BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 14, 2026

APPROVED MINUTES

Board Members Present: Wendi S. Williams, PhD; Linda M. Woolf, PhD; Debra M. Kawahara, PhD; Olivia Moorehead-Slaughter, PhD; Mira Jourdan, PhD; Arthur C. Evans Jr., PhD; Rhonda B. Allen, PhD; Mary Louise Cashel, PhD; Jermaine Jones, PhD; Elizabeth Klonoff, PhD; Elizabeth Louis, PhD; Margaret Kovera, PhD; Rodney L. Lowman PhD, ABPA; Ana Urena Rosario, PhD; Hideko Sera, PsyD

Board Members Absent: Lindsay Patterson, CIA, CPA

A. The Board voted to approve the minutes if its June 4 & 5, 2026, meeting and action taken in late June by unanimous written consent in lieu of a meeting.

B. The Board voted to recommend that Council approve amending the following Association Rules (bracketed/strikethrough material to be deleted; underlined material to be added):

120. EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS

120-2. [~~COMMITTEE ON~~] EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARDS

120-2.1 The Board of Educational Affairs shall determine the titles, criteria and selection processes for APA's education and training awards and may convene subcommittees or expert panels as needed to carry out this work. The Board of Directors shall determine award amounts and has the authority to act on recommendations regarding award recipients.

[~~There shall be a Committee on Education and Training Awards consisting of six members, three to be elected annually for terms of two years. At least one member of the committee shall be an early career psychologist.~~

~~The committee shall announce the recipients of the awards after final approval is given by the APA Board of Directors, and it shall report other matters to Council through the Board of Educational Affairs.~~

~~**120-2.2** The APA may award annually two $1000 awards, one for Distinguished Contributions to Education and Training in psychology and a second award for Distinguished Contributions to Applications of Psychology in Education.~~

~~The intent of the Distinguished Contributions to Education and Training Award is to recognize psychologists whose contributions enhance the effectiveness of psychology education and/or training in psychology.~~

~~The intent of the Distinguished Contribution for Applications of Psychology to Education is to recognize psychologists who contribute to effective teaching methods or the solution of learning problems in educational settings, including PreK-12 schools, through the use of research findings or evidence-based practices.~~

~~Career designation can be added to either award as determined by the committee.~~

~~**120-2.3** Ineligible for the awards are members serving currently on the committee, former recipients of the awards, and the current APA President and President-elect.~~

~~**120-2.4** Nominations for these awards shall be solicited in the broadest possible manner, including through announcements in appropriate publications. The committee may also nominate candidates as well as specify which nominees will be carried over to the following year. Additionally, the Committee shall systematically review promising nominations from previous years. Deadlines for receipt of nominations shall be established by the committee each year.~~

~~**120-2.5** Award recipients shall be invited to the annual convention to receive the awards and to address annual convention attendees in the year following the committee's decision.~~]

130-3. PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

130-3.1 The Board of Professional Affairs shall [~~announce its professional awards in a timely fashion in advance of the annual convention~~] <u>determine the titles, criteria and selection processes for APA's professional awards and may convene subcommittees or expert panels as needed to carry out this work. The Board of Directors shall determine award amounts and has the authority to act on recommendations regarding award recipients.</u>

[~~130-3.2~~ ~~The APA may award annually up to three prizes of up to $2,000 each for outstanding contributions to psychology as a profession. The Board of Professional Affairs shall select as recipients for the awards those who have made outstanding contributions to the knowledge base of professional psychology, in technical applications in the applied practice of psychological knowledge, or in the use of the knowledge base or the practice base in psychology for the betterment of the general public. These contributions should be seminal or innovative in ways that are judged to have improved or changed significantly the conceptual understanding of behavior or the applied practice of such conceptual understanding of behavior, or to have accrued significant benefit to the public.~~

~~1. The APA Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Applied Research. This award is given to a psychologist whose research has led to important discoveries or developments in the field of applied psychology. To be eligible, this research should have led to innovative applications in an area of psychological practice, including but not limited to assessment, consultation, instruction, or intervention (either direct or indirect). Research involving the original development of procedures, methodologies, or technical skills that significantly improve the application of psychological knowledge and provide direct and immediate solutions to practical problem areas will be considered, as will research that has informed psychologists on how better to observe, define, predict, or control behavior. Original integration of existing theories or knowledge is also eligible for consideration.~~

2. The APA Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Independent Practice. The award is intended to recognize outstanding independent practitioners in psychology. Nominations will be considered for psychologists working in any area of clinical specialization, health services provision, or consulting, and services provided to any patient population or professional clientele in an independent or institutional practice setting. Services provided to diverse client groups or patient populations, including but not limited to children/adolescents/adults/older adults; urban/rural/frontier populations; minority populations; and persons with serious mental illness, will be considered. Contributions can be judged distinguished by virtue of peer recognition, advancement of the public's recognition of psychology as a profession, relevant professional association honors, or other meritorious accomplishments denoting excellence as a practitioner including advancement of the profession.

3. The APA Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Institutional Practice. The award is intended to recognize outstanding practitioners in psychology. Nominations will be considered for psychologists working in a wide variety of institutional practice settings (e.g. schools, military, state hospital, Department of Veterans Affairs, etc.). Services provided to diverse client groups or patient populations, including but not limited to children/adolescents/adults/older adults; urban/rural/frontier populations; minority populations; and persons with serious mental illness, will be considered. Contributions can be judged distinguished by virtue of peer recognition, advancement of the public's recognition of psychology as a profession, relevant professional association honors, or other meritorious accomplishments denoting excellence as a practitioner including improvement of institutional service delivery systems or development of psychologically informed public policy.

130-3.3 The Board of Professional Affairs shall seek diversity in selecting recipients, avoiding as far as possible the consecutive selection of more than one person representing a specialized topic, a specific material, a given method, a particular application, or a specific specialized service.

130-3.4 Ineligible for the awards are members serving currently on the Board of Professional Affairs and the current APA President and President-elect. The following rules also apply: No person can receive a professional award in any two consecutive years; recipients are permitted to receive only one award in their lifetime per category of the professional awards; current members of the Board of Professional Affairs cannot vote for members of their own family; and those with a history of ethical violations at a state or national level or who have received disciplinary action from a state board of examiners in psychology are not eligible.

130-3.5 Nominations for these awards shall be solicited in the broadest possible manner, including announcements in appropriate publications. The category of the three awards in which the nomination is placed shall be based, insofar as possible, on a determination of the candidate's primary area of work. Deadlines for receipt of nominations shall be established by the Board of Professional Affairs each year. Nominators are responsible for providing the Board of Professional Affairs with an up-to-date resume and bibliography and a narrative statement detailing the nature of the contributions and focus of the nomination. Endorsements from other individuals and groups are also considered part of the record. All nominations are good for two years, after which nominators must reapply for another review. Nominators of the award recipients are also responsible for the wording of the awards' citation.

~~**130-3.6** Award recipients shall be invited to be present at the annual convention to receive the awards and to address convention attendees in the year following the receipt of the awards.~~]

140. SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS

140-3. [~~COMMITTEE ON~~] SCIENTIFIC AWARDS

140-3.1 The Board of Scientific Affairs shall determine the titles, criteria and selection processes for APA's scientific awards and may convene subcommittees or expert panels as needed to carry out this work. The Board of Directors shall determine award amounts and has the authority to act on recommendations regarding award recipients.

~~[There shall be a Committee on Scientific Awards consisting of six members, two of whom shall be elected each year for terms of three years. At least one member of the Committee shall be an early career psychologist. The Committee shall announce the recipients of the awards at the annual convention, and it shall report other matters to Council through the Board of Scientific Affairs.~~

~~**140-3.2** The APA may award annually up to four prizes of up to $2,000 each for outstanding contributions to the science of psychology. Three of these awards are to be known as the "APA Award for Distinguished Scientific Contributions." The Committee shall select recipients for the awards who, in its opinion, have made distinguished theoretical or empirical contributions to basic research in psychology. The fourth award in the amount of up to $2,000 shall be known as the "APA Distinguished Scientific Award for the Applications of Psychology." The award is for distinguished theoretical or empirical advances leading to the understanding or amelioration of important practical problems. The Committee shall seek diversity in selecting recipients, avoiding so far as possible the selection of more than one person representing a specialized topic, a specific material, a given method, or a particular application.~~

~~There shall be an increase in the number of these senior scientific awards from four to seven per year for calendar years 1987, 1988, and 1989.~~

~~**140-3.3** The APA may award five annual prizes of up to $1,000 for important contributions to the science of psychology made by younger people early in their career. The award is known as the "APA Distinguished Scientific Awards for an Early Career Contribution to Psychology." It is expected that award will focus more on specific contributions rather than on continuing contributions.~~

~~**140-3.4** Ineligible for the awards are members serving currently on the Committee, former recipients of the award in question, and the current APA President and President-elect.~~

~~**140-3.5** Nominations for these awards shall be solicited in the broadest possible manner, including announcements in appropriate publications. Deadlines for receipt of nominations shall be established by the Committee each year. Additionally, the Committee shall systematically review promising nominations from previous years.~~

~~**140-3.6** Award recipients are invited to the APA annual convention to receive the award and to address convention attendees in the year following the receipt of the award.~~]

150. PUBLIC INTEREST

150-3. [~~COMMITTEE ON~~] PSYCHOLOGY IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AWARDS

150-3.1 The Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest shall determine the titles, criteria and selection processes for APA's psychology in the public interest awards and may convene subcommittees or expert panels as needed to carry out this work. The Board of Directors shall determine award amounts and has the authority to act on recommendations regarding award recipients.

[~~There shall be a Committee on Psychology in the Public Interest Awards consisting of the current Chair of the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest, the two past Chairs, and two psychologists appointed by Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest who are members of the Association but not members of the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest and who will reflect the diversity of public interest constituencies. At least one member of the Committee shall be an early career psychologist. The Committee shall announce the recipients of the awards at the annual convention, and it shall report other matters to Council through the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest.~~

~~**150-3.2** The APA may award annually up to three prizes of up to $2,000 each for outstanding contributions to psychology in the public interest and for outstanding contributions to research in public policy. Two of these awards are to be known as the "APA Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology in the Public Interest." The Committee shall select recipients whose single extraordinary achievement or a lifetime of outstanding contributions have met one or more of the following criteria: (a) courageous and distinctive contribution in the science or profession of psychology that makes a material contribution to the solution of one of the world's intransigent social problems; (b) distinctive and innovative contribution that makes the science and/or profession of psychology more accessible in a positive manner to a greater number of persons; and (c) an integration of the science and/or profession of psychology with social action in a manner beneficial to all.~~

~~**150-3.3** The third award in the amount of up to $2,000 shall be known as the "APA Award for Distinguished Contributions to Research in Public Policy." The award is for a distinguished empirical or theoretical contribution to research in public policy. This contribution may consist of: (a) sound research that leads others to view specific national policies differently; (b) research that provides evidence directly relevant to public policy alternatives; (c) research that demonstrates the importance of the application of psychological methods and theory to public policy; and (d) research that clarifies the ways in which scientific knowledge regarding human behavior informs public policy.~~

~~**150-3.4** Ineligible for the awards are members serving on the Committee and on the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest, former recipients of the award, and the current APA President and President-elect.~~

~~**150-3.5** Nominations for these awards shall be solicited in the broadest possible manner, including placement of announcements in appropriate publications. The Committee may also nominate candidates. Additionally, the Committee shall systematically review promising nominations from previous years. Deadlines for receipt of nominations shall be established by the Committee each year.~~

~~**150-3.6** Award recipients shall be invited to the APA annual convention to receive the awards and to address convention attendees in the year following the receipt of the awards.~~]

C. In executive session, the Board voted to appoint John Ruiz, PhD, as the next Editor for the American Psychologist for a term starting January 1, 2027.

D. The Board voted to recommend that Council approve the endorsement by the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology (SIOP), Division 14 of APA, of the Psychological Specialty in Industrial-Organizational Psychology (PSI-O) certification offered by the Psychology Credential Center, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Prior to any use of the APA name, reference to SIOP as Division 14 of APA, or the reference to Council approval, in connection with the marketing and promotion of the PSI-O certification, SIOP, Inc. shall enter into a trademark license agreement with APA, on terms approved by the APA Board of Directors, governing the use of the APA name, the reference to SIOP as Division 14 of APA, and the reference to Council approval, in connection with the marketing and promotion of the PSI-O certification;

(b) APA shall receive licensing royalties commensurate with a fair market value of the APA name and brand under the trademark license agreement executed pursuant to condition (a), on terms mutually negotiated and acceptable to SIOP, Inc. and to APA's Executive Leadership, after review by the Office of General Counsel, and final approval of the Board of Directors;

(c) All marketing and promotional materials prepared by SIOP that reference APA, SIOP's status as Division 14 of APA, or Council's approval of this endorsement shall be submitted to APA staff for review and approval prior to publication or distribution. SIOP, Inc. shall include in its agreement with PCC a prohibition on any PCC reference to APA, SIOP's Division 14 status, or Council approval in marketing or promotional materials except as authorized under a trademark license agreement executed with APA;

(d) SIOP shall request the following data from PCC annually and shall provide APA with such data as PCC furnishes: enrollment data, pass/fail rates, consumer complaints, and any material changes to examination content, eligibility requirements, or program governance;

(e) APA reserves the right to withdraw this approval upon a determination by the Board of Directors that the PSI-O program has materially failed to maintain standards consistent with APA policies, the APA Ethics Code, or the representations made in connection with this approval. Prior to any withdrawal, APA shall provide SIOP and PCC with written notice and a reasonable opportunity to cure the identified deficiency;

(f) This endorsement shall be reviewed by Council no later than August 2031 to determine whether continued approval is warranted, based on the PSI-O program's continued compliance with the conditions of this approval and the standards represented to Council;

(g) Nothing in this approval shall be construed to limit APA's authority to develop, operate, or endorse other credentialing programs for applied psychologists, or for any psychologists or psychology professionals; and

(h) This approval constitutes an endorsement of the PSI-O certification as described in the materials presented to Council (Exhibits 1 through 5) and pursuant to Association Rule 30-8. It does not constitute APA or SIOP establishment of, or participation in, the credentialing program itself. PCC is responsible for the day-to-day development, content, administration, and governance of the PSI-O certification. SIOP's role is limited to endorsement. SIOP shall notify APA promptly upon becoming aware of any material change to the PSI-O program's examination content domains, eligibility requirements, or governance structure. Nothing in this approval relieves APA Division 14 of its obligations under Article VI, Section 5 of the APA Bylaws or any other provision of the Bylaws or Association Rules.

E. The Board voted to approve that the 2027 APA/APASi membership dues allocation remain at 40% of dues allocated to the C3 and 60% of the dues allocated to the C6.

F. The Board voted to accept the audited financial statements of APA Consolidated, APA 750 LLC, APA 10G LLC and APA Service, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2025, and the Supplemental Financial Report (A-133).

G. The Board voted to recommend that Council approve the following motion:

Pursuant to Association Rule 210-2.3, Council approves an unbudgeted expenditure that may exceed $3 million in the aggregate for legal fees, outside counsel, political consulting, document review, production, and related costs arising from the following matters:

1) The House Committee on Education and Workforce investigation concerning allegations of antisemitism within APA and its divisions;
2) The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights investigation (OCR Transaction Number 25-634830) concerning allegations of antisemitism within APA and its divisions; and
3) Any related federal investigations, litigation, subpoenas, or enforcement activity arising from or connected to the above matters.

Council directs APA staff, under the direction of the CEO and the General Counsel, with oversight by the Board of Directors, to engage and compensate outside counsel, consultants, and vendors from the long-term investment portfolio as necessary to respond to these matters, subject to ongoing review by the Board of Directors.

Additionally, consistent with Association Rule 30-6.6, the Board, the CEO and the General Counsel shall provide Council with periodic updates on the status of these matters and associated costs, while safeguarding applicable privilege and confidentiality protections.

H. The Board received an update on APA's work on AI.

I. The Board received as information the charge, procedures and anticipated schedule for the Board's Work Group on the Model Licensure Act Psychology Exemption.