



**Applied Behavior Analysis Advisory Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 2, 2023**

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**Committee members present:** Ralph Pampino, Jr., BCBA, LBA (chair)  
Amber Persons-Geer, MSW, LICSW, LABA, BCaBA  
(vice chair)  
Nancy Rosenberg, Ph.D., LBA, BCBA-D  
Andrea Elderkin, Public Member  
Amy Fenwick, Ph.D., LBA, BCBA-D.

**Committee members absent:** None

**Staff members present:** Kendra Pitzler, Program Manager  
Trina Crawford, Executive Director  
Luke Eaton, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)  
Karen Gohlsen, Program Support  
Patience Roquemore, Program Support  
Jeff Wise, Policy Analyst  
Jeanine Johnson, Credentialing Supervisor

**Guest presenters:** None

On June 2, 2023, the Applied Behavior Analysis Advisory Committee met via web conference. Notice of the meeting was published on the [Applied Behavior Analysis profession website](#) and was sent out through the GovDelivery listserv.

**OPEN SESSION:**

**1. Call to Order – Ralph Pampino, LBA, BCBA, Chair**

- 1.1. Call to Order - The chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.
- 1.2. Introductions - Committee and agency staff members introduced themselves and their area of practice.
- 1.3. Approval of the June 2, 2023 regular meeting agenda: *Motion to approve the agenda, seconded, vote 5-0.*
- 1.4. Approval of the February 3, 2023 regular meeting minutes: *Motion to approve, seconded, vote 5-0.*

**2. Public Comment – Ralph Pampino, LBA, BCBA, Chair**

There were no comments from the public.

**3. ABA Program Statistics**

3.1. Credentialing Report – Jeanine Johnson, Credentialing Manager

Ms. Johnson briefed the committee on the latest licensing statistics.

License Type	Active	Pending Applications
CBT	3814	288
LABA	208	28
LBA	1216	24

3.2. Disciplinary Statistics - Kendra Pitzler, Program Manager

Ms. Pitzler briefed the committee on the program’s disciplinary statistics for the previous quarter (January 2023 – April 2023) and the biennium to-date (July 2021 to April 2023).

3.3. Budget Report - Kendra Pitzler, Program Manager

Ms. Pitzler presented the latest budget numbers (as of April 2023) to the committee. The current fund balance is \$586,245.

**4. ABA Licensure Rules Update – Kendra Pitzler, Program Manager**

Ms. Pitzler provided an update regarding the status of the current rulemaking revisions for [Chapter 246-805 WAC](#). The CR-102 containing the final draft language is moving through the review process within the department. A hearing date has not been set yet.

## **5. Legislation**

### **5.1. 2023 Legislative Update – Amber Persons-Geer, board member and Trina Crawford, Executive Director**

The committee was presented with a summary of current legislation that might be relevant or of interest to the program. Committee members expressed concern regarding SB 5189, which was signed by the governor to be effective July 23, 2023. This bill establishes the behavioral health support specialist credential, a new bachelor's level profession that provides low intensity intervention for clients with mild to moderate behavioral health conditions. Ms. Pitzler agreed to contact someone to present on this credential further at the October committee meeting.

### **5.2. 2024 Committee Request Legislation – Nancy Rosenberg and Kendra Pitzler**

Ms. Pitzler informed the committee that the proposal submitted by the committee to request a change to the RCW is being brought to the department for consideration. However, Ms. Pitzler was informed that the department is currently review proposals for 2025 rather than for 2024.

## **6. Executive Director Report – Trina Crawford, Executive Director**

Ms. Crawford informed the committee that there will be a new executive director (Melissa Green) assigned to the committee as of July 1, 2023.

## **7. Program Manager Report – Kendra Pitzler, Program Manager**

Ms. Pitzler had nothing further to report to the committee.

## **8. 2024 Meeting Dates – Ralph Pampino, LBA, BCBA, Chair**

The committee selected meeting dates for 2024:

- February 2, 2024
- June 7, 2024
- October 4, 2024

## **9. Future Business – Nancy Rosenberg, Chair**

- Rules update (ongoing)
- Presentation regarding the new behavioral health support specialist credential

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

**Submitted by:**

Kendra Pitzler, Program Manager  
Applied Behavior Analysis Advisory  
Committee

**Approved by:**

Ralph Pampino, Chair  
Applied Behavior Analysis Advisory  
Committee

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