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ASPPB Launches Collaborative Initiative for Reimagining EPPP Exam

Upcoming Call for Diverse Group of Volunteers to be Issued in December

Tyrone, GA, November 5, 2024 – The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB), whose mission is to support member jurisdictions in fulfilling their responsibility of public protection, recently [announced](#) a motion approved by the ASPPB Board of Directors to pause the October 2022 decision, which outlined that by January 1, 2026, the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) would consist of two parts: EPPP (Part 1 – Knowledge) and EPPP (Part 2 – Skills). The current EPPP (Part 2 – Skills) will remain accessible to all jurisdictions as a well-developed and standardized tool for comprehensively assessing applicant competence.

“The ASPPB Board of Directors decision reflects a commitment to set a new path forward assessing the examination structure based on valuable stakeholder feedback and evolving workforce needs,” said Dr. Mariann Burnetti-Atwell, ASPPB’s Chief Executive Officer. “The Board is focused on finding a solution that promotes jurisdictional and stakeholder input and engagement, minimizes the burden on jurisdictions and candidates, and protects the public while promoting portability of licensure for psychologists and improved access to quality psychological care.”

On October 31st in Dallas, Texas at ASPPB’s 64th Annual Meeting of Delegates, the ASPPB Board of Directors outlined a comprehensive plan for moving forward. Key initiatives include:

- **Establishment of a Working Group:** ASPPB will invite volunteers to form a diverse Working Group representing various stakeholders, including jurisdictional members and examination program committees. This group will convene in early 2025 to tackle critical issues related to reimagining the EPPP, such as workforce needs, exam costs, licensure portability, and access to quality mental health care.
- **Formation of an ASPPB Board Subcommittee:** A dedicated ASPPB Board subcommittee will oversee the progress of the EPPP initiative, ensuring timely development in line with stakeholder input.

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- **Quarterly Town Halls:** Starting in the first quarter of 2025, ASPPB will host quarterly meetings to keep members informed with updates from the Working Group and engaged in the evolution of the EPPP.
- **Job Task Analysis (JTA):** This process is underway, and it is a crucial part of exam development that maps out essential competencies for entering independent psychology practice. The Working Group and ASPPB Board Subcommittee will reschedule the December JTA meeting to early 2025 so the JTA moves forward taking Working Group input into account.

Additionally, during the business meeting on October 31, 2024, the member delegation voted on a proposed amendment to Article IV of ASPPB bylaws presented by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists on July 29, 2024, which ultimately did not pass, with a tally of 29 opposed, 12 in favor, and one abstention.

"We are embarking on a new path forward, guided by collaboration and transparency," said Dr. Michelle G. Paul, President of ASPPB's Board of Directors. "Our goal is to build a stronger, unified licensure process that meets the needs of our members and serves the public we are dedicated to protecting. We look forward to working with a robust and diverse group of volunteers for the Working Group once we issue the call in December."

To read the letter titled "**Important Updates from the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards on the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP)**" issued today by ASPPB Board of Directors to its members, follow this [link](#).

About ASPPB

The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) is the alliance of 66 state, provincial, and territorial agencies responsible for the licensure and certification of psychologists throughout the United States and Canada. Established in 1961, ASPPB is committed to public protection and ensuring consistent standards of competence in the practice of psychology. For general information about ASPPB visit www.asppb.net and stay informed on the latest ASPPB by visiting [news](#) and follow us on [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#).