



**Board of Psychological Examiners**  
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
VERMONT BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS  
FEBRUARY 9, 2024, MEETING  
REMOTE ONLINE MEETING

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

Staff Present: Emily Tredeau, Staff Attorney; Noura Eltabbakh, Staff Attorney; Lauren Layman  
General Counsel, Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator, Prosecuting Attorney  
Rachel Heath, Michael Kupersmith, Julie Bowen, Docket Clerk; and OPR Staff.

Others Present: Stephen Pite and Greta Enriquez

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. Additions to Agenda

Continuing Education requests for:

ICE 265803 – Comprehensive Internal Family Therapy Course

CA 222806 – 2024 VT Geriatrics Conference

CA 222796 – Connecting Telehealth Clients to Local Resources

ICE 265774 – Breaking Down Barriers

3. Dr. Basiliere moved, seconded by Dr. Grimes, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2024, meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Hearing

2024-30 – Blake Harding – A Summary Suspension was heard. The Board went into deliberative session at 11:45 a.m. and came out of deliberative session at 12:39 p.m. Mr. Doyle moved, seconded by Dr. Basiliere, to grant the request for Summary Suspension as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Other

a. APA Virtual Town Hall Presentation: Master's Accreditation Update – Dr. Huitt and Attorney Tredeau updated the Board.

- b. Attorney Layman updated the Board on the Mental Health Licensing Study.
- c. Call for Nominations to revise APA Licensure Guidance – Dr. Huitt will attend and will update the Board.
- d. Stephen Pite and Greta Enriquez of Goddard College came to discuss residency requirements of Rule 3.5(g) with the Board. Goddard College will be removing the residency requirement from their curriculum and inquired if this requirement could be waived. Attorney Tredeau that the Board cannot routinely waive rules and it cannot make an across-the-board exception for Goddard without making exceptions for similarly situated programs.

6. Applications

Dr. Root moved, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve the actions taken by the Board in the following application requests.

- a. Bhuttu, Matthew – Additional information is needed.
- b. Shores, Lauren – Education approved.

7. Continuing Education

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

- a. ICE 265803 – Comprehensive Internal Family Therapy Course – approved.
- b. CA 222806 – 2024 VT Geriatrics Conference – approved.
- c. CA 222796 – Connecting Telehealth Clients to Local Resources – approved.
- d. ICE 265774 – Breaking Down Barriers – additional information needed.
- e. CA 224779 – VPSG 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Soiree – approved.
- f. ICE 265704 – Inner Work of Anti-Racism for White People – additional information needed.
- g. ICE 265703 - Inner Work of Anti-Racism for White People – additional information needed.
- h. CA 222784 – The Unbearable Heaviness of Being in the Clinical Moment – approved.
- i. CA 222791 – CASE Approach – approved.
- j. CA 223783 – NAADCA Code of Ethics for AAP's – approved.
- k. CA 224788 – Radically Open DBT – approved.
- l. CA 223786 – ARC Level Three – approved.

8. Public Comment - None

9. The Board adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

2024 Scheduled Meetings of the Board: March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12,  
August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13