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Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists Meeting Agenda

June 30, 2022, 10:00 am

The June 30, 2022 special meeting of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologist (TSBEP) will be held in-person in the Capitol Extension at the Texas State Capitol located at 1400 Congress Ave., Floor E1, Room #E1-010, Austin, Texas 78701. This location will be open to the public, but seating is limited to first come, first served. The meeting will also be broadcast for live-viewing at <https://house.texas.gov/video-audio/> or by [clicking here](#).

An electronic copy of the agenda and meeting materials will be made available at www.bhec.texas.gov prior to the meeting. A recording of the meeting will be made available on the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council (Council) YouTube channel after the meeting is adjourned. To obtain a copy of the recording, please contact the Council's public information officer at Open.Records@bhec.texas.gov.

For members of the public attending in-person, once the public comment item is reached on the agenda after the meeting convenes, the presiding member will allow those in attendance the opportunity to give public comment. However, due to technological limitations, public comment will not be taken via telephone or the internet at this meeting. Please note that public comment is not intended for a discussion or a question-and-answer session with the Board. Additionally, when making a public comment, please identify yourself and whether you are speaking individually or on behalf of an organization. All public comments will be limited to 3 minutes, unless otherwise directed by the presiding officer. In lieu of providing public comment in-person at the meeting, you may submit written public comments via email to General@bhec.texas.gov in advance of the meeting. Please use the email subject line "Public Comment for (enter date of meeting here) Meeting" to ensure your comments are identified as such and directed accordingly. Only those written public comments received by 5pm on the last business day prior to the meeting will be submitted to the board members for their consideration. No written comments received will be read aloud during the meeting.

Please note that the Board may request input during the meeting from any interested parties or members of the public in attendance during its discussion of an agenda item.

If you are planning to attend this meeting and need auxiliary aids, services or materials in an alternate format, please contact the Board at least 5 working days before the meeting date. Phone: (512) 305-7700, E-MAIL: General@bhec.texas.gov, TTY/RELAY TEXAS: 711 or 1-800-RELAY TX.

The Board may go into Executive Session to deliberate any item listed on this agenda if authorized under Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Ch. 551.

The Board may discuss and take action concerning any matter on the agenda and in a different order from what it appears herein.

Meeting Agenda for June 30, 2022, 10:00 am

1. Call to Order – Roll Call
2. Identify agency rules and enabling statutes that operate as unnecessary barriers to entry or diversity in the profession and possible solutions to these barriers that are within the agency’s regulatory authority; and conduct discussion and develop recommended changes to reduce or eliminate administratively burdensome regulations in psychology that are no longer favored regulatory approaches, or lack an appropriate evidentiary basis.
3. Public Comment - Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes per individual, unless otherwise directed by the Board Chair. Please note that the Board may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during public comment, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting.
4. Adjournment

Discussion Topics for Special Called PSY Bd. Meeting

The following issues have been identified by agency staff as potential starting points for the Board's discussion at its June 30th meeting. This list should not be construed as an affirmative recommendation that the rules or statutes identified must or should be changed.

It is important to note that the Board may choose which discussion points it will address and to what extent, and the Board may identify its own discussion points so long as they fall within the purview of the meeting agenda and the agency's jurisdiction.

Applicable to All License Types

Rule Changes:

- Whether to maintain the jurisprudence exam as a pass/fail exam or to transition to a no-fail exam like those utilized by the MFT, LPC, and Social Work boards. [463.30](#)
 - Alternatively, whether to maintain or revise the current pass rate of 90% for the juris exam for all license types. [463.31](#)
- The limiting effect of requiring LP and LPA applicants to apply with the agency first when seeking approval to sit for the EPPP exam.
 - This issue is derived from ASPPB's decision to require all exam approvals to come directly from the regulatory board, rather than ASPPB.

Licensed Psychologists

Statutory Changes:

- Whether the post-doctoral year is still necessary given the education, training, and skills acquired by students who undergo a year of internship as part of their doctoral training, together with the trend within the profession and other jurisdictions of moving away from requiring a post-doctoral year? [501.2525\(a\)\(2\)\(A\)](#)
- Whether the 5 year practice requirement for expedited licensure for LPs licensed in another jurisdiction is a reasonable requirement? [501.2525\(c\)\(2\)](#)
- Whether the supervision requirement for temporary licensure is necessary for public protection when issuing a temporary license to an individual who is already licensed and in good standing in another jurisdiction. [501.263](#) and [463.12](#)

Rule Changes:

- Whether to maintain the requirement of 3,500 hours of supervised experience for LP licensure when only 3,000 hours is required for applicants licensed in another jurisdiction and under the remediation rule. [463.11\(a\)](#), [463.10\(e\)](#), and [463.11\(g\)](#)
- Whether to maintain or revise the restrictions on practicum hours that may be credited toward the post-doc year requirement. [463.11\(b\)\(1\)\(B\)\(i\)-\(viii\)](#)
- Whether to maintain or revise the Gap Rule found at [463.11\(c\)\(2\)](#).
- Whether to maintain or revise each of the internship criteria set out under [463.11\(d\)\(2\) and \(3\)](#). When reviewing these criteria the question "Is this needed to ensure safe, entry level practice for psychologists?" should be considered for each.

Licensed Psychological Associates

Rule Changes:

- Whether to maintain or revise the coursework requirement for LPA licensure set out in [463.8\(a\)\(4\)](#). Are the six categories, with subcategories, listed in the rule needed for safe, entry level supervised practice?
- Whether to maintain or revise the 60 hour degree requirement for LPA licensure [463.8\(b\)\(2\)](#). Previously 42 credit hour degrees were acceptable, see 463.8(g).
- Whether to maintain or revise the 3,000 hours of post-graduate supervised experience required under [463.8\(c\)](#) before granting independent practice authority.

Licensed Specialists in School Psychology

Statutory Changes:

- Whether [501.260\(a\)](#) operates as an unreasonable barrier to appropriately trained LPs and LPAs by requiring them to be dually licensed as an LSSP before delivering school psych. services.

Rule Changes:

- Whether the restriction on LSSPs delivering services outside of the public/private school context ([465.38\(c\)](#)) is necessary to ensure public protection in light of the competency requirements set out in [465.9](#).
- Whether to maintain or revise the coursework requirement for LSSP licensure set out in [463.9\(e\)](#). Are the seven categories, and their subcategories, listed in the rule needed for safe, entry level practice when 501.260(b)(2) lists five categories?