



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
Board of Examiners of Psychologists

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
March 29, 2019

A Meeting of the Board of Examiners of Psychologists was held at 9:00 a.m., on Friday, March 29, 2019, at the Colcord Center, 421 NW 13th Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73103.

In attendance were: Susan Howard, Ph.D., Vice-Chair of the Board; K. Ward, Ph.D., Member of the Board; M. Basso, Ph.D., Member of the Board; T. O'Connor, Member of the Board; C. Grundy, Ph.D., Member of the Board; B. Frizzell, Member of the Board; J. Shirley, Assistant Attorney General; M. Schuble, Assistant Attorney General; M. McGrew, Assistant Attorney General Special Advisor; T. Rose, Executive Officer of the Board.

Members not present: S. Roberson, Ph.D., Chair of the Board;

Announcement and Introduction:

Dr. Howard announced that a quorum was present to conduct business. She confirmed with Ms. Rose that the meeting was filed with the Secretary of State and the agenda was posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

Statement of the Mission of the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists:

Dr. Howard announced the mission of the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists is to protect the public by regulating the practice of psychology in Oklahoma to ensure that only properly qualified psychologists practice psychology in the state and that the psychology profession as a whole is conducted in the public's best interest.

Complaints, Order, and Miscellaneous Disciplinary Matters:

As a member of the Probable Cause Committee, Dr. Ward is recused from this matter and left the room.

Dr. Howard presided as Chair.

Complaint No. BC 18-10; Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists vs. Randy Cochran, Ph.D. – Individual Proceeding

Dr. Howard announced that this meeting has been called on complaint of the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to determine or show cause, why the license of Randy Cochran, Ph.D. should not be suspended or revoked, or his license put on probation or reprimanded, for violations of the Psychologists Licensing Act and Rules of the Board.

Dr. Howard stated she is presently the Vice-Chair of the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and will serve as the presiding member of the Board at this hearing and Mitch

McGrew, Assistant Attorney General, will serve in an advisory capacity to the Board during this proceeding.

The Psychologists Licensing Act establishes that four members shall constitute a quorum. Confirmation of a quorum was identified; M. Basso, T. O'Connor, C. Grundy, B. Frizzell, S. Howard.

Dr. Howard announced that Dr. Cochran holds License No. 798 and that at the time the alleged violations of the Psychologists Licensing Act and Board Rules occurred, he had paid his licensing fee and was in good standing. Sections 1370 and 1370.1 of the Psychologists Licensing Act and Sections 575:1-1-3 and 4 of the Board Rules give this Board jurisdiction over the licensee and the course of action to be taken in dealing with complaints.

Randy Cochran, Ph.D.; Daniel Gamino, Attorney for Dr. Cochran; and Jonathan Shirley, Assistant Attorney General were identified.

Teanne Rose, Executive Officer of the Board, read the complaint.

Dr. Cochran contested the charges; therefore, the hearing proceeded.

Opening statements were presented by the plaintiff and attorney for the defendant.

Mr. Frizzell left the meeting early.

Board members were provided with evidence from the plaintiff and defendant.

Witnesses for the plaintiff were examined.

At 11:15 a.m., attorney for the defendant requested a 15 minute recess.

At 11:33 a.m., the proceeding resumed.

Witnesses for the defense were examined.

At 1:25 p.m., the Board recessed for a break.

At 1:35 p.m., the proceeding resumed.

Dr. Basso made a motion to enter into Executive Session, pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(8) for the Board to engage in deliberations or render a final or intermediate decision in an individual proceeding pursuant to Article II of the Administrative Procedures Act. Dr. Grundy seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Grundy, Basso, O'Connor, and Howard voted for the motion.

Board members returned from Executive Session.

Dr. Grundy made a motion to return to Open Meeting. Dr. Basso seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Grundy, Basso, O'Connor, and Howard voted for the motion.

Dr. Howard moved that the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners for Psychologists find that the Prosecution has established by clear and convincing evidence the facts alleged in Paragraphs 1-14 of the Formal Complaint.

Furthermore, that the Board adopt the Conclusions of Law alleged in Paragraphs 15-21 of the Formal Complaint.

And, that based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board issue the following penalty upon the Respondent's license:

- Respondent's license will be suspended for no fewer than three (3) years.
- Annually, during the suspension, Respondent will maintain the customary continuing education requirements, including three hours of ethics per year.
- In the third year of the suspension, Respondent will undergo a Psychological Evaluation by a Board approved psychologist. The purpose of the Psychological Evaluation is to determine whether there are any conditions that might preclude the Respondent from providing competent clinical care according to professional standards.
- Respondent will pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,500.00.
- During the time of suspension, the respondent will complete a tutorial covering the issues of boundary violations and being sexual with a client, and that the tutorial will be supervised by a psychologist other than the Respondent's therapist and the supervisor will be approved by the board and/or Board Chair. This tutorial would include the production of a scholarly paper that shall meet the satisfaction of the board.
- At the end of the three year suspension and upon satisfactory completion of the above conditions, Dr. Cochran may apply for reinstatement of his license on a PROBATIONARY status. The length of probation would be a minimum of three (3) years and would include supervision of Dr. Cochran's practice by a psychologist approved by the Board or Board Chair. Additional conditions of probation could be determined by the Board at the time probation begins based on documentation of progress in rehabilitation and any other relevant information.
- Dr. Cochran will be solely responsible for any costs associated with completing this agreement.
- At the completion of Dr. Cochran's probation, the Board would vote on whether to reinstate Dr. Cochran's license based on the evidence and materials accumulated from the above noted requirements.

Dr. Basso seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Grundy, Basso, O'Connor, and Howard voted for the motion.

Mr. McGrew stated that the motion is carried. This motion constitutes a Final Order by the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists which will not become effective until it is reviewed and approved by the Office of the Attorney General pursuant Anti-Trust Review.

Dr. Basso made a motion to adjourn the hearing. Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Grundy, Basso, O'Connor, and Howard voted for the motion.

Minutes:

Board members reviewed the minutes of the January 18, 2019, Board meeting. *Dr. Grundy made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2019, meeting. Dr. Basso seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Grundy, Basso, O'Connor, and Howard voted for the motion.*

Administrative Issues:

Legislative Updates;

Ms. Rose provided the following updates:

- SB 0160 and HB 2195 – Include the proposed changes to 59 O.S. §§ 1353, 1365, 1368, and 1370, in the Psychologists Licensing Act, as voted on by the Board at the November 2, 2018, meeting.
- HB 1444, Sunset Bill.
- Updates provided by the Oklahoma Psychological Association (OPA) concerning HB 2194, Physician Definition and HB 1057, PSYPACT.

Dr. Ward returned to the room.

Mr. Shirley informed members that his last meeting will be May 17, 2019.

Dr. Howard indicated that all remaining agenda items are tabled until the next meeting.

Dr. Howard announced that there is no further business to discuss. *Dr. Basso made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Grundy seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Grundy, Basso, O'Connor, Ward, and Howard voted for the motion.*

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Teanne Rose
Executive Officer

**Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
Application Review Committee Approvals
January - February 2019**

Psychological Technicians:

Psychologist:

Robert Martin, Ph.D.
K. Spencer Wilson, Ph.D.

Psychological Technician:

Carrie Critser
Leta Moreland

Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Approvals:

Buried in Treasure: Understanding and Treating Hoarding Disorder; Sponsor: LIFE Senior Services; 6 CPE hours; April 18, 2019.

Applications to sit for Licensure Examinations and/or Practice Under Supervision Agreements Approvals:

Applicant:

Allison Vrieze, Psy.D.
David Lovett, Ph.D.
Christopher Allen, Ph.D.

Approval for:

Change in PPUS Supervisor
Approval to sit for licensure exams
Approval of Postdoc/HSP for licensure

Licensed Health Service Psychologists January – February 2019:

Christopher Devon Allen, Ph.D. License Number: 1329 Issue Date: 02/11/2019