



AMERICAN  
PSYCHOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION

**Board For the Advancement of Psychology  
In the Public Interest  
Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2025**

**Members Present**

Arthur W. Blume, Ph.D. (BAPPI Chair); Ayli Carrero Pinedo, Ph.D. (Chair-elect); Sharon Adusei, Ph.D.; Nick Grant, Ph.D., ABPP; Anitha Iyer, Ph.D.; Barbara W. Kamholz, Ph.D.; ABPP; Brian Keum, Ph.D.; W. Bianca Larkin Bonds, Med (Student Member); Courtney Maclin, Ph.D.; Kim McLearn, Ph.D. (Public Member)

**Affiliates**

Margaret Kovera (Liaison, Board)

**Staff**

Maysa Akbar, PhD, ABPP; Josh Merin; Lauren Sommers, Ph.D., JD; Collin Sumera

**Members Not Present**

Norma Patricia Fernandez, Ph.D.

**Welcome and Check-in**

The BAPPI Chair, Art Blume, opened the meeting with a check-in and reviewed the January agenda.

1. **Welcome and Introductions**, Dr. Art Blume  
Current members and staff introduced themselves.
2. **Action**: Approval of December Meeting Minutes  
Motion Approved: *Members approved the December 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes.*
3. **Discussion**: Human Rights Intro, Next Steps, and Q&A  
Lauren Sommers provided BAPPI members with an introductory recap of the Human Rights 5 Connections Framework. Lauren also informed members that additional details on the next steps for the framework will be shared before SCM. Members were provided the opportunity to ask questions.
4. **Discussion**: BAPPI discuss BAPPI Liaison slides for PI Committee Orientations  
Collin Sumera provided BAPPI members with an orientation on best practices for serving as a liaison to the PI committees. Art Blume asked members to send an introductory email to the PI Committee Chair and PI Staff Liaison and to request 5–10 minutes in one of their first two meetings to review the BAPPI Liaison slide deck.
5. **Discussion**: BAPPI 2025 Nominations  
Collin Sumera provided an update on the current number of 2026 BAPPI applicants, noting that an increase in total nominees would be beneficial.



AMERICAN  
PSYCHOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION

6. **Updates:**

Collin Sumera informed members of the following:

- The CONA Ageism Resolution review requires an additional lead reviewer to join Barbara Kamholz. Please email Collin if you're interested.
- Liaison assignments will be shared next week.
- Mentor and mentee pairings will be shared next week.

Dr. Art Blume thanked members for attending the call and with no further new business the meeting was adjourned.



AMERICAN  
PSYCHOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION

**Board For the Advancement of Psychology  
In the Public Interest  
Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2025**

**Members Present**

Arthur W. Blume, Ph.D. (BAPPI Chair); Ayli Carrero Pinedo, Ph.D. (Chair-elect); Norma Patricia Fernandez, Ph.D.; Nick Grant, Ph.D., ABPP; Anitha Iyer, Ph.D.; W. Bianca Larkin Bonds, Med (Student Member); Courtney Maclin, Ph.D.

**Affiliates**

Jermaine Jones, PhD, (Liaison, Board); Margaret Kovera, PhD, (Liaison, Board)

**Staff**

Maysa Akbar, PhD, ABPP; Josh Merin; Stefanie Reeves, FASAE, CAE; Collin Sumera

**Members Not Present**

Sharon Adusei, Ph.D.; Barbara W. Kamholz, Ph.D.; ABPP; Brian Keum, Ph.D.; Kim McLearn, Ph.D. (Public Member)

**Welcome and Check-in**

The BAPPI Chair, Dr. Art Blume, opened the meeting with a check-in and reviewed the February agenda.

1. **Action:** Approval of January Meeting Minutes  
Motion Approved: *Members approved the January 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes.*
2. **Discussion:** Advocacy Update  
Deputy Chief of Public Policy and Engagement Stefanie Reeves provided an overview of the Advocacy office's ongoing efforts in Public Interest. The team is actively monitoring the presidential executive orders and how they may affect APA's mission. Stefanie Reeves encouraged members to attend the Advocacy Update webinar on February 25, 2025.
3. **Discussion:** Human Rights SCM Update  
Dr. Maysa Akbar presented an informational slideshow to BAPPI members on human rights projects during the Spring Consolidated Meeting (SCM). Members shared their top three issues affecting their constituency and the relevant scientific research. Additionally, they had the opportunity to ask questions.
4. **Updates:**  
Collin Sumera informed members of the following:
  - Provided an update on the final number of 2026 BAPPI applicants: total of 28 applications.
  - Mentors, please meet with your mentees.
  - BAPPI liaisons, please connect with your committee Chairs.



Dr. Art Blume thanked members for attending the call and with no further new business the meeting was adjourned.



AMERICAN  
PSYCHOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION

**Board For the Advancement of Psychology  
In the Public Interest  
Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2025**

**Members Present**

Arthur W. Blume, Ph.D. (BAPPI Chair); Ayli Carrero Pinedo, Ph.D. (Chair-elect); Norma Patricia Fernandez, Ph.D.; Nick Grant, Ph.D., ABPP; Anitha Iyer, Ph.D.; Barbara W. Kamholz, Ph.D.; ABPP; Courtney Maclin, Ph.D.

**Staff**

Josh Merin; Collin Sumera

**Members Not Present**

Sharon Adusei, Ph.D.; Brian Keum, Ph.D.; Kim McLear, Ph.D. (Public Member)

**Welcome and Check-in**

The BAPPI Chair, Dr. Art Blume, opened the meeting with a check-in and reviewed the March agenda.

**Executive Session**

1. In Executive Session, APPROVED Slate of Candidates to be Submitted to Council for BAPPI Service in 2026
2. In Executive Session, APPROVED February 2025 Minutes



AMERICAN  
PSYCHOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION

**Board For the Advancement of Psychology  
In the Public Interest  
Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2025**

**Members Present**

Ayli Carrero Pinedo, Ph.D. (Chair-elect); Norma Patricia Fernandez, Ph.D.; Nick Grant, Ph.D., ABPP; Anitha Iyer, Ph.D.; Barbara W. Kamholz, Ph.D.; ABPP; Courtney Maclin, Ph.D.

**Staff**

Collin Sumera

**Members Not Present**

Arthur W. Blume, Ph.D. (BAPPI Chair); Sharon Adusei, Ph.D.; Brian Keum, Ph.D.; Kim McLear, Ph.D. (Public Member)

1. **Discussion:** Policy Statement Workgroup Debrief  
BAPPI members shared their experiences and provided updates on the work completed by their respective workgroups.
2. **Discussion:** PI Committee Check-ins  
BAPPI members shared updates on their assigned PI committees and offered valuable insights on building strong relationships with PI committee members.
3. **Discussion:** Work Plan Review  
BAPPI members reviewed the 2025 workplan.

Dr. Ayli Carrero Pinedo thanked members for attending the meeting and with no further new business the meeting was adjourned.



AMERICAN  
PSYCHOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION

**Board For the Advancement of Psychology  
In the Public Interest  
Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2025**

**Members Present**

Arthur W. Blume, Ph.D. (BAPPI Chair); Ayli Carrero Pinedo, Ph.D. (Chair-elect); Norma Patricia Fernandez, Ph.D.; Nick Grant, Ph.D., ABPP; Anitha Iyer, Ph.D.; Courtney Maclin, Ph.D.; Kim McLearn, Ph.D. (Public Member)

**Affiliates**

Margaret Kovera (Liaison, Board), Chris Nguyen (Liaison, ACC)

**Staff**

Maysa Akbar, PhD, ABPP; Josh Merin; Stefanie Reeves, FASAE, CAE; Lauren Sommers, Ph.D., JD; Collin Sumera

**Members Not Present**

Sharon Adusei, Ph.D.; Barbara W. Kamholz, Ph.D., ABPP; Brian Keum, Ph.D.; Bianca Larkin Bonds, MEd (Student Member)

1. **Discussion:** Advocacy Update with Q&A  
Deputy Chief of Public Policy and Engagement Stefanie Reeves provided an overview of the Advocacy Office's ongoing efforts in Public Interest. APA members have collectively sent over 70,000 messages to Capitol Hill since the beginning of the year. Stefanie also shared the link to the APA/APASI Response Center: <https://updates.apaservices.org/>.
2. **Discussion:** Status of assigned NBIs:  
Collin Sumera provided BAPPI members with a status update on the three assigned New Business Items (NBIs): NBI 17D – Identifying Resources to Support Inclusion and Intra-group Dialogue within Groups and Organizations, NBI 17F – Maternal Mental Health Resolution on Racially Minoritized Women, and NBI 17C – Report on Consensual Non-Monogamy. All items are currently undergoing BAPPI's review process and are expected to be submitted to the movers in late April to early May.
3. **Discussion:** PI SCM Workgroup Update:  
Lauren Sommers, Deputy Chief of Public Interest, provided BAPPI members with an overview of the current status of the Public Interest Policy Statements developed during the Spring Consolidated Meeting. She emphasized the importance of these statements, noting that Council adoption is essential for APA to use them as a foundation for advocacy efforts.

Dr. Art Blume thanked members for attending the meeting, and with no further new business, the meeting was adjourned.



AMERICAN  
PSYCHOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION

**Board For the Advancement of Psychology  
In the Public Interest  
Meeting Minutes  
June 12, 2025**

**Members Present**

Arthur W. Blume, Ph.D. (BAPPI Chair); (Chair-elect); Norma Patricia Fernandez, Ph.D.; Nick Grant, Ph.D., ABPP; Anitha Iyer, Ph.D.; Barbara W. Kamholz, Ph.D., ABPP; Courtney Maclin, Ph.D.; Kim McLear, Ph.D. (Public Member)

**Affiliates**

Margaret Kovera (Liaison, Board)

**Staff**

Maysa Akbar, PhD, ABPP; Josh Merin; Lauren Sommers, Ph.D., JD; Collin Sumera

**Members Not Present**

Sharon Adusei, Ph.D.; Ayli Carrero Pinedo, Ph.D.; Brian Keum, Ph.D.; Bianca Larkin Bonds, MEd

**Welcome and Check-in**

The BAPPI Chair, Dr. Art Blume, opened the meeting with a check-in and reviewed the June agenda.

1. **Action:** Approval of April Meeting Minutes  
Motion Approved: *Members approved the April 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes.*
2. **Discussion:** Public Interest updates with Q&A  
Maysa Akbar, Chief Diversity Officer and Chief of Psychology in the Public Interest, and Lauren Sommers, Deputy Chief of Public Interest, provided BAPPI members with an overview of the Public Interest Directorate's work in 2025. They outlined how the Directorate is identifying key public interest issues through a cross-cutting approach and implementing 60-day cycles to respond. This process includes leveraging cross-cutting functions and a solution incubation cycle to effectively address emerging challenges.
3. **Action:** SCM PI Policy Statements vote  
BAPPI members approved the following motions:
  1. Motion: That the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest (BAPPI) supports Council adoption of the statement Disability Inclusion: Combating the Stigma and Discrimination of Ableism as APA Policy.
  2. Motion: That the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest (BAPPI) supports Council adoption of the statement Reconciling Traditional Wisdom and Psychological Science as APA policy.



AMERICAN  
PSYCHOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION

4. **Discussion:** 2025 work plan review

Collin Sumera and Dr. Art Blume led a review of BAPPI's work in 2025. The BAPPI work plan was thoroughly examined, with an update column highlighting the progress and accomplishments achieved throughout the year.

5. **Discussion:** Review PI Awards with BAPPI with Q&A

Josh Merin and Collin Sumera led a discussion on APA awards concerning the APA Board's motion to review all organizational awards. The Board has requested that each board and committee review its annual awards and inform the Board of any awards they recommend for continuation, pausing, or sunseting. A workgroup will be formed to review Public Interest awards, and Dr. Nick Grant has volunteered to participate in this effort.

6. **Updates:**

Collin Sumera informed BAPPI members that the August Meeting will be canceled.

Dr. Art Blume thanked members for attending the meeting, and with no further new business, the meeting was adjourned.



AMERICAN  
PSYCHOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION

**Board For the Advancement of Psychology  
In the Public Interest  
Meeting Minutes  
July 10, 2025**

**Members Present**

Arthur W. Blume, Ph.D. (BAPPI Chair); Ayli Carrero Pinedo, Ph.D. (Chair-elect); Norma Patricia Fernandez, Ph.D.; Nick Grant, Ph.D., ABPP; Anitha Iyer, Ph.D.; Barbara W. Kamholz, Ph.D., ABPP; Courtney Maclin, Ph.D.; Kim McLearn, Ph.D. (Public Member)

**Affiliates**

Margaret Kovera (Liaison, Board)

**Staff**

Donna Euben, JD; Meggin van der Hilst, AuD; Josh Merin; Stefanie Reeves, FASAE, CAE; Lauren Sommers, Ph.D., JD; Collin Sumera

**Members Not Present**

Sharon Adusei, Ph.D.; Brian Keum, Ph.D.; Bianca Larkin Bonds, MEd

**Welcome and Check-in**

The BAPPI Chair, Dr. Art Blume, opened the meeting with a check-in and reviewed the July agenda.

1. **Action:** Approval of June Meeting Minutes  
Motion Approved: *Members approved the June 12, 2025, Meeting Minutes.*
2. **Discussion:** Advocacy updates with Q&A  
Deputy Chief of Public Policy and Engagement Stefanie Reeves provided an overview of the Advocacy Office's ongoing efforts in Public Interest. APA members have collectively sent over 90,000 messages to Capitol Hill since the beginning of the year. Stefanie also shared the link to the APA/APASI Response Center: <https://updates.apaservices.org/>.
3. **Discussion:** Awards review and update  
Dr. Anitha Iyer presented on behalf of the PI awards review workgroup, which included herself and Dr. Nick Grant. The workgroup recommended consolidating all current awards into a single main PI award beginning in 2026. BAPPI voted to approve this new award structure.
4. **Executive Session**  
BAPPI members reviewed the 2027 Targeted Nomination Statement with APA Staff members Donna Euben and Meggin van der Hilst.

Dr. Art Blume thanked members for attending the meeting, and with no further new business, the meeting was adjourned.

## **BAPPI All Member Meeting Minutes**

### **September 11, 2025**

#### **Members Present**

Arthur W. Blume, Ph.D. (BAPPI Chair); Ayli Carrero Pinedo, Ph.D. (Chair-elect); Sharon Adusei, Ph.D.; Nick Grant, Ph.D., ABPP; Anitha Iyer, Ph.D.; Barbara W. Kamholz, Ph.D.; ABPP; W. Bianca Larkin Bonds, Med (Student Member); Courtney Maclin, Ph.D.; Kim McLearn, Ph.D. (Public Member)

#### **Members Not Present**

Norma Patricia Fernandez, Ph.D.; Brian Keum, Ph.D.; Kim McLearn, Ph.D.

#### **Affiliates Present**

Tiffany Brown (Liaison to BPA); Ecclesia Savage (Liaison to APAGS)

#### **Staff Present**

Josh Merin; Collin Sumera

**1. APPROVED: July 2025, Meeting Minutes**

Motion Approved: *Members approved the July 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes.*

**2. DISCUSSION: Work plan updates to BAPPI PI Committee liaisons**

Collin Sumera shared the timeline for PI Committees to submit their work plans to their assigned BAPPI liaison. Liaisons will receive their committee's work plans by September 30 and will have until October 9 to review them. Each liaison will have 5 minutes to raise questions or provide updates for BAPPI's consideration. Notes from the liaisons will then be shared with PI Committees to support the finalization of their work plans.

**3. DISCUSSION: NEW NBIs to review**

Collin Sumera reviewed the current outstanding NBIs and the BAPPI reviewers assigned to each.

**4. DISCUSSION: Mentor-mentee & BAPPI liaison check-ins**

Members shared their experiences serving as liaisons to PI Committees. It was agreed that guidelines will be developed to help liaisons in their oversight role.

**5. DISCUSSION: BAPPI 2025 Awards Update**

Collin Sumera reported that the number of nominees for 2025 was smaller than in prior years. The BAPPI Executive Committee has reviewed the candidates and finalized selections.

**6. DISCUSSION: New business**

Members shared ideas for potential future topics and engaged in discussion on those areas.

Dr. Art Blume thanked members for attending the meeting, and with no further new business, the meeting was adjourned.



AMERICAN  
PSYCHOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION

**Board For the Advancement of Psychology In the Public Interest**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 9, 2025**

**Members Present**

Arthur W. Blume, Ph.D. (BAPPI Chair); Ayli Carrero Pinedo, Ph.D. (Chair-elect); Anitha Iyer, Ph.D.; W. Bianca Larkin Bonds, Med (Student Member); Courtney Maclin, Ph.D.; Kim McLear, Ph.D. (Public Member); Norma Patricia Fernandez, Ph.D.

**Affiliates**

Tiffany Brown (Liaison, BPA); Jill Fodstad (Liaison, Council Liaison Oversight Committee); Roseanne Flores (Liaison, BEA); Margaret Kovera (Liaison, Board); Ecclesia Savage (Liaison, APAGS)

**Staff**

Maysa Akbar, PhD, ABPP; Donna Euben, JD; Josh Merin; Lauren Sommers, Ph.D., JD; Collin Sumera

**Members Not Present**

Sharon Adusei, Ph.D.; Nick Grant, Ph.D., ABPP; Barbara W. Kamholz, Ph.D.; ABPP; Brian Keum, Ph.D.

**Welcome and Check-in**

The BAPPI Chair, Dr. Art Blume, opened the meeting with a check-in and reviewed the October agenda.

1. **APPROVED:** September Meeting Minutes  
Motion Approved: *Members approved the September 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes.*
2. **APPROVED:** 2027 Targeted Nomination Statement  
BAPPI members were presented with a draft of the 2027-2029 BAPPI Targeted Nomination Statement. Members took turns suggesting revisions as Collin Sumera recorded edits. BAPPI members unanimously agreed that the targeted nomination statement is prepared for submission.
3. **APPROVED:** 2026 BAPPI Work Plan Development  
Chair Dr. Art Blume, Dr. Ayli Carrero Pinedo, and Staff liaison Collin Sumera discussed the draft 2026 BAPPI Work Plan with members. BAPPI members unanimously agreed that the work plan is prepared for submission.
4. **APPROVED:** Committee Work Plans  
Before the meeting, BAPPI members reviewed their respective committees' work plans and provided feedback. During the meeting, each member gave a 5-minute overview of their committee's work plan, after which BAPPI members indicated their approval.
5. **DISCUSSION:** Public Interest Update



Drs. Maysa Akbar and Lauren Sommers provided BAPPI members with an update on the November 6<sup>th</sup> Priority Setting Workshop. Additionally, members were briefed on current events that are tied to APA Public Interest.



AMERICAN  
PSYCHOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION

## **October 9 - Executive Session**

### **Attendance**

#### **Members Present**

Arthur W. Blume, Ph.D. (BAPPI Chair); Ayli Carrero Pinedo, Ph.D. (Chair-elect); Anitha Iyer, Ph.D.; W. Bianca Larkin Bonds, Med (Student Member); Courtney Maclin, Ph.D.; Kim McLear, Ph.D. (Public Member); Norma Patricia Fernandez, Ph.D.

#### **Members Not Present**

Sharon Adusei, Ph.D.; Nick Grant, Ph.D., ABPP; Barbara W. Kamholz, Ph.D.; ABPP; Brian Keum, Ph.D.

### **Staff**

Donna Euben, JD; Josh Merin; Collin Sumera

1. In Executive Session, BAPPI discussed the eligible candidates for the 2025 Chair-elect position.
2. Donna Euben, JD, discussed the Nominations Memo that was previously shared with BAPPI members.



AMERICAN  
PSYCHOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION

**Board For the Advancement of Psychology In the Public Interest  
Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2025**

**Members Present**

Arthur W. Blume, Ph.D. (BAPPI Chair); Ayli Carrero Pinedo, Ph.D. (Chair-elect); Anitha Iyer, Ph.D.; Nick Grant, Ph.D., ABPP; Barbara W. Kamholz, Ph.D.; ABPP; W. Bianca Larkin Bonds, Med (Student Member); Courtney Maclin, Ph.D.; Norma Patricia Fernandez, Ph.D.

**Affiliates**

Tiffany Brown (Liaison, BPA); Roseanne Flores (Liaison, BEA); Margaret Kovera (Liaison, Board); Ecclesia Savage (Liaison, APAGS)

**Staff**

Josh Merin; Stefanie Reeves, FASAE, CAE; Lauren Sommers, Ph.D., JD; Collin Sumera

**Members Not Present**

Sharon Adusei, Ph.D.; Brian Keum, Ph.D.; Kim McLear, Ph.D.

**Welcome and Check-in**

The BAPPI Chair, Dr. Art Blume, opened the meeting with a check-in and reviewed the October agenda.

1. **APPROVED:** October Meeting Minutes  
Motion Approved: *Members approved the October 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes.*
2. **DISCUSSION:** Advocacy update  
Deputy Chief of Public Policy and Engagement Stefanie Reeves provided an overview of the Advocacy office's ongoing efforts in Public Interest. The Department of Education's negotiated rulemaking committee took its final consensus check on November 6th and approved a package of regulations to implement portions of the higher education provisions in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which now includes health service psychology programs as part of the definition of 'professional degree' for the purposes of the newly established federal student loan limits. This will allow doctoral psychology students in these programs to borrow federal loans at the highest level set in law (\$50,000 annually, \$200,000 aggregate; exclusive of undergraduate loans), with all current borrowers grandfathered in as part of the legacy student loan programs for the lesser of three academic years or the remaining length of their current program.
3. **DISCUSSION:** Public Interest Update  
Dr. Lauren Sommers provided an update on the latest developments from the APA 2026 Priority Setting Workshop. Work groups will be formed over the next couple of months and are expected to convene in January, with most of their work to be completed before the Spring Consolidated Meeting.
4. **DISCUSSION:** NBI Updates



AMERICAN  
PSYCHOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION

Collin Sumera informed BAPPI members that all NBIs the Board has been working on over the past few months have completed their first review cycle, and the minutes have been submitted to the original movers of each NBI.

5. **DISCUSSION:** Expressing Gratitude to the Outgoing Members and Appreciation for the Outgoing Chair

BAPPI members shared their gratitude for a successful year and expressed enthusiasm for continued success in 2026.



AMERICAN  
PSYCHOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION

## **November 13 - Executive Session**

### **Attendance**

#### **Members Present**

Arthur W. Blume, Ph.D. (BAPPI Chair); Ayli Carrero Pinedo, Ph.D. (Chair-elect); Anitha Iyer, Ph.D.; Nick Grant, Ph.D., ABPP; Barbara W. Kamholz, Ph.D.; ABPP; W. Bianca Larkin Bonds, Med (Student Member); Courtney Maclin, Ph.D.; Norma Patricia Fernandez, Ph.D.

#### **Members Not Present**

Sharon Adusei, Ph.D.; Brian Keum, Ph.D.; Kim McLear, Ph.D.

#### **Staff**

Josh Merin; Collin Sumera

1. In Executive Session, BAPPI approved Dr. Nick Grant as the 2025 Chair-Elect.
2. In Executive Session, BAPPI approved the Motion: That BAPPI supports Dr. Patti Fernandez for a three-year term (2026–2029) on the Needs Assessment, Slating, and Campaigns Committee (NASCC).

Dr. Art Bloom thanked members for attending the call and with no further new business the meeting was adjourned.



AMERICAN  
PSYCHOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION

**Board For the Advancement of Psychology In the Public Interest**  
**UNOFFICIAL Meeting Minutes**  
**December 11, 2025**

**Members Present**

Ayli Carrero Pinedo, Ph.D. (Chair-elect); Anitha Iyer, Ph.D.; Nick Grant, Ph.D., ABPP; Courtney Maclin, Ph.D.

**Affiliates**

Roseanne Flores (Liaison, BEA); Margaret Kovera (Liaison, Board); Ecclesia Savage (Liaison, APAGS)

**Guests**

Melissa Tehee, Ph.D. and Mirella Diaz-Santos, Ph.D.

**Staff**

Donna Euben, JD; Josh Merin; Lauren Sommers, Ph.D., JD; Collin Sumera

**Members Not Present**

Sharon Adusei, Ph.D.; Arthur W. Blume, Ph.D.; W. Bianca Larkin Bonds, Med; Barbara W. Kamholz, Ph.D.; ABPP; Brian Keum, Ph.D.; Kim McLearn, Ph.D.; Norma Patricia Fernandez, Ph.D.

**Welcome and Check-in**

The BAPPI Chair, Ayli Carrero Pinedo, opened the meeting with a check-in and reviewed the December agenda.

1. **DISCUSSION:** Introduction and Welcoming of New Members  
Current members, guests, and 2026 members introduced themselves.
2. **DISCUSSION:** PI Update  
Dr. Lauren Sommers provided BAPPI members with a high-level overview of APA and Public Interest initiatives for 2026. Public Interest priorities include immigration, artificial intelligence, and misinformation. Work groups emerging from the Priority Setting Workshop have been formed and will meet during the first three months of 2026 to continue this work.
3. **ACTION:** BAPPI Members take 10 minutes to Nominate  
BAPPI members took 10 minutes to nominate individuals for the 2026 BAPPI openings.
4. **DISCUSSION:** Thank you to outgoing members  
BAPPI members expressed their gratitude to members rotating off BAPPI: Drs. Art Blume, Barbara Kamholz, and Patti Fernandez.



AMERICAN  
PSYCHOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION

## **December 11 - Executive Session**

### **Attendance**

#### **Members Present**

Ayli Carrero Pinedo, Ph.D. (Chair-elect); Anitha Iyer, Ph.D.; Nick Grant, Ph.D., ABPP; Courtney Maclin, Ph.D.

#### **Members Not Present**

Sharon Adusei, Ph.D.; Arthur W. Blume, Ph.D.; W. Bianca Larkin Bonds, Med; Barbara W. Kamholz, Ph.D.; ABPP; Brian Keum, Ph.D.; Kim McLear, Ph.D.; Norma Patricia Fernandez, Ph.D.

### **Staff**

Donna Euben, JD; Josh Merin; Lauren Sommers, Ph.D.; Collin Sumera

1. In Executive Session, Donna Euben, JD, reviewed the updates to the BAPPI Operating Policies and Procedures with members.

Dr. Ayli Carrero Pinedo, thanked members for attending the call and with no further new business the meeting was adjourned.