

North Carolina Substance Abuse Professional Practice Board

12:00pm, June 14, 2019

Sheraton Imperial, Durham, NC

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Laura Veach, Mark Crabtree, Carol Hoffman, David Turpin, Geri Miller, Elizabeth Ramos, Starleen Scott Robbins, Angie Banther, Flay Lee, Anthony McLean, Lea Tackett, Dale Willetts, Cheryl Gentile, Mary Jane McGill, Jane Peck, Dottie Saxon Greene, Brenda Smith-Williams, Richard Hicks, John Sanders, Joe Leblanc, Kate Gomes

Absent (excused): Smith Worth, Fran Gordon, Al Mooney, Johnny Bass

Staff: Barden Culbreth, Katie Gilmore, Marcie Murfin, Randolph Cloud, Nelson Harris

Public: Steve Mange, Haley Gintis, Leon Jacobs

Call to Order: President Laura Veach called the meeting to order.

Ethics Awareness Statement: President Veach read the Ethics Awareness Statement and asked for conflict of interest or appearances of conflict. Hearing none, the meeting continued.

Presentation from Attorney General's Office: Laura asked Randolph Cloud to introduce Steve Mange, Senior Policy and Strategy Counsel for NC Attorney General Josh Stein. Mange presented to the Board an overview of the agency's efforts to combat the opioid crisis. He specifically spoke on the agency's new website: www.morepowerfulnc.org

Approval of Agenda: Dottie Greene motioned to approve the agenda. David Turpin seconded the motion and the agenda was approved.

Hearing – The Board held a Hearing to consider the Administrative Law Judge's recommendation in the case of Leon Jacobs. Motion to accept the OAH recommendation: Mary Jane McGill motioned to accept the judge's recommendation not to revoke Mr. Jacob's LCAS, seconded by Angie Banther. A vote was held with one vote against and one abstention. Leon Jacobs addressed and thanked the Board.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes: Elizabeth Ramos motioned to approve, Dale seconded and the previous meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Barden presented the Financial Report on behalf of Treasurer Johnny Bass. Barden presented the proposed budget for FY19-20. Discussion followed. Elizabeth asked that Barden speak with Paypal about credit card processing fees. Cheryl Gentile motioned to approve the budget. David Turpin seconded and the budget was approved.

Announcement of Election Results: Laura recognized Jane Peck who presented the results of the 2019 Board Election. The At Large seat was awarded to Danny Graves. Stephanie Robinson also won a Board seat. Kate Gomes and Elizabeth Ramos were also elected to their second terms.

Officers Election: Angie Banther motioned to accept the nomination of Mark Crabtree and Johnny Bass for Vice President and Treasurer, respectively, from the Officers Nomination and Election Committee.

Elizabeth Ramos seconded, and the officers were re-elected unanimously. Note: This is Mark's first full-term as Vice President, and Johnny's second full-term as Treasurer.

Readoption of Rules: Barden presented the rules package (.0216, .0217, .0220, .0221, .0222, .0223, .0224, .0225, .0226, .0227, .0227, .0228, .0301, .303, .0304, .0307) for the Board to approve. Laura asked for motion to re-adopt. Mark motioned for approval. Cheryl seconded. The rules were approved as re-adopted.

Government and Policy Update: Randolph thanked Laura and her faculty and students for visiting the NC General Assembly. He then provided some updates about the legislative session as it relates to the budget and occupational licensing boards.

Randolph asked that Barden present on a House Bill, H678, that would specifically affect the NCSAPPB. This bill contained language that would establish an impaired professionals' program, update Board name and clinical terminology, sunset the antiquated CSARFD credential, and substantially restructure the Board to comport with other occupational licensing board standards.

Discussion followed.

Some board members expressed frustration that they felt there wasn't enough prior notification of these changes.

Laura Veach and Mark Crabtree spoke about the Executive Committee's review of the proposed language and desire of the legislature to address the composition of the Board if any statutory changes were to be considered. President Veach reported that timeliness required the Executive Committee of the Board to review and approve the proposed language.

Cheryl Gentile was recognized and stated it was time for the Board to considering transformative steps and that she supported the legislation.

Richard Hicks described how the psychology board was appointed by the NC General Assembly and Governor; that it did not elect its membership.

Barden gave several examples of exposure the Board had based its current structure, and provided background of the US Supreme Court case, *Federal Trade Commission vs. the NC Dental Board*.

Discussion followed.

Randolph reminded the Board members that the Board was created by the NC General Assembly which had the authority to make these changes to the Board.

Laura asked Barden to present the update from the Board office.

Administrators Report: Barden asked that the Board stick around for a Board photo at the close of the meeting.

Committee Reports

Standards Committee – Dottie was recognized and thanked the Board office for their accessibility. She provided a committee update, including two Criteria C schools and three schools up for review. Kate Gomes has agreed to be the new Standards Chair.

Ethics Committee – Dale thanked the Board for their support and work together over the years. He also provided an update on the case work of the committee.

Quality Assurance Committee – Mary Jane thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve. Flay Lee will be the new chair of this committee. She provided the committee update on applicants who did not qualify for immediate access to the process. Discussion followed on associate programs in SUD.

Nominations and Elections Committee – Jane was recognized and thanked the Board for her time on the Board.

Unfinished Business –

Peer Support Specialist Report – Kate Gomes presented a report on Peer Specialist credentials. She had several certification models from various states for the Board to consider. She also discussed liability concerns for the Board. The report was presented to the Board chair and would be disseminated to the board later. Discussion followed. Starleen noted the division wanted to coordinate with the any action the Board decides to take.

Gambling Disorder Counseling – Cheryl motioned to table this discussion, and Turpin seconded. Discussion on this scope of practice question was tabled due to time consideration.

New Business –

Nelson presented an order for the Board to consider sending to Department of Public Safety to release documents in an Ethics Case. Elizabeth motioned to approve, and Dottie seconded, and the order was approved.

David Turpin was recognized and provided an update from IC&RC, which is restructuring and addressing its own unusual structure and liability issues.

Adjourn – Cheryl motioned to adjourn. Dottie seconded and the meeting ended.