

**ADVISORY BOARD ON BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS  
Minutes  
October 1, 2018**

The Advisory Board on Behavior Analysts met on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kate Lewis, MS, BCBA, LBA, Chair  
Amanda Kusterer, BCaBA  
Asha Patton Smith, MD  
Christina Giuliano, BCBA  
Gary Fletcher, Citizen Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director  
Elaine Yeatts, DHP Senior Policy Analyst  
Colanitha Morton Opher, Deputy for Administration  
Denise Mason, Licensing Specialist

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Christy Evanko, BCBA, VABA  
Keven Schock, EPIC Developmental Services  
Joshua Baker, PSCA

**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Lewis called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**EMERGENCY EGRESS PROCEDURES**

Dr. Harp announced the Emergency Egress Procedures.

**ROLL CALL**

Ms. Mason called the roll, and a quorum was declared.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was amended to reflect that Ms. Lewis is Chair of the Advisory Board. Ms. Giuliano moved to make the correction. The motion was seconded and carried.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2017 and JANUARY 29, 2018**

Dr. Smith moved to approve the minutes for the June 5, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried. An amendment was suggested to the January 29, 2018 minutes to reflect Ms. Evanko's title as a BCBA.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Evanko thanked the Board for reviewing the regulations.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Periodic Review of the Regulations**

Ms. Yeatts covered the comments from Regulatory Town Hall, particularly those submitted by APBA, and asked the Advisory to note any comment that she had not covered.

She then opened the discussion of the regulations by pointing out that in 18VAC85-150-30, the word "mailed" needed to be replaced with "sent."

Next was 18VAC85-150-70, which does not require current BACB certification for the renewal of a license. After a lengthy discussion, Ms. Kusterer moved to amend the regulation to require current BACB certification for renewal of licensure. The motion was seconded and carried 3-2.

18VAC85-150-90 was discussed since there is no requirement that BACB certification be current for reactivation or reinstatement. Ms. Guiliano moved that the language regarding current BACB certification suggested for renewal be incorporated into this section as well. The motion was seconded and carried.

#### **2. Carr & Noski (2017) "Professional Credentialing of Behavior Analysts"**

Dr. Harp stated that this topic was information for the Advisory Board's review. Ms. Kusterer pointed out that the second paragraph of the Conclusions would be good support for requiring BACB certification as discussed above.

#### **3. Board Member Badges**

Dr. Harp told the Advisory Board that the Department of Health Professions would no longer be issuing Board member badges. Board members will now be given a temporary badge when working at DHP which will be turned in upon completion of their duties.

**4. 2019 Meeting Calendar**

Mr. Opher pointed out that the next Advisory Board meeting was scheduled for January 21, 2019, which is a holiday. She asked the Board members if they would be able to attend on the alternative date of January 28, 2019 at 10:00 am. All members agreed to the change.

**6. Election of Officers**

Dr. Smith nominated Ms. Lewis to service as Chair of the Advisory Board. The motion was seconded and carried. Dr. Smith also nominated Ms. Kusterer to serve as Vice-Chair of the Advisory Board. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Announcements**

Ms. Opher informed the Advisory Board that there are currently 1,055 Behavior Analysts and 156 Assistant Behavior Analysts licensed by the Virginia Board of Medicine.

**Next Meeting Date**

The Advisory Board's next meeting is January 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

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Kate Lewis, MS, BCBA, LBA,  
Chair

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William L. Harp, M.D.  
Executive Director

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Denise W. Mason, Licensing Specialist