stated that she personally thinks the online notice will be acceptable, and will inform the IPA.

Dozier asked for approval to public notice the rules amendments. Approval was given by consensus.

Applications

The draft ruling on the petition for waiver of 645 IAC 240.3(3) and 240.3(4), submitted by Feather Gaither, Psy.D., was discussed. There was discussion of the fact that the board cannot grant a waiver, because Iowa Code section 154B.6(1)a requires that a new applicant shall possess a doctoral degree from a program approved by the board. AAG Galenbeck clarified that there is no evidence that the board has approved this program, and therefore the petitioner is requesting a waiver of the law, which cannot be waived. Dozier noted that she has informed Dr. Gaither of the prenotice amendment that would allow the board, at its discretion, to review non-APA accredited programs. Johnson noted that there is a shortage of licensed psychologists in the state, and that the board should review the school curriculum and decide case by case whether to approve. Glass made a motion to deny the petition for waiver submitted by Feather Gaither, Psy.D. Payne seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

James Moody, aye
Brenda Payne, aye
Eugene Glass, aye
Ronelle Langley, aye
John Dilley, aye
Sarah Henderson, aye
Mary Johnson, nay

The motion carried and the petition is denied.

Upcoming Board Meetings

There was consensus to cancel the May 6 meeting, as the needed action items will be finalized at today's meeting. There was also discussion about changing the August 12 meeting, and consensus was given to reschedule the meeting to August 5. John Dilley left the meeting at 11:55 am. It was noted that Payne and Glass were not reappointed to the board. They assured the other members that they had applied for reappointment, and appreciation was expressed for their service on the board.

Complaints

Johnson made a motion to go into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code 21.5(1) "a" and "d." Langley seconded the motion. Roll call vote:

James Moody, aye
Brenda Payne, aye
Eugene Glass, aye
Ronelle Langley, aye
Sarah Henderson, aye
Mary Johnson, aye

The board went into closed session at Noon. The board returned to open session at 12:15 pm. It was noted that Glass left the meeting at 12:08 pm. The following actions were taken:

Langley made a motion to close Case 09-002. Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Payne made a motion to file a statement of charges on Case 06-006. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Next Board Meeting

August 5, 2011

Everyone again thanked Payne and noted that it was a pleasure to work with her and Glass on the board.

Adjournment

Moody made a motion to adjourn, and Langley seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

The minutes were approved as written on August 5, 2011.