



# Ohio Board of Psychology

DRAFT SPECIAL MEETING/RETREAT MINUTES  
FRIDAY MAY 4, 2018  
RIFFE CENTER, 31 EAST-B  
77 S. HIGH ST. COLUMBUS, OH 43215

## BOARD MEMBERS

President: Bradley Hedges, Ph.D., Psychologist Member, 2019  
Secretary: Denise Rabold, Ph.D., Psychologist Member, 2018  
Douglas Cole, Ph.D., School Psychologist Member, 2018  
Steven Keller, J.D., Consumer Advocate Member, 2018  
Ben Fields, Ph.D., Psychologist Member, 2020  
Alice Randolph, Ed.D., Psychologist Member, 2020  
Kate Borges, Consumer Advocate Member, 2021  
Kenneth P. Drude, Ph.D., Psychologist Member, 2021

## STAFF PRESENT

Ronald Ross, Ph.D., CPM, Executive Director  
Carolyn Knauss, Investigator  
Amanda Danko, Investigator

## 9:30AM MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY DR. HEDGES

### DR. RABOLD CALLED THE ROLL

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| Mrs. Borges  | Present |
| Dr. Hedges   | Present |
| Dr. Cole     | Present |
| Dr. Rabold   | Present |
| Dr. Fields   | Present |
| Dr. Drude    | Present |
| Dr. Randolph | Present |
| Mr. Keller   | Absent  |

Dr. Hedges called attention to the agenda, and led a discussion/orientation about the day's scheduled presentations, focused on topics related to the Board's mission and roles in the broader context of psychology, public protection, behavioral health, and regulation. As a special meeting, the Board did not approve policy, licensure, or enforcement actions. The day was divided into presentations by invited speakers and discussion on several issues relevant to the Board, to inform strategic planning and to foster communication about shared responsibilities and potential areas for partnership.

Joan Williams, Chief Consultant, and Allison Lynch, Administrator from the Division of Disability Determination (DDD), Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities made a presentation focused on psychologists' evaluative/consultative roles within the Social Security Administration's disability program. Discussion followed and centered on the Board's plans to develop educational materials and resources to clarify for psychologists the appropriate roles for consultative examiners conducting Independent Medical Examinations (IME) and treating psychologists from whom

information is requested in a work disability matter.

Next, Brain Carnahan, Executive Director, Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board provided an overview of his board's role, licensing requirements, enforcement trends, and possible legislative changes. There was discussion about scope of practice, including the use of tests and measures by appropriately trained license holders.

12:15PM Lunch/Discussion

DR. RABOLD CALLED THE ROLL

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| Dr. Hedges   | Present |
| Dr. Cole     | Present |
| Dr. Rabold   | Present |
| Dr. Fields   | Present |
| Dr. Drude    | Present |
| Dr. Randolph | Present |
| Mr. Keller   | Absent  |

Tracy J. Plouck, Director of Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS), made a presentation and took questions on the major roles and initiatives of her department.

The final presentation heard was from Wanda Mullins and Sara Castle, office of Medical Services at the Ohio Industrial Commission. Discussion and questions focused on the similarities and differences in administration, processes, and mission among BWC, the Industrial Commission, and DDD.

Dr. Hedges led a discussion on the major themes from the day. There was a focus on strategies to inform the Board's goal of clarifying standards and requirements for IME's for DDD and the IC, and responsibilities on psychologists providing treatment when questions arise regarding employment, functioning, and disability. Special attention was given to bifurcation in the claims process established by Social Security Administration policy, resulting in consultative examiners having limited or no access to historical records and psychologists on the in-house adjudicative team having no access to the claimant. The claims process as context received attention in that the claimant has a right to be interviewed by a psychologist during the process—such that IME's are completed by psychologists with varying levels of experience. There was additional discussion about master's-level practice, the EPPP-2, and the need for formal strategic planning when time is available.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:50PM, the meeting was adjourned by consensus.

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Ronald Ross, Ph.D.  
Executive Director

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Brad Hedges, Ph.D.  
President