

**State Of Alaska**  
**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**

**BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE EXAMINERS**  
**March 31, 2020**

**By the authority of AS. 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.64, Article 6, a scheduled board meeting was held at 333 Willoughby Ave. Juneau Alaska.**

**Tuesday, March 31, 2020**

**Agenda Item – Call to order and Roll call**

Board Chair Al Levy called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

Those present constituting a quorum of the Board:

Al Levy, Psychological Associate

Bradley McConnell, Psychologist

Chris Durham, Psychologist

Erin Johnson, Psychologist

Bernard Gatewood, Public Member

In attendance from the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing were:

Lacey Derr, Licensing Examiner

Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist

**Agenda Item – Review & Approve Agenda**

The Board reviewed the drafted agenda of the meeting.

**In a motion duly made by Chris Durham and seconded by Brad McConnell, with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve the agenda as written.**

Hearing no Ethics to report, the Board moved on with business.

Chair Levy updated the Board on his attendance of a Meeting of Board Chairs. It was presented SB241 passed and it was being discussed if there were a need to do an emergency regulation change or if there could be a policy adoption by the Board to implement areas of need in licensure.

**Agenda Item – Temp. Amendments to CE Requirements**

Because the licensing renewal period was not until 2021, it was decided the Board will continue to monitor the need to amend CE requirements based on the need. But in the interim, it was decided there should be a Board Policy Statement put on the website providing direction and recommendation

on obtaining Continuing Education specifically on Telemedicine Delivery. Discussion moved to Tele-Health Delivery and correspondence OLE Derr had received requesting Tele-Health delivery guidance. Some of the main requests received are regarding providing services to Alaska Clients with out of state licensure. Chair Levy explained the Board would be looking at using SB 241 to create an option for an "Emergency Courtesy License" which would relax some of the requirements of the Courtesy License and open needed licensure paths.

The Board also addressed the need to come together at the end of the year and review what the Board has learned over this emergency period. Possibly to permanently implement some of the changes adopted for disaster declarations. After some discussion of how (if) a masters level practice can be accommodated by this Emergency Courtesy License as the Board would have to verify if the academic program was equivalent to or better than the states requirements, the Board moved on to discussing Emergency Regulations with Regulations Specialist Sher Zinn.

#### **Agenda Item – Temp. Implementation of Tele-Supervision**

Regulations Specialist Zinn gave an overview of the emergency regulations process. It was explained that a policy statement would be sufficient for providing Tele-Supervision guidelines. But should the board want to require for example "2" credits of Telemedicine Continuing Education, that would need to be an emergency regulation. The Board was advised if they're not going to REQUIRE the specific addition to continuing education, the Board can write their recommended direction into the policy statement. The Emergency Regulations window was stated to only be effective for 120 days, after 120 days the Board would need to vote to adopt permanent changes effective in disaster/emergency declarations.

Because SB241 had just been approved, it was still being confirmed the board can adopt a "policy" change for an Emergency Courtesy License, rather than making an emergency regulations change. Reg. Specialist Zinn said she would go back to Director Chambers for additional clarification and provide OLE Derr with the answer. It was asked how long emergency regulations are taking to turn around and it was said "rather quickly". The Board agreed to take up the Emergency Courtesy License at the next meeting when more clarification had been received on "blanket regulations" by the Division.

#### **Agenda Item – Emergency Statute & Regulation Amendments**

Chair Levy submitted a draft policy statement for the Boards consideration. After Board discussion, it was agreed to amend the letter to reflect:

*It has been the policy and practice of the psychology board to define face-to-face supervision as the supervisor and supervisee being physically present together.*

*It will be the policy of the Board of Psychology and Psychological Associate Examiners that during the period of emergency declared by the governor to allow for supervision as defined in regulation to take place via internet communication tools.*

*This policy will remain in effect during the state of emergency declared by the governor. This policy is not intended to be a permanent change in policy. The Board strongly recommends that supervisors and supervisees educate themselves on best practice in remote delivery of services.*

88           **Upon a motion made by Bernard Gatewood, seconded by Erin Johnson, and approved**  
89           **unanimously, it was resolved to accept the Board Policy Statement as Amended.**  
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91       OLE Derr stated she will get the document to the Publications Team for including on the website and  
92       COVID-19 Board Resources page.  
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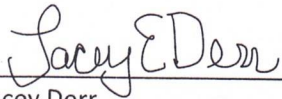
94       The Board agreed to set their next meeting for April 10, 2020 for the next follow up meeting to discuss  
95       the emerging COVID-19 needs.  
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97       **Agenda Item – Adjourn**  
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99           **Upon a motion made by Chris Durham, seconded by Brad McConnell, and approved**  
100          **unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting.**  
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102       Chair Levy Adjourned the meeting at 10:34am.  
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