

## STATE OF OKLAHOMA Board of Examiners of Psychologists

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD April 5, 2024

The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists Meeting began at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 5, 2024. The meeting was held at the Colcord Center, 421 NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73103.

In attendance were: S. Sternlof, Ph.D., Vice-Chair of the Board; K. Choate, Ph.D., Member of the Board; A. Ivy, Member of the Board; C. Kunzweiler, Member of the Board; W. Berman, Member of the Board; B. Warren, Assistant Attorney General; S. Balzer, Assistant Attorney General, Special Advisor to the Board; T. Rose, Executive Officer of the Board.

Not present: C. Grundy, Ph.D., Chair of the Board; R. Pollard, Member of the Board.

#### Announcement and Introduction:

Dr. Sternlof announced that a quorum was present to conduct business. He 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. Sternlof 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.

#### Minutes:

Board members reviewed the meeting minutes for February 16, 2024. *Dr. Choate motioned to approve the meeting minutes on February 16, 2024, as written. Dr. Berman seconded the motion and the motion passed. Berman, Kunweiler, Choate, Ivy, and Sternlof voted for the motion.* 

#### Status of Current Request for Inquiries:

Ms. Rose provided the following updates:

RFI 23-2 – Pending Probable Cause Committee meeting.

RFI 24-1 – Pending Investigation.

RFI 24-2 – Pending Investigation.

#### Complaints, Orders, and Miscellaneous Disciplinary Matters:

Violation of Board Order, No. BC 20-4: Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists vs. Raymond Fuchs, Ph.D. – Presentation of Proposed Consent Order.

At the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists ("Board") meeting on February 16, 2024, the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Probable Cause Committee based upon the information received through RFI 23-1 and the investigation to file a *Notice of Violation of Consent Order* against Raymond Fuchs, concerning BC 20-4, and schedule a hearing for April 5, 2024.

Ms. Warren provided Board members a proposed Violation of Board Order BC 20-4, agreed to and signed by Raymond Fuchs, Ph.D., in lieu of prosecution. As provided in the Order, Dr. Fuchs shall voluntarily surrender/relinquish his psychology license, effective immediately upon the final signing of the Consent Order. Additionally, Dr. Fuchs shall reimburse the Board for costs associated with the investigation and prosecution of the previous Consent Order in the amount of \$2,000.00 and for the current matter in the amount of \$1,725.00. Further, RFI 23-1 is dismissed and closed as part of the Agreed Order.

Dr. Kunzweiler motioned to accept the Violation of Board Order BC 20-4. Dr Ivy seconded the motion and the motion passed. Berman, Kunweiler, Choate, Ivy, and Sternlof voted for the motion.

Therefore, as provided in the order, Raymond Fuchs, Ph.D., has agreed to relinquish his psychology license, effective April 5, 2024, and RFI 23-1 is dismissed and closed.

Unlicensed Complaint - U.C. 23-7: Ms. Warren presented a recommendation concerning U.C. 23-7 on behalf of Dr. Grundy and herself. The Board office received this complaint with a redacted report issued by a Licensed Professional Counselor titled "Psycho-Educational Evaluation." Due to the use of a protected psychology term in the title of this report, Dr. Grundy and myself recommend that a letter of concern be issued to this individual. *Dr. Choate motioned to send a letter of concern to the individual. Dr. Berman seconded the motion and the motion passed. Berman, Kunweiler, Choate, Ivy, and Sternlof voted for the motion.* 

Unlicensed Complaint - U.C. 24-1: Board members were provided a complaint received in the Board office concerning a Licensed Professional Counselor and previous correspondence sent to the individual. *Dr. Berman motioned to file a complaint with the State Board of Behavioral Health Licensure against the Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) for violating the licensing act by mispresenting himself and his credentials and also send a letter of concern to the LPC. Dr. Choate seconded the motion and the motion passed. Berman, Kunweiler, Choate, Ivy, and Sternlof voted for the motion.* 

**Unlicensed Complaint - U.C. 24-2:** Ms. Warren presented a recommendation concerning U.C. 24-2 on behalf of Dr. Grundy and herself. The Board office received this complaint with a redacted report issued by a Licensed Professional Counselor titled "Psychological Evaluation." Due to the use of a protected psychology term in the title of this report, Dr. Grundy and myself recommend that a letter of concern be issued to this individual. *Dr. Choate motioned to send a* 

letter of concern to the individual. Dr. Kunzweiler seconded the motion and the motion passed. Berman, Kunweiler, Choate, Ivy, and Sternlof voted for the motion.

William Chadwick Ellis, Plaintiff, v. State of Oklahoma, ex. Rel. Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, Defendant, Case No. CV-2023-34, in the District Court of Osage County.

Executive Session, pursuant to 25 O.S. 307(B)(4), with the advice of legal counsel, for the purpose of confidential communications between the Board and its attorney concerning pending litigation. *Dr. Choate made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Dr. Berman seconded the motion and the motion passed. Berman, Kunweiler, Choate, Ivy, and Sternlof voted for the motion.* 

Ms. Warren stated for the record that Executive Session is being entered into pursuant to 25 O.S. 307(B)(4), for the purpose of confidential communication between the Board and its attorney concerning pending litigation.

Board members went into Executive Session.

Board members returned to Open Session.

Dr. Choate made a motion to return to Open Session. Dr. Sternlof seconded the motion and the motion passed. Berman, Kunweiler, Choate, Ivy, and Sternlof voted for the motion.

Ms. Warren stated for the record and the minutes that during the executive session, no items were discussed that were not on the agenda no actions were taken.

#### <u>Applications approved by the Application Review Committee (February – March 2024):</u>

Dr. Choate motioned to ratify the applications approved February – March 2024 by the review committee. Dr. Kunzweiler seconded the motion and the motion passed. Berman, Kunweiler, Choate, Ivy, and Sternlof voted for the motion.

#### Executive Officer's P-Card Statements for Review and Approval (February – March 2024):

Dr. Choate motioned to approve the Executive Officer's February – March 2024 P-Card Statements. Dr. Ivy seconded the motion and the motion passed. Berman, Kunweiler, Choate, Ivy, and Sternlof voted for the motion.

#### Administrative Issues:

#### Monthly Budget/Revenue/Expense Report:

Board members reviewed the monthly budget, revenue, and expense reports presented by Ms. Rose. *Dr. Sternlof made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Dr. Berman seconded the motion and the motion passed. Berman, Kunweiler, Choate, Ivy, and Sternlof voted for the motion.* 

#### Special meeting date in May or June 2024:

Dr. Kunweiler motioned to add a Special Meeting on June 7, 2024. Dr. Choate seconded the motion and the motion passed. Berman, Kunweiler, Choate, Ivy, and Sternlof voted for the motion.

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#### **PSYPACT Updates:**

Ms. Rose provided the following:

- PSPYACT Commission Quarterly Newsletter.

#### **ASPPB Updates:**

Ms. Rose provided the following:

- ASPPB Newsletter April 2024
- Information concerning the ASPPB Governance Townhall meeting.

#### Administrative Updates:

#### Ms. Rose provided the following updates:

- The ASPPB Centre Guided Tour will take place during the July meeting.
- A notification will be sent to licensees of upcoming board vacancies.

#### Legislative Updates:

Dr. Emily Corley provided members with updates concerning current legislative matters on behalf of the Oklahoma Psychological Association.

#### **Public Comment:**

Dr. Sternlof opened the meeting for public comment. *There were no comments.* 

#### Adjournment:

Dr. Sternlof announced that there is no further business to discuss. *Dr. Choate made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Berman seconded the motion and the motion passed. Berman, Kunweiler, Choate, lvy, and Sternlof voted for the motion.* 

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanne Rose

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**Executive Officer** 

# ATTACHMENT TO THE AGENDA Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists Application Review Committee Approvals February - March 2024

#### <u>Psychological Technicians:</u>

Psychologist:Psychological Technician:Heather Gilliam, Psy. D.Caylee Winterberg, LPC-CAnna Mazur, Ph.D.Ivee Baker

#### Continuing Professional Education (CPE):

Ethics: Avoiding Going to Court and What to Do If You Can't; Sponsor: CAPS-Tulsa; 3 hrs CPE; May 17, 2024

#### <u>Applications to sit for Licensure Examinations and Practice Under Supervision Agreements:</u>

Amanda McLean, Ph.D. Approval to sit for the JP Exam and to practice for one year with Virginia license Melissa Erin Woods, Psy.D. Approval to sit for the JP Exam and to practice for one year with Virginia license

#### Licensed Health Service Psychologists – February – March 2024:

Brenna Dee Tindall, Psy.D. License Number: 1451 Issue Date: 3/7/2024