

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 8, 2015**  
**Teleconference**

**Members Present:** Alice Bruce, Lay Member; Jerry Buchkoski, Ph.D., Member; Robert Overturf, Lay Member; Sarah Schilplin, Ph.D., Member; Karen Wiemers, Ph.D., Member; Bradley Woldt, Ph.D., Secretary; Member.

**Members Absent:** Frederick Magnavito, Ph.D.

**Others Present:** Carol Tellinghuisen, Executive Administrator; Jill Lesselyoung Administrative Assistant; Patrick Baker, Communications Officer, Department of Human Services; Justin Pierson, Department of Social Services Liaison to the Board; Laura Shattuck, Attorney General's Office; Thomas Stanage, Ph.D.

Buchkoski called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM CDT.

**Corrections or Additions to the Agenda:** None.

**Discussion of Draft of Applied Behavior Analyst Licensing Law Written into the Psychologist Licensing Law and Proposed Legislation of the Psychologist Licensing Law by the Board of Examiners of Psychologists:** Various perspectives were voiced regarding whether: 1) to focus only on the ABA Licensing Draft written into the Psychologist Licensing Statute; or 2) focus on both the ABA Draft and the legislative changes proposed by the Board of Examiners of Psychologist regarding licensing of psychologists. After much discussion, the Board decided that we could support the concept of adding ABA Licensing into the Psychology Licensing Law generally, but do it in a way that would make sense and protect people, which we did not see in several areas of the ABA Licensing Draft. The Board concluded that we could not accept as written, issues in the following areas:

1. Specific language needs to be present outlining the scope of practice of Behavior Analysts and the limitations of practice of Behavior Analysts.
2. The proposed addition of two Behavior Analysts onto the Board of Examiners of Psychologists. We would accept one member.
3. The proposed deletion of the need for Continuing Education credits. The Board insists that all professional practitioners need ongoing continuing education.
4. The proposal that there be two different codes of ethics.

Finally, the Board notes that our support for the ABA Licensing Law written in the Psychology Licensing Law is contingent on full support of the inclusion of the Proposed Legislation offered by the Board of Examiners to the Psychology Licensing Law.

Buchkoski adjourned the meeting at 1:00 PM CDT following a unanimous vote based on a motion by Schilplin and a second by Bruce.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley Woldt, Ph.D.  
Secretary