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Board Meeting Minutes of 07/15/2026

Board Members Present: Jill Breitbach, Ph.D. – Vice Chair
Eric Silk, Ph.D.
Christopher Edwards, Ph.D.
Charlene Matheson, Public Member

Division Staff: Orin Duffin, Executive Officer
Janice Beller, General Counsel
Candace Villarreal, Board Support Specialist
Dyan Durham, Board Support Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 AM by Dr. Breitbach.

Introductions:

An introduction of the new Board member to current members and staff was conducted.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 04/02/2026 minutes. The motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Board Training-Respectful Workplace: The Board watched the DOPL Respectful Workplace video presentation.

Board Training-Open Meeting Law: Ms. Beller presented information regarding Idaho's open meeting law requirements.

Financial Update: Mr. Duffin presented the financial report for the fourth quarter of the fiscal year and encouraged questions from the Board members.

Legislative Update: Mr. Duffin provided an update on the 2026 legislative session. He briefly reviewed the legislative tracker, which included Rules, Executive Agency Legislation (EAL), legislation specifically affecting the Division, and other current bills. The overview covered HB703 related to Universal Discipline; HB777 concerning the Idaho Controlled Substance Act; HB935 regarding the merger of Dentistry into the Board of Dentistry; HB787 concerning the integration of Board of Podiatry into the Board of Medicine; HB822, the Pediatric Secretive Transactions Parental Rights Act; and HB 491 Emergency Mental Health First Aid. Ms. Beller then provided an additional, detailed update regarding Universal Discipline, and answered Board members' questions regarding HB822.

BOARD BUSINESS

Proposed APA Model Licensure Act Discussion: Dr. Mariann Burnetti-Atwell, Chief Executive Officer of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB), provided an update on recent developments concerning the American Psychological Association (APA) Model Licensure Act (MLA). She then addressed questions from the Board.

AI in Psychology Presentation: Mr. Duffin opened the discussion regarding the application of artificial intelligence (AI), noting that the State of Idaho broadly supports technological innovation, as demonstrated by the passage of SB1227 (2026) and HB107 (2025) within a standard of care framework. He stated that clinicians are authorized to utilize innovative approaches rather than pursuing regulatory approval for AI technologies. The Board discussed that licensees who choose to utilize artificial intelligence (AI) remain fully responsible for all care rendered to a patient. The discussion emphasized the importance of ensuring that AI-assisted services produce accurate, valid, and HIPAA-compliant results that are consistent with the applicable standard of care.

Conference Attendance and Updates: The Board discussed attendance at upcoming conferences. A motion was made and seconded to support travel as presented and to approve up to three (3) attendees at the ASPPB 66th Annual Meeting in Reno Nevada. The motion carried.

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

Public Comment: Dr. Breitbach opened the floor for public comment.

Lance Giles, Lobbyist for the Idaho Psychological Association (IPA), provided comments on HB822A and expressed his hope that the Attorney General's office develop guidance for licensees and the public regarding this bill. Additionally, he offered feedback on the Proposed APA Model Licensure Act Presentation and the discussion of distinctions between master's and doctorate level licensure titles. He suggested that perhaps the legislative standing committee for Occupational and Professional Licenses during sunrise and sunset reviews for this Board, may provide input on titles for future legislative action.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made and seconded to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Codes § 74-206(1)(d) and § 74-106(9) to consider records related to a licensee's ability to obtain or retain a license, which is exempt from public disclosure. The vote was: Dr. Silk, aye; Dr. Edwards, aye; Ms. Matheson, aye; and Dr. Breitbach, aye. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to exit executive session. The motion carried.

Expungement Requests: The Board engaged in a discussion regarding a licensee request for expungement of the record of disciplinary action pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-9413. A motion was made and seconded to approve the request for expungement regarding license number PSY-292. The motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

The next meeting will be held on 09/23/2026.