

OHIO BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

SECTION 7: BOARD MEMBER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

POLICY 7.1: LICENSEE AND CONSUMER ADVOCATE ROLES

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BACKGROUND

Non-licensee consumer advocate members were placed on the Board, effective May 16, 2002, pursuant to legislation amending ORC 4732.02. In order to appropriately define and maximize the critical roles of the consumer advocate members and to ensure that the specialized voice of each advocate member is included in the Board processes, the Board hereby adopts a series of responsibilities to clarify the expected contributions of consumer advocate members. In addition, this policy will serve to clarify and define the unique responsibilities reserved for professional licensee members.

This policy will serve to define, amplify, and confirm the critical and uniquely special roles of the licensee members and consumer advocate members of the State Board of Psychology.

POLICY STATEMENTS AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

Consumer advocate members shall by virtue of their experiences and qualities leading to Board appointment:

- Deliberate on all matters before the Board relative to legal issues including the resolution of disciplinary actions, personnel issues, and policy making;
- Fully and actively contribute their public/layperson perspectives and their experiences as family members of mental health service consumers and/or as representatives of organizations focused on the rights of the mentally ill by involvement in all issues deliberated and acted upon under the authority of the Board;
- Advise the Board on matters relative to local, regional, and national consumer issues relevant to the regulation of psychology, contemporary issues concerning access to care, public perceptions of psychology and mental health services, and any special topics identified as requiring Board notification or Board action relative to consumers' rights and the regulation of psychology in Ohio;

- Be assigned appropriate committee memberships along with licensee members;
- Be eligible for election to all Board officer positions;
- Serve as supervising members of investigations, depending on the specialized set of knowledge and skills required in a specific investigation at the discretion of, and in conjunction with, the Executive Director;
- Conduct oral examinations with a licensee member or with the Executive Director, so long as that person is a psychologist, in accordance with Policy 4.2.

Licensee members of the Board shall:

- Deliberate on all matters before the Board relative to legal issues including the resolution of disciplinary actions, personnel issues, and policy making;
- Advise the Board on matters relative to local, regional, and national professional practice, cultural, scientific, and political issues relevant to the regulation of psychology, and any special topics identified as requiring Board notification or Board action relative to the practice of psychology and the regulation of psychology in Ohio;
- Be responsible for the supervision of investigations of licensees alleged to have violated ORC and OAC chapters 4732, pursuant to the unique education, training, and experience that licensee members bring to their Board positions.
- Conduct oral jurisprudence examinations of candidates for licensure, pursuant to unique education, training, and experience that licensee members possess.
- Be eligible for election to all Board officer positions.