



Board of Educational Affairs (BEA) Meeting

Thursday, December 18, 2025, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. via Zoom

BEA Members: Peggy Brady-Amoon, PhD (Chair); Karen Brakke, PhD; Laura Koppes Bryan, PhD; Tim Cavell, PhD; Cynthia Cornejo, PsyD; Janelle Farias; Roseanne Flores, PhD; Michele Gregoire Gill, PhD; Annette Kluck, PhD; Lali McCubbin, PhD; Jenni Redifer, PhD. Not present: Kim Gorgens, PhD; Sam McQuillin, PhD.

Guest: Jessica Reinhardt, PhD

APA Staff: Nicole Barnes, PhD (Head of Education); Bob Walsh; Jessica Hopey; Jennifer Taylor, PhD; Karen Stamm, PhD; Josh Merin, Kenneth Polishchuk, Wendy Williams, PhD

Board of Directors/Council of Representatives Liaisons: Joe Comaty, PhD (Council Liaison Oversight Committee).

Liaisons & Observers: Paul Kettlewell, PhD (Board of Professional Affairs); Debra Mollen, PhD (Council of Counseling Psychology Training Programs); Ramona Mellot, PhD (Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards); Mark Sampson, PhD (Association of Counseling Center Training Agencies); Kelli Johnson, PhD (National Council for Schools and Programs of Professional Psychology); A. Jordan Wright, PhD (Society for Personality Assessment); Emily Mouilso, PhD (Council of University Directors of Clinical Psychology); Erika Felix, PhD (Committee on Children, Youth, and Families); Andrew Christopher, PhD (Society for Teaching of Psychology); Paula Shear, PhD (Council of Graduate Departments of Psychology); Susan Opatow, PhD.

Call to Order

Dr. Peggy Brady-Amoon, 2025 BEA Chair, welcomed attendees and introduced Dr. Lali McCubbin as the BEA Chair-Elect. Dr. Nicole Barnes, Head of APA Education, introduced herself.

Education and Training Advocacy

Kenneth Polishchuk, Deputy Chief for APA Education and Training Policy, provided updates.

Approval of Minutes

- APPROVED: BEA voted to approve the minutes from its October 20, 2025, meeting.

BEA Convention Hours: 2026 Programming

BEA engaged in early discussion surrounding ideas for their 2026 convention programming hours.

Liaison Reports: Commission on Accreditation (CoA), Council of Chairs of Training Councils (CCTC), and Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest (BAPPI)

Dr. Lali McCubbin (CYF liaison and substitute liaison for the fall CCTC meeting) and Dr. Roseanne Flores (BAPPI liaison) provided brief verbal updates.

Updates from BEA Representatives on APA Work Groups & Task Forces

Dr. Annette Kluck (Fairness in Licensure Examinations) and Dr. Tim Cavell (Evaluation of Elected and Appointed Leader Structure and Activities) gave brief updates.

Addressing Challenges in Health Service Psychology Education & Training

BEA began discussion of issues to potentially address and areas for collaboration to make a positive impact on health service psychology education and training in 2026.