



**Board of Allied Mental Health Practitioners**  
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
VERMONT BOARD OF ALLIED MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS  
DECEMBER 20, 2018 MEETING

Present: Tammy Austin, William (Bill) Scarlett, Scott Giles, Lynn Irwin, and Jaime Blouin; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Diane Lafaille, Gabriel Gilman.

Others Present: Leora Black, Leland Peterson and Kendra Schpok.

1. General Business

- a. The Board called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m.
- b. Mr. Giles moved, seconded by Mr. Scarlett, to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2018 meeting as written. Approved.

2. Public Comment

- a. Leora Black came to speak with the Board regarding Rule 3.2 and to ask the Board about creating a doctoral level of licensure for mental health counselors and for marriage and family therapists.
- b. Leland Peterson and Kendra Schpok came to speak with the Board regarding the draft rules around education and supervision for art therapists to be able to become licensed as mental health counselors.

3. Applications

Frederick, Jason – His application was not approved by endorsement from Massachusetts because the standards are not substantially equivalent. He submitted a letter to the Board regarding supervision and education. The Board stated that he would need to meet the current requirements as outlined in Board rules.

4. Correspondence:

- a. Joy O'Neill emailed the Board asking what documentation was needed to report supervision for continuing education. The Board stated that the supervisee and the supervisor would need to submit a letter as to what took place and the dates it took place. The supervisor would need to be licensed.

5. Other Business

- a. Review multi-agency outreach draft addressing appropriate use of crisis services and clinician responsibility for ensuring continuity of care. This was tabled.
- b. Rule reform goals, with particular attention to supervisory arrangements and non-conforming degrees was tabled.
- c. Projected fees for its professions was tabled.
- d. Legislative Survey – There was not a report to offer.
- e. Meghan Desmarais had petitioned the Board about having to retake the NCE as it was over 5 years since she had taken it. Additional information was submitted. Mr. Scarlett moved, seconded by Ms. Blouin, to accept the passage of the NCE exam under the circumstances presented. Approved.
- f. Elections:  
Ms. Blouin nominated Ms. Austin as Chair, seconded by Mr. Scarlett. Approved.  
Mr. Scarlett nominated Mr. Giles as Vice- Chair, seconded by Ms. Austin. Approved.  
Ms. Blouin nominated Mr. Irwin as Secretary, seconded by Mr. Scarlett. Approved.
- g. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2019.
- h. The Board adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I