

INDIANA STATE PSYCHOLOGY BOARD

MINUTES

July 8, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Ross called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room W064 of the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, and declared a quorum in accordance with Indiana Code § 15-5-1.1-6(c).

Board Members Present:

Stephen G. Ross, Psy.D., Chair
Jere Leib, Ph.D., Member
Gregory Hale, Ph.D., Member
Amber Finley, JD, Consumer Member
Raymond W. Horn, Ph.D., Member

State Officials Present:

Cindy Vaught, Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Dana Brooks, Assistant Board Director, Professional Licensing Agency
Heidi Adair, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda as amended.

Hale/Leib
Motion carried 5-0-0

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes from March 4, 2022

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as amended.

Hale/Finley
Motion carried 5-0-0

2. Minutes from May 6, 2022.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as amended.

Horn/Leib
Motion carried 5-0-0

3. Minutes from March 4, 2022 Executive Session.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written.

Leib/Horn

Motion carried 5-0-0

4. Minutes from May 6, 2022 Executive Session

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written.

Leib/Horn

Motion carried 5-0-0

IV. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Amy Osborne, Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, reviewed the consumer complaint report with the Board. Ms. Osborne stated their office has thirty-three (33) open complaints and has closed five (5). Ms. Osborne stated that the average time a complaint is open is nine point two (9.2) months. Currently there is one (1) litigation case that is not yet a month old. She stated that the consumer complaints their office has received have primarily focused on confidentiality disclosure and relations with clients.

V. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Probation

1. Sanka Samardzija, PsyD., License No. 20043349A
Cause No. 2020 ISPB 0001

Dr. Samardzija appeared as requested to discuss her ongoing probation. She stated that her employment has not changed and does not have any updated reports to provide the Board. She stated that she has completed her boundary CEs per her Order, and that she has requested to come off probation as she has met all her terms.

B. Applications

1. Victoria Disciullo (Ph.D.)

Dr. Disciullo did not appear.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

A. Abbie Jones, Ph.D., License No. 20043545A

Cause No. 2022 ISPB 0001

Re: Appeal of Denial of Petitioner's Application for Health Service Provider

Parties Present:

Petitioner was present

Albert Wong, Counsel for respondent

Lindy Meyer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Witness for Respondent:

Catherine Hadden, Ph.D.

Carrie Ball, Ph.D., HSPP

Joseph Biggs, Ph.D., HSPP

Participating Board Members:

Stephen G. Ross, Psy.D., Chair (Hearing Officer)

Jere Leib, Ph.D., Member

Amber Finley, JD, Consumer Member

Gregory Hale, Ph.D., Member
Raymond W. Horn, Ph.D., Member

Case Summary: On or about May 6, 2022, Dr. Jones appeared via telephone to discuss her HSPP application. Upon review of the application the Board moved to deny the application due to not meeting the requirements per 868 IAC 1.1-13-3.1 and 868 IAC 1.1-13-1.1. Mr. Wong stated that at the time of Dr. Jones' appearance she did not provide all the evidence to show she met the requirements. He stated that Dr. Jones did work at two sites, one at full time and one at part-time. She was supervised by six (6) psychologists, and her internship completed at Covered Bridge was publicly advertised. He stated that her primary supervisor, Dr. Carrie Bell, had worked with Dr. Jones to create the program used to meet the HSPP requirements. The program mirrored the one Dr. Bell completed for her own approval by the Board. Mr. Wong stated that Dr. Jones' primary supervisor was Dr. Olsen who is an HSPP. He stated that while the site was not APPIC accredited, it was designed to mimic an APPIC site. He stated that Dr. Jones was aware that the Board would ask for additional information due to this accreditation. Dr. Jones stated that her internship at Covered Bridge did contain clinical training and described some of the work she completed. She stated that she met with her supervisor at a minimum of once per week and completed training with two (2) separate HSPPs.

Dr. Hadden appeared as witness for Dr. Jones. She stated that she was employed at Covered Bridge and was one of Dr. Jones' supervisors. She affirmed the information Dr. Jones provided was correct.

Mr. Wong submitted Exhibit A with no objections from the Board. Exhibit A is a letter from Dr. Hadden that outlines all the supervisors of Dr. Jones and their credentials. Dr. Hadden stated that while she is a school psychologist, she has supervised doctoral interns for twelve (12) to thirteen (13) years. She stated that Dr. Jones completed her internship with two other interns.

Dr. Carrie Ball appeared as witness for Dr. Jones. She stated that she has been an HSPP since 2013 and submitted a similar program to the Board for review which was then approved. She informed the Board that she has several students like Dr. Jones that do not pursue an APPIC program but stated that she ensures the programs created mirror those of APPIC requirements. She informed the Board that Dr. Jones was supervised by herself and Dr. Olsen as her HSPP supervisors. She stated that in addition to their supervision, Dr. Jones was receiving supervision from other psychologists.

The Board took judicial notice of the 2013 Board minutes of Dr. Ball's appearance to discuss her HSPP.

The Board asked if she has a number of students taking this program, have they looked into accreditation. Dr. Ball stated they looked into accreditation; however, they will not pursue it as it was not cost effective for them to obtain. The Board expressed concerns that the internship at Covered Bridge was primarily supervised by school psychologists as from the information provided Dr. Olsen appears to only work part-time. It was clarified that Covered Bridge had Dr. Sally Davis, HSPP was also employed there.

Dr. Joseph Biggs, HSPP appeared as witness. He stated that he currently works at Murphy, Urban, and Associates in Terre Haute. He stated that he has previously served on the Board and as the Board chair. He stated that he has reviewed the copies of the information Dr. Jones submitted to the Board, and the program she completed. He affirmed that what she has

completed meets the requirements as outlined by the code and supports the Board to maintain a precedent.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Dr. Jones' appeal and grant her application for an HSPP.

Ross/Leib
Motion carried 5-0-0

B. Sanka Samardzija, PsyD, License No. 20043349A

Cause No. 2020 ISPB 0001

Re: Petition for Withdraw of Probation

Parties Present:

Petitioner was present

Lindy Meyer, Court Reporter, Accurate Court Reporting

Participating Board Members:

Stephen G. Ross, Psy.D., Chair (Hearing Officer)

Jere Leib, Ph.D., Member

Amber Finley, JD, Consumer Member

Gregory Hale, Ph.D., Member

Raymond W. Horn, Ph.D., Member

Case Summary: Dr. Samardzija was initially placed on Probation on March 19, 2020, based upon disciplinary action from another state and reported on her application for license. Dr. Samardzija was required to complete the following probation terms in order to withdraw from probation:

- Stay on Indefinite Probation for no less than two years after she passes the law exam.
- Must keep the Board apprised of her current home address, mailing address, email address, and residential telephone number.
- Must keep the Board apprised of her place of employment, employment telephone number, employment email address, and name of supervisor.
- Must comply with all laws and rules regarding the regulation of the practice of psychology, as well as any statutory provisions which apply to all health professions.
- Must Complete a PBI Professional Boundaries Course- Enhanced Edition: PBI Professional Boundaries and Ethics; Enhanced Edition (PB- 24EN). Comprehensive pre-course + three-day course on establishing and maintaining boundaries, enhancing ethical decision making, and mitigating risks. Credits: 34 CME/CE hours. <http://pbieducation.com/>.
- Must meet with the Board after she has completed her Boundaries Course.
- Continue to meet with the Board every other meeting for two years.
- Disclose to her employer or to any entity at which applicant is volunteering that she currently maintains a probationary license.

Dr. Samardzija stated that she completed the required PBI courses in 2021 and submitted proof of attendance to the Board. She has remained working in Illinois in the medical examiner's office and has been volunteering at the Carmelite Children's Center. She stated that she has had her current employer submit a letter of recommendation on her behalf and she would like the probation status removed in order to help the children's center. Dr. Samardzija stated that she has learned from this experience. She tries to help too much and not everyone thinks like her. She also stated that when she worked in a private practice, she did overwork herself. She is currently working with a mentor to help support her in this area.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to grant Dr. Samardzija's request for withdraw probation.

Hale/Horn
Motion carried 5-0-0

VII. APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

A. Limited Scope Temporary Psychology Permit

There were no limited scope temporary psychology permits for review.

B. Psychology by Examination/Endorsement

1. Gregory Hupp

Dr. Hupp's application for endorsement was submitted for review of his internship. He indicated on his application that it was not APA or APPIC approval. He was previously reviewed on March 4, 2022, and the board requested more information on his program and the accreditation. Dr. Hupp provided information that his program was seeking accreditation during his program, but that it still meets the APA requirements.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Hupp's application pending the passing of the jurisprudence exam.

Ross/Hale
Motion carried 5-0-0

2. Richard Kneip

Dr. Kneip's application for endorsement was submitted for review of his examination. He stated that he took a State Constructed examination in Michigan. He noted to the Board that he was having difficulty obtaining a copy of the examination for the Board, and that Michigan would only provide verification of his license. The Board noted that Michigan does have a Master level psychology license that requires a lesser passing score for the EPPP than Indiana. The Board stated they could move forward with his application once he shows proof of passing the EPPP. The Board tabled his application pending the proof of the EPPP examination.

3. Suzanne Ladson

Dr. Ladson's application for endorsement was submitted for review of her internship as it was not APA or APPIC approved at time of completion. The Board reviewed the application on March 4, 2022 and requested more information on her doctoral education. Dr. Ladson submitted a copy of her California application and a letter from Dr. Greer who affirmed the requirements of her internship. It was noted that Dr. Ladson's program became APA approved four (4) years after she completed the program, but it was designed to meet those requirements prior to the accreditation for preparation of the final approval.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Ladson's application pending completion of the jurisprudence exam.

Horn/Ross
Motion carried 5-0-0

4. **Matthew Davis**

Dr. Davis' application for endorsement was submitted for review of his internship. Dr. Davis is currently licensed in the state of Kentucky and has submitted copies of his Kentucky application and post-doctoral information for the Board to review. The Board stated that he meets the post-doctoral requirements, but he will need to provide proof that he meets the pre-doctoral requirements for Indiana licensure as it is not clear. The Board tabled his application for more information.

C. **HSPP Endorsement**

1. **Felicia Meyers, Ph.D., License No. 20043357A**

Dr. Meyers submitted a new HSPP application for Board review. She previously had applied in 2020 of which the Board requested that additional post-doctoral hours were required. Dr. Meyers submitted updated forms of the additional hours for the Board to review.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Meyer's HSPP application.

Horn/Leib
Motion carried 5-0-0

2. **Myriam Graham, Ph.D., License No. 20043452A**

Dr. Graham submitted an HSPP application for the Board to review. She was previously voted to deny as she did not meet educational requirements at the March 4, 2022. The Board met virtually after the Governor requested that all Board meetings be held in person. This caused the vote to be not acceptable. The Board needed to revote on her HSPP. Dr. Graham has submitted additional information for the Board to review. The Board stated that she still does not meet requirements.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to deny Dr. Graham's HSPP application per administrative rules 868 IAC 1.1-13-3.1 and 868 IAC 1.1-13-1.1.

Ross/Finley
Motion carried 5-0-0

3. **David Lairmore, Psy.D., License No. 20043583A**

Dr. Lairmore's HSPP application was submitted for review of his practicum and post-internship hours. The Board staff had reviewed and noted that his hours were obtained while he was an Assistant Professor. The Board stated that his hours do not appear to be teaching hours and they can be accepted.

Board Action: A motion was made and seconded to approve Dr. Lairmore's HSPP application.

Horn/Leib
Motion carried 5-0-0

D. **Continuing Education**

There was no Continuing Education for review.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Election of Officers

Dr. Stephan Ross stated that he would like to step down from being Chair and nominated Dr. Gregory Hale as the new Chair. Dr. Ross stated that he can remain as Vice Chair.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the selection of officers.

Ross/Horn
Motion carried 5-0-0

B. Appointment of Commissioner for PSYPACT

Per the new PSYPACT there would need to be a member from either the Board or the Board can select a representative from IPLA if needed to represent them before the PSYPACT Commission. The Board stated that as the PSYPACT is still new, one of the Board members would need to be appointed as a point of contact due to the Commission only meeting virtually one (1) to two (2) meetings per year. Dr. Ross was nominated to be Board representative.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the selection of Dr. Ross as the PSYPACT Commissioner to represent the Board.

Ross/Leib
Motion carried 5-0-0

IX. INDIANA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr. Rhoades stated his office is still receiving calls from applicants regarding struggles to obtaining an Indiana license. He stated that for individuals like the ones the Board reviewed today, there must be a faster way to review the information than waiting months for a review. IPLA staff stated that part of the reason for the delay is that they have to wait for the applicant to obtain and send in their information. It was stated that they do see his concern, and that they do forward applications to the Board chair for review to help address this delay.

Mr. Rhoades stated that it is not very clear on the website that the HSPP is a separate license, and that it is difficult to apply online for an HSPP. IPLA stated they understand the frustration and are looking into making it clearer; however, the HSPP has always been a separate application process.

The IPA is still holding Continuing Education courses as the renewal cycle is approaching the end. He stated that they will be holding a new DSM seminar presented by the APA in August.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, and having completed its duties, the meeting of the Indiana State Psychology Board adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Dr. Stephen G. Ross, PsyD, Chairman

Date

