

**Meeting of the Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and
Subspecialties in Professional Psychology
March 25, 2025**

Spring 2025 Open Session Minutes

Commissioners present: Trista A. Perez Crawford, PhD (Chair), Adeirdre Stribling Riley, PhD (Vice Chair), Linda Berg-Cross, PhD, ABPP, Sharon Bowman, PhD, ABPP (partial attendance), Jennifer Ho, PsyD, Lindsay Phillips, PsyD, ABPP, Steven Smith, JD, Samuel Song, PhD, Kathleen Brown, PhD, Lenore Walker, EdD

<https://www.apa.org/ed/graduate/specialize/crsspp>

Staff present: Jennifer Taylor, PhD, and Kristen Knight-Griffin, MPS

Liaison present: Leonardo Caraballo, PsyD, ABPP (CoS)

Action O1: Approval of Minutes from Fall 2024 Open Session

CRSSPP was asked to approve the minutes from the Fall 2024 open session of the Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and Subspecialties in Professional Psychology (CRSSPP).

ACTION: CRSSPP approved the minutes from the Fall 2024 open session as written.

Item O2: Liaison and Observer Reports

An update on activities of various boards, committees and external groups was provided to CRSSPP as information.

Specifically, Dr. Leonardo Caraballo attended as a representative from the Council of Specialties (CoS), on behalf of Dr. Scott Sperling. Several initiatives were discussed, including better communications between other organizations and CRSSPP (e.g., ensuring there are readily available liaisons for each organization), in addition to the focus on organizational efforts.

Additionally, Dr. Sam Song provided APA staff liaison, Dr. Jennifer Taylor, with an update from APAGS's representative, Lamia Bagasrawala, which was shared with the Commissioners. Lamia noted that APAGS has been actively involved in providing comments on the various specialty petitions. As student leaders, they are continuing to advocate for graduate student affordability and issues related to promoting psychological science.

Item O3: Council of Representatives Update

The Commission was provided with this item as information pertaining to the February 2025 meeting of the Council of Representatives (Council). Council passed several policy statements, including *APA's Continued Commitment to Justice, Human Rights, Fairness, and Dignity and Advancing Evidence-Based Intervention Across the Lifespan*; several resolutions, including *Protecting Psychological Test Data* and *The Resolution on the Protection of Neural and Cognitive Data*; two motions to approve revisions to

policies to better align APA's efforts to support and integrate master's degree psychology professionals into the profession; and three sets of guidelines (i.e., *Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Treatment of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder in Adults*, *Professional Practice Guidelines on Measurement-Based Care*, and *Guidelines for Psychological Practice in Health Care Delivery Systems*).

Item 04: Orientation Debrief

The Commission for the Recognition of Specialties and Subs specialties in Professional Psychology (CRSSPP) was asked to discuss its annual orientation. It was noted that reviewing a previous petition as a group was helpful during orientation. CRSSPP was advised by Commissioners to continue providing this experience in future orientations.