



**Virginia Board of Psychology
Regulatory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 22, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.
9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233
Board Room 1**

PRESIDING OFFICER: J.D. Ball, Ph.D., LCP

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PRESENT:** William Hathaway, Ph.D., LCP
Christine Payne, BSN, MBA
Gary Sibcy, Ph.D., LCP
Kathryn Zeanah, Ph.D., LCP, LSP (virtual attendance via WebEx)

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS: Aliya Chapman, Ph.D., LCP
Susan Brown Wallace, Ph.D., LCP, LSP

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Jaime Hoyle, Executive Director
Jennifer Lang, Deputy Executive Director
Charlotte Lenart, Deputy Executive Director

DHP STAFF PRESENT: Erin Barrett, Director of Legislative Affairs and Policy, DHP
James Jenkins, Deputy Director, DHP
Matt Novak, Policy and Economic Analyst, DHP

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Ball called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT: Ms. Hoyle read the mission statement of the Department of Health Professions and the emergency egress procedures.

**ESTABLISHMENT
OF A QUORUM:** With five (5) members in attendance, in-person, a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the September 26, 2022, Regulatory Committee meeting were adopted as presented.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: The agenda was adopted as presented.

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Jennifer Morgan, VACP Liaison
Steele Knudson
Ashley Holland
Chris Fleury, Health Policy Analyst, Medical Society of Virginia
Dr. Denise Malone, Virginia Dept of Corrections
Scott Castro, Director of Health Policy, Medical Society of Virginia
Denise Daly Konrad, Virginia Health Care Foundation

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment was made by:

Steele Knudson requested that the committee recommend legislative changes to address the lack of public notification when the board determines that an individual has practiced without a license, and to address concerns about unlicensed individuals testifying as expert witnesses in court.

Ashley Holland commented on prescriptive authority and reporting requirements.

Dr. Denise Malone commented in support of master's level psychology licenses.

CHAIR REPORT:

Dr. Ball talked about his meeting with Dr. Ed Tiller, Past President of the Virginia Academy of Psychologist (VACP). In their discussion, Dr. Ball shared with Dr. Tiller that the Board would not be initiating legislation for a master's level license and that any such legislation would need to come from a stakeholder. Dr. Ball stated that VACP Board of Directors appear to be advocates for a master's level psychologists license.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update on the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP):

The committee discussed the concerns and benefits of requiring part II of the EPPP prior to the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards' (ASPPB) implementation deadline in 2026. Dr. Ball made a motion, which was properly seconded, to recommend that the Board begin requiring part II of the EPPP, in addition to the current part required for licensure. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Update and Continued Discussion of Master's Level Psychologists:

The committee discussed the potential structure of a license to practice psychology at the master's level but also acknowledged that the board must wait for legislative authority before it can proceed forward. The discussion included potential titles, education/training, and scope of practice. The committee noted the need to differentiate master's level psychology professionals versus master's level practice in other mental health professions.

Dr. Chapman provided information from the ASPPB and noted that of the 17 states with a master's level license, 60% allow licensees to provide therapy, 20% allow assessments, and 20% allow other forms of practice. Dr. Wallace advised that Radford University and William & Mary has noted an interest in working with the board on training requirements.

Update and Continued Discussion of School Psychologist Shortage:

Dr. Wallace reported that, currently, there are 82.5 unfilled school psychology positions in Virginia. Additionally, she advised that schools report the main reason they are not able to fill positions is the lack of qualified candidates. They are working on a three-point plan to focus on recruiting, retaining, and re-specializing school psychologists.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on Prescriptive Authority:

The committee discussed the prescriptive authority and noted that VACP has not yet released a position statement.

NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next Regulatory Committee meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Ball adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

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J.D. Ball

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J.D. Ball, Ph.D., Chair Chairperson

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Date