



State of Idaho

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Board Meeting Minutes of 11/15/2024

Board Members Present: Aaron Harris, Ph.D. – Chair
Jill Breitbach, Ph.D.
Eric Silk, Ph.D.
Dawn Cureton, Psy.D.
Denton Darrington, Public Member

Division Staff: Orin Duffin, Executive Officer
Russ Spencer, General Counsel
Candace Villarreal, Board Support Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM by Aaron Harris, Ph.D.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 08/19/2024 minutes. The motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Financial Update: The Board examined the financial report for Q1 of fiscal year 2025, and the Board continues to maintain a cash balance within the allowable operating limits as of 11/2024.

Strategic Plan and Performance Review (PMR) Report: Mr. Duffin presented the 2025-2026 Strategic Plan for the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, along with the PMR report which provided insights into licensing and disciplinary activities. As of Q3 2024 the Board is still in compliance with PSYPACT.

Respectful Workplace Training: The Board watched a video presentation from the Idaho Department of Human Resources.

BOARD BUSINESS

Appointments and Recommendations: The Board reviewed the nomination of Abhilash K. Desai, M.D., F.A.P.A., for the position of Psychiatrist Member on the Prescribing Psychologists Advisory Panel. In accordance with Idaho Code § 54-2320, the recommendation for the psychiatrist member must be made by the Idaho Board of Medicine. On November 14, 2025, the Idaho Board of Medicine voted in favor of recommending Dr. Desai for appointment. A motion was made and seconded to approve this recommendation and appoint Dr. Desai to the Panel. The motion carried.

Conference Attendance Reports and Request: The Board engaged in a discussion regarding participation in upcoming conferences. Those that attended ASPPB's annual meeting provided overviews of the topics covered such as regulation of artificial intelligence (AI), master's level psychologist licensing, prescriptive authority for psychologists, ASPPB by-law amendments, and Board member ethics. A motion was made and seconded to pay for travel and expenses for up to two (2) Board Members to the mid-year ASPPB conference. The motion carried.

Texas Proposed Amendments Discussion: The Board reviewed the proposal that had been rejected at the 2024 ASPPB annual meeting, focusing on aspects such as transparency, engagement, and potential revisions. Should the proposal be revised, the Board will assess and provide recommendations regarding the revised language.

EPPP Request for Public Comment: The Board noted that public comments concerning the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) were solicited via the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) website, as well as from The Idaho Psychological Association (IPA), and staff reported that no public comments were received.

Board Elections: A motion was made and seconded to re-elect Dr. Harris as Board Chair, and Dr. Breitbach as Vice-Chair. The motion carried.

Public Comment: Lance Giles, Lobbyist for the Idaho Psychological Association, discussed potential future initiatives and legislation for the Board, which included a proposed master's level license that will require review by the legislature's sunrise committee.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 AM.

The next meeting will be held on 03/04/2024.