

**MINUTES**

**UTAH  
Psychologist Licensing Board  
MEETING**

**April 7, 2015**

**Room 474, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor – 9:00 A.M.  
Heber Wells Building  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

**CONVENED:** 9:04 A.M.

**ADJOURNED:** 11:45 A.M.

**Bureau Manager:  
Board Secretary:**

Dane Ishihara  
Lee Avery

**Board Members Present:**

Valerie Hale, Ph.D., Chairperson  
Steven Christensen  
Janiece Pompa, Ph.D.  
Aaron P. Jackson, Ph.D.  
Nancy Cohn, Ph.D.

**Guests:**

Dr. Nanci Klein, Utah Psych. Association  
Justin Nolan, UPA  
Thomas Higbee, UTABA

**DOPL Staff Present:**

Mark Steinagel, DOPL Director  
Susan Higgs, Compliance Specialist  
Vince Garcia, DOPL Investigator

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Introductions:

Mr. Steinagel introduced the new Bureau Manager, Dane Ishihara to the Board.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes dated January 6, 2015 were reviewed. Dr. Jackson made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cohn and carried unanimously.

Ron Kunzler, Assistant Attorney General

Mr. Ron Kunzler addressed the Board regarding concerns of mental health professionals administering different types of tests. Then there was an open discussion regarding the topic.

## COMPLIANCE REPORT:

Allison Hilemon is in compliance with her stipulation. She submitted her supervisor report. Her new supervisor is Dr. Jane Blackwell. She submitted her essay for the Board to review.

### Discussion:

Dr. Hale recused herself from Dr. Hilemon's interview. Dr. Pompa acted as the Board chair. The Board reviewed Dr. Hilemon's amended notice of Agency Action and Order to Show Cause.

## APPOINTMENTS:

Dr. Allison Hilemon, probation interview

Dr. Hale recused herself from this interview. Dr. Hilemon and Ms. Julia Kyte, her attorney, met with the Board. Dr. Cohn conducted the interview. At 10:02 Dr. Cohn made a motion to close the Board meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical, or mental health of an individual. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jackson and carried unanimously. There were no written notes. A recording was not made. The Board meeting opened at 10:28 A.M.

Mr. Christensen made a motion to withdraw the order to show cause and investigate further allegations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jackson and carried unanimously.

At 10:29 A.M. Dr. Pompa made a motion to close the Board meeting to discuss the character, professional competence or physical, or mental health of an individual. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jackson and carried unanimously. There were no written notes. A recording was not made. The Board meeting opened at 10:56 A.M.

Dr. Jackson made a motion that because new information came to light, and is a concern, the Board wants Dr. Hilemon to obtain a psychological evaluation. The evaluator to be approved by the Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Pompa and carried unanimously. The Board asked to see Dr. Hilemon on July 7, 2015. The Board wants to physically meet with Dr. Hilemon. **Dr. Hilemon is currently in compliance with her stipulation; however, the Board has concerns.**

## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Legislative update S.B. 246

Dr. Nanci Klein, Utah Psych. Association, Mr. Justin

Nolan, UPA and Mr. Thomas Higbee, UTABA met with the Board regarding S.B.246. Mr. Ishihara shared that S.B.246 is a bill that amends the Psychologist Licensing Act.

This bill amends the membership of the Psychologist Licensing Board to include a behavior analyst, and establishes a new part to the Psychologist Licensing Act. It establishes the practice of behavior analysis; defines terms; creates a license for a behavior analyst and an assistant behavior analyst; creates a registration for a behavior specialist and an assistant behavior specialist; establishes qualifications for licensure or registration under the Behavior Analyst Licensing Act; provides administrative rulemaking for the Division to establish continuing education requirements; provides exemptions from the requirement to be licensed or registered; establishes confidentiality requirements; and establishes unprofessional and unlawful conduct. The Board needs to establish rules to clarify education, experience, supervision and exam requirements as soon as possible. Mr. Ishihara will work on a draft and encouraged Board members to contact him with suggestions.

## 2. Qualifications for licensure by endorsement

Mr. Ishihara reviewed 58-61-304(2)(g)(ii) Licensure by endorsement with the Board.

This statute requires the applicant to hold a current Board Certified Specialist in good standing from the ABPP or currently credentialed as a health service provider in psychology by the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology or currently holds a Certificate of Professional Qualification (CPQ) granted by the State and Provincial Psychology Boards.

Mr. Ishihara shared that this statute is making obtaining a Utah Psychology license very difficult for psychologists who hold a license in another state and do not meet the license by endorsement requirement. The Board noted this requirement needs to be reviewed in detail and tabled this discussion until the Board meeting July 7, 2015.

## Board meetings:

The next Board meeting is July 7, 2015.

**2015 Board meetings tentatively scheduled:**  
July 7, October 6

**ADJOURN:**

Motion to adjourn at: 11:45 A.M.

*Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.*

7/9/15  
Date Approved

  
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Chairperson, Psychologist Licensing Board

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Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing