



**Board of Psychological Examiners**  
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
VERMONT BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS  
JUNE 14, 2024, MEETING  
REMOTE ONLINE MEETING

Members Present: Richard Root, EdD., ABPP, Vice Chair  
Ellen Grimes, RDH, MA, MPA, EdD. Michael Doyle  
Carolyn Basiliere, Ph.D.

Members Absent: James Huitt, Psy.D., Chair

Staff Present: Emily Tredeau, Staff Attorney; Noura Eltabbakh, Staff Attorney; Lauren Layman,  
General Counsel; Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator; and OPR Staff.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.
2. Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Basiliere, to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2024 meeting with the following correction: #4 (e) should read, "Casey Hayden emailed the Board with questions about whether providing hypnotherapy would require an additional license. The Board stated that hypnotherapy is one modality of psychotherapy and does not require additional licensure." Approved.
3. Additions to Agenda  
  
Applications for:  
Ashley Dobbins and Erin McKenney  
  
Continuing education for:  
CA 246773 – Considers for Clinicians & Case Managers Working with Gender Diverse
4. Other
  - a. Nicole Smith from ASPPB sent the Board an email with questions about the acceptance of CPQ. The Board had specific questions. This was tabled until the Board's July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - b. Kathleen Kennedy sent the Board an email regarding the EPPP2 Examination. Attorney Tredeau and Dr. Huitt attended the ASPPB Town Hall meeting and Attorney Tredeau updated the Board.

- c. Darrel Spinks sent the Board an email regarding the EPPP2 examinations. There will be a BARC meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June that will be attended by Attorney Tredeau and Board members. This will be discussed further at the Boards July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## 5. Applications

Dr. Grimes moved, seconded by Mr. Doyle approve the actions taken by the Board in the following application:

- a. Dobbins, Ashley – Approved for licensure.
- b. Hill, Jillian – She requested a waiver of Rule 4.12 (c), the “five-year rule”. *For applications received after the effective date of these rules: To ensure that an applicant’s supervised practice reflects a current competence for licensure, only supervised practice hours acquired within 5 years of completion of the application for licensure will be counted.* Ms. Hill’s hours are between 5 and 8 years old. The Board voted to waive the 5-year requirement with respect to all but 500 hours. Ms. Hill will be required to complete no less than 500 post practice hours with no less than 25 hours of individual supervision, by an approved supervisor as outlined in the Administrative Rules. Because much of Ms. Hill’s previous supervised practice took place in crisis settings, the 500 hours must be completed outside of crisis settings.
- c. McKenna, Erin – Upgrade to doctorate was approved.
- d. Shafi, Khawar – Education approved, except that the assessment coursework was insufficient under Rule 3.7(1) because of insufficient emphasis on psychometric testing. Mr. Shafi will need 6 supplemental graduate credits under Rule 3.8, in assessment as defined in Rule 3.7(1).

## 6. Continuing Education

Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Basiliere approve the actions taken by the Board in the following continuing education requests.

- a. CA 243789 – Assessing for Lethality – approved.
- b. ICE 286722 – CBT Training of Anxiety and OCD – To be reviewed by OPR.
- c. CA 244778 – Motivational Interviewing Course – 5.5 ceu’s approved.
- d. CA 244786 – Clinical Supervision Workshop – approved.
- e. ICE 287752 – Therapy with Autistic Clients – To be reviewed by OPR.
- f. CA 245800 – Projective Identification- To be reviewed by OPR.
- g. ICE 287878 – Maintaining Professional Boundaries in Psychotherapy – To be reviewed by OPR.

- h. CA 244794 – Psychoanalysis and the Unspoken – approved.
- i. CA 246773 – Considers for Clinicians & Case Managers Working with Gender Diverse – To be reviewed by OPR.

The Board, at its July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, will consider having the Office of Professional Regulation review continuing education courses in house.

- 7. Public Comment - None
- 8. The Board adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

2024 Scheduled Meetings of the Board: July 12,  
August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13