



Board of Professional Affairs

Monday, July 21, 2025 3-5pm ET

Virtual Meeting MINUTES

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1. Dr. Prasad called the meeting to order at 3:02pmET.
2. Minutes from May 19, 2025 BPA meeting were reviewed. Dr. Russ moved to approve the minutes as written. **Motion passed unanimously.**
3. Dr. Prasad spoke about the importance of the roles that BPA members serve when they serve as liaisons to other APA groups. Dr. Prasad also welcomed feedback from meeting attendees who serve in liaison from other groups to BPA.
 - a. Dr. Schultz provided a summary of her experience attending meetings of the Advocacy Coordinating Committee (ACC).
 - b. Dr. Prasad summarized Dr. Callahan's report on his experience with the Board of Scientific Affairs (BSA) which also was available for review in the meeting agenda book.
 - c. Dr. Bufka provided an update on the work of the Model Licensure Act Task Force (MLA-TF). Dr. Vieira-Baker's report on the work of this group was available for review in the meeting agenda book.
 - d. Dr. Kettlewell provided a review of his participation as BPA Liaison to the Committee on Professional Practice and Standards (COPPS).
 - e. Dr. Kettlewell provided a report on issues related to the work of the Board of Educational Affairs (BEA) on the sequence of training to become a health service psychologist. He recalled a suggestion to consider revising the internship at the doctoral level to be completed after the completion of the doctoral degree rather than being a requirement of the degree. Dr. Kettlewell asked for 2-3 BPA members to explore this suggestion and to include members of BEA and APPIC in a discussion of this.
 - f. Dr. Prasad introduced a summary of the work that the Task Force on Serious Mental Illness and Severe Emotional Disturbance (TFSMI/SED) has been having on the structure of their group and then turned the discussion over to Dr. Casimir who provided details. Dr. Casimir provided an update on details of the TFSMI/DED meeting on 7/11/2025, providing details of that Task Force's deliberations on exploring more permanent governance structure for their work.

4. Dr. Kilwein, Chair of the Committee on Rural Health (CRH), presented information on an FAQ developed by this committee and then answered questions.
5. Dr. Prasad led a review and discussion of practice-related items coming before the APA Council of Representatives at the August 2025 meeting. Those items include:
 - a. Item #7: Guidelines for Psychology's Role in Pediatric to Adult Health Care Transition (see attached NBI)
 - b. Item #8: Professional Practice Guidelines for Psychologists in the Assessment of Psychological Trauma in Adults (see attached NBI)
 - c. Item #9: Professional Practice Guidelines on Psychologists' Involvement in Pharmacological Issues (see attached NBI)
 - d. Item #19A: Policy Statement on Seclusion and Restraint (see attached BPA and ACC responses)
 - e. Item #6: Licensed Practice for Master's Health Service Psychology Professionals: Operational Principles (see attached NBI)
6. Dr. Prasad postponed discussion of the BPA Work Plan development for 2026 to the next meeting.
7. Dr. Prasad adjourned the meeting at 3:59pm ET.

BPA members:

Ravi Prasad, PhD, Chair (2023-2025)	Kamieka O.S. Gabriel, PhD (2023-2025)
*Catherine C. Vieira-Baker, PhD, Vice Chair (2023-2025)	April Harris-Britt, PhD (2024-2026)
Tiffany Brown, PhD (2025-2027)	Paul Korte, PhD (2025-2027)
Nicolle Cai, MA (2025-2027)	Janine M. Jones, PhD (2024-2026)
*Charles D. Callahan, PhD, MBA, ABPP, FACHE (2023-2025)	Paul W. Kettlewell, PhD, ABPP (2024-2026)
Michelle Casimir, PsyD, ABPP (2025-2027)	*Krithika Malhotra, PhD (2024-2026)
	Eric Russ, PhD (2025)
	Theresa Schultz, PhD (2025-2027))

Practice Team Staff:

Lynn Bufka, PhD, ABPP, APA Head of Practice
Robin McLeod, PhD, Senior Director for Strategic Relations & Leadership
Marnie Shanbhag, PhD, Senior Director for Independent Practice
*Vaile Wright, PhD, Senior Director of Health Care Innovation
*Raquel Halfond, PhD, Senior Director, Evidence-Based Practice & Health Equity
*Leanna Fortunato, PhD, Director of Quality & Innovation
*Aaron Jones, MA, Project Manager
*Jacob Marzalik, MA, Senior Project Manager

Additional APA staff:

Deborah Baker, JD, APA Head of Professional Legal and Regulatory Affairs
*Stephen Gillaspay, PhD, Deputy Chief of Health & Health Care Financing
Aliza Epstein, Director, Elections & Volunteer Leadership

Liaisons to BPA and invited guests:

Tess Kilwein, PhD, ABPP, CMPC, Chair of the Committee on Rural Health (CRH)

*Rhonda Allen, PhD, APA Board of Directors Liaison

*Mary Ann McCabe, PhD, ABPP, APA Board of Directors Liaison

*Andrew Boucher, National Register of Health Service Psychologists

Cathi Grus, PhD, National Register of Health Service Psychologists

*Melissa Bray, PhD, APA Division 16

Mariann Burnetti-Atwell, PsyD, Association of State & Provincial Psychology Boards

*Bhupin Butaney, PhD, EdM, ABPP, APA Division 42

Stewart Cooper, PhD, ABPP, Committee for the Advancement of General Applied Psychology

David Cox, PhD, ABPP, American Board of Professional Psychology

*Christina Derbidge, PhD, ABPP, Division 22

Kalyani Gopal, PhD, Membership Board Liaison to BPA

*Kim Gorgens, PhD, ABPP, Board of Educational Affairs Liaison to BPA

*Jessica Jackson, PhD, Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest Liaison to BPA

Suzanne Margiano, PhD, Division 16

Hugh Moore, PhD, Association of State & Provincial Psychology Boards

Peter Oppenheimer, PhD, APA Division 31

Alex Siegel, PhD, Association of State & Provincial Psychology Boards

* = not present