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A Word from the Executive Director

Greetings from Salem!

It's hard to believe we are already halfway through 2025. The 2025 Legislative session ended 2 weeks ago (at the time of writing this article), and like most, it was eventful. There were many legislative proposals that could have potentially impacted our agency, boards, and customers, and the Agency responded to 36 requests for fiscal impact statements from the Legislative Fiscal Office. Identifying and monitoring those proposals and responding to legislative requests is almost a full-time job during the session. LaRee Stashek, MHRA Policy Advisor, has provided in this newsletter brief updates of some of the proposals which were approved by the Legislature.

Additionally, those of you following the headlines will know it is a challenging budget environment at the local, state, and federal levels, and we saw this impact at MHRA. The Legislature approved the addition of a second compliance specialist and permanently funded a temporary investigator position, which will help us keep pace as our compliance cases increase with our growing licensee base. However, one MHRA initiative was not approved by the Legislature. While the Governor's Budget included a General Fund allotment to enable MHRA to identify and implement an upgrade to our licensing system, the Legislature denied this request. The Legislature also directed the Agency to return to the 2026 Legislature with additional information, to include a plan to fund the initiative with Agency funds. MHRA is currently engaging with partners including state IT support and other licensing boards to determine our next steps. Many of you have shared your feedback on our current system, and we are using it to refine our desired functionality for a new system.

We also continue to remain involved in state-level behavioral health licensing policy. Currently, MHRA is an invited participant in the following efforts (with related links):

- Governor's Behavioral Health Talent Council <https://www.oregon.gov/gov/policies/Pages/Behavioral-Health-Talent-Council.aspx>.
- HB 4092 workgroup <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/164009>

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- HB 4151 Youth behavioral Health Subcommittee <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/BH-Child-Family/SOCReports/2024%20Initial%20Report%20on%20BH%20Workforce%20-%20HB%204151.pdf>

As always, thank you for your interest in the Board and MHRA. We appreciate you!

– Todd Younkin, MHRA Executive Director

2025 Legislative Session Overview

The 2025 Oregon Legislative Session began on January 21, 2025 and adjourned sine die on June 27, 2025. Most of the measures MHRA monitored did not pass. Here are a few that affect the agency which did pass:

- [House Bill 2387](#)- Current Oregon Health Authority rule, OAR 333-333-5130, prohibits psychologists who are dually licensed as psilocybin facilitators from providing mental health services in conjunction with psilocybin services. This bill provides that beginning in 2026, licensees may practice mental health concurrently with psilocybin preparation and integration sessions, but not during psilocybin administration sessions. It also prohibits health-related boards from sanctioning licensees for discussing with or providing psilocybin services to their clients.
- [Senate Bill 789](#)- This allows the Board to recover the costs associated with disciplinary actions from respondents on a tiered basis beginning in 2026.
- [Senate Bill 5532](#)- MHRA's budget bill, which funds the Boards for the 2025-27 biennium. It's useful to keep our doors open and our staff compensated. The Board did not amend licensing fees, but did add one new compliance position, and made a current limited duration investigator position permanent.

Eight measures introduced in 2025 would have adopted various interjurisdictional practice compacts (including PSYPACT, [House Bill 3339](#)) in Oregon, but none were successful. [House Bill 2596](#), the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact, was vetoed by the Governor.

This is provided for informational purposes only. Please note that the Board cannot provide additional information or advice about outside bills. Each measure above includes a hyperlink where you can find more information on the Oregon State Legislature website.

– LaRee Stashek, MHRA Policy Advisor



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BOP Public Member Opportunities

The Oregon Board of Psychology is seeking applications for three **public member** vacancies. Public members may not be licensees (psychologists or psychologist associates) or a licensee's spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, or sibling.

If you have ever considered public service, we encourage you to apply for a position on the Board. The Board welcomes diverse applicants who enjoy collaboration with colleagues and interested parties and want to positively impact the regulation of Psychology in Oregon.

The mission of the Oregon Board of Psychology is to promote, preserve, and protect the public health and welfare of Oregonians by ensuring the ethical and legal practice of psychology. The Board meets for regular, full-day meetings roughly every other month, and members usually serve on committees and workgroups that meet periodically. Although a lot of preparation is required for each regular meeting, serving on the Board is an enriching and rewarding experience. It is a unique opportunity to serve the profession and learn more about its regula-

tion. To learn more about the Board, visit our website at: [Oregon.gov/Psychology](https://www.oregon.gov/Psychology).

If you or someone you know are interested in serving on the Board, please go to the link below to review the materials and follow the instructions for completing the online application. The Governor's boards and commissions reflect racial, gender, and geographic diversity, and Board membership is contingent on passage of a criminal background check. If you have any questions about Board membership, please contact Todd Younkin, the Mental Health Regulatory Agency Executive Director, at todd.younkin@mhra.oregon.gov.

<https://www.oregon.gov/gov/pages/board-list.aspx>



Administrative Rulemaking

On July 11, 2025, the Board filed two Notices of Proposed Rulemaking for the following rule amendments and adoption:

Amends psychologist educational requirements to accept programs accredited by the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System.

Amend OAR 858-010-0010: Sets forth that possession of a doctoral degree in psychology that is programatically accredited by the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System satisfies the educational requirements for licensure as a psychologist in Oregon.

Implements Servicemembers Civil Relief Act by establishing new servicemember portability licensure requirements.

Adopt OAR 858-010-0057: Establishes new servicemember portability application process and requirements for licensure as a psychologist. Includes definitions, items required for application, criteria for initial and continued licensure, license duration, and scope.

The agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business. Please email your comments to laree.stashek@mhra.oregon.gov or mail them to the Board's office at 3218 Pringle Road SE, Ste. 130, Salem, OR 97302. All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 27, 2025.

On July 11, 2025, the Board filed three Permanent Administrative Orders for the following rule amendments

Administrative Rulemaking, Cont.

(effective July 11, 2025):

Repeals OAR 858-010-0037, supervised work experience for psychologist associate licensure.

Repeal OAR 858-010-0037: Repeals the rule describing the supervised work experience that was required for licensure as a psychologist associate.

Implementing SB1557, prohibiting licensees from denying services to youth on basis of intellectual/developmental disability.

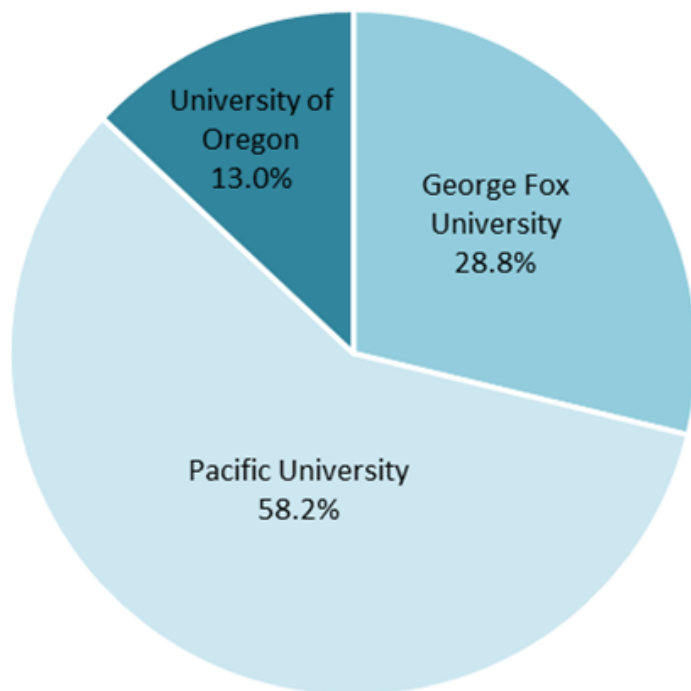
Adopt OAR 858-010-0301: Prohibits Board licensees, residents, and temporary practitioners from denying any individual under the age of 21 years access to mental health assessment, treatment or services on the basis that the individual also has an intellectual or developmental disability.

Board member compensation and expense reimbursement; Board record maintenance.

Amend OAR 858-010-0005: Sets Board member compensation equal to ORS 171.072(9) for performance of official duties, which is in addition to other allowable reimbursement for travel or other expenses. Allows members to decline compensation or reimbursement of expenses. Updates the rule pertaining to maintenance of Board records. Ψ

Please visit our [Administrative Rulemaking Webpage](#) for more information.

Oregon Doctoral Programs



The graphic above displays a breakdown of the Oregon doctoral programs completed by all psychologists and psychologist residents who were licensed or had residency contracts approved over the past 10 years (4/24/16 - 4/23/25).

Note: Overall, 32.2% of programs were Oregon doctoral programs, and 67.8% were doctoral programs located outside of Oregon.

New Workforce Report by OHA

In April the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) published a new report: [An In-Depth Look at Oregon’s Licensed Behavioral Health Workforce, 2018-2024](#).

The report found that during this timeframe, the largest behavioral health professions- counselors, marriage and family therapists, social workers, and psychologists- grew by 60.3% in FTE. Counselors and therapists grew the most, at 85.4%.

Multnomah County had the highest concentration of providers and grew the fastest, while many rural areas continue to face gaps. The report also found that while the workforce has become more racially and ethnically diverse over time, it still does not fully reflect the diversity of Oregon. It is noted that this study did not include professional counseling or marriage and family therapist registered associates, but did include clinical social work associates.

This is provided for informational purposes only. Questions about this report should be directed to [OHA](#).

New Checklists Available

To help support applicants applying to be licensed to practice in Oregon, the Board has put together various check lists. These check lists help to support new applicants in whichever stage they may be in. Whether just graduating, accrued supervision hours in another state, or fully licensed in another state, the Board has a check list to support each new applicant. The check lists cover documentation needed to get your process started, allowing applicants to plan and start gathering required information. They also include web addresses and links so applicants can be connected to the correct page or form on our website with just one click. Check lists also include the best method for the Board to receive your various documents, making sure application processes are as efficient as possible. By utilizing these and getting all information submitted right away, this can speed up the application process, while answering some questions along the way.

You can visit our website to download a fillable checklist, [Board of Psychology : Apply for a License : State of Oregon](#) , or download from the list below.

- ⇒ [Application Checklist Standard.pdf](#)
- ⇒ [Application Checklist Endorsement Less15.pdf](#)
- ⇒ [Application Checklist Endorsement 15+.pdf](#)



Enforcement Actions

During the period of time from April 15, 2025, to July 15, 2025, the Board took the following actions:

John A. Moran, Ph.D. (Permittee) was previously licensed by the Board to practice psychology in the State of Oregon. Permittee is a licensed psychologist in Arizona. Permittee was licensed by the Board to practice psychology in Oregon from March 26, 2021 through March 25, 2022, during which time he was permitted to practice in Oregon for no more than 30 calendar days. The permit expired on March 25, 2022. For purposes of custody litigation in an Oregon court, involving an Oregon family. On April 26, 2022, after his permit had expired, Permittee submitted a consultation report regarding parental alienation in the family to Father's Oregon attorney for use in the Oregon court proceeding. In the report conclusions, Permittee suggested that the court change the legal and physical custody of the children exclusively to Father "while Mother's delusional disorder is receiving treatment." In the report conclusions, Permittee suggested that Mother received individual treatment "to resolve her delusional disorder." Permittee never interviewed or met Mother and had an insufficient objective basis on which to determine that she met the criteria for delusional disorder. Nevertheless, he referred to Mother's purported delusional disorder in at least three places in the report and included in his report a definition of delusion, and summary of the characteristics of delusional disorder, both from the Diagnostic and Statistical

Manual, 5th Edition. Permittee neither admits nor denies but the Board finds that the acts and conduct of Permittee described above constitute violations of ORS 675.020(1)(a) unlicensed practice and ES9.01. Permittee was ordered to pay a \$3,000 civil penalty.

Chad Frazee (Respondent) is not licensed by the Board to practice psychology in the State of Oregon. On March 23, 2022, Respondent registered Maker's Mark Counseling Services (the practice) located in Monroe, Oregon. The purpose of the practice is for Respondent to provide pastoral counseling to general members of the public. Respondent is the only counselor employed by the practice. The practice is not part of a Church's counseling ministry and Respondent is not providing counseling services as part of any Church duties. Respondent charges clients a fee for his counseling services at the practice. The practice's website advertises that the practice provides "in-person and teletherapy appointments" and will work with clients to "customize a therapy plan" for them. The website recruits prospective clients to contact the practice via the website, stating, "We are taking new clients currently." The website specifically promotes "counseling and treatment" to address Depression and Anxiety, and highlights that the practice will help clients "overcome the[] symptoms [of anxiety, fear and hopelessness following traumatic events]" under the heading of "Trauma & PTSD." Respondent advertises his services on the Psychology Today website, report-

Enforcement Actions, Cont.

ing to prospective clients that he has “expertise” in a number of areas, including Addiction, ADHD, Anxiety, Depression, and PTSD. He advertises that he provides Cognitive Behavioral Therapy as one of his treatment approaches. The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, Fifth Edition (DSM-5) is the diagnostic standard used within the profession of psychology to identify and diagnose recognized behavioral health disorders, including anxiety disorders, ADHD (Attention-Deficit/ Hyperactivity Disorder), depressive disorders, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and substance use and addiction disorders. Respondent’s conduct violated ORS 675.020(1)(a) and (b). Respondent was ordered to pay a civil penalty.

Peter Grover, Ph.D. (Licensee) is licensed by the Board to practice psychology in the State of Oregon. Licensee is employed at a university in Oregon which has a graduate program in psychology, where Licensee supervises the practice of psychology graduate students at the university clinic. The clinic accepts clients from the general public. In his personal life, Licensee has attended exotic nude dance performances at adult entertainment venues in Oregon. Between approximately Fall 2021 and Summer 2022, Licensee attended such performances on one particular venue and became friendly with one of the dancers, whom he knew only by her stage name. Licensee engaged the dancer in conversation on multiple occasions and observed her dancing nude. From approximately April to July 2023, the dancer (Client) with whom Licensee had been friendly sought psychological services at the clinic located at Licensee’s school. Client received services from a graduate student working under Licensee’s supervision. Client received the services under her true name and, at first, Licensee was unaware that Client was the dancer he had formerly befriended. However, Licensee at one point saw Client in the clinic and recognized her. Licensee deliberately determined to continue supervision of the graduate student practitioner and did not recuse himself or transfer the student to another clinical supervisor. Later, Client had recognized Licensee’s name on her counseling records (as the clinical supervisor) and called Licensee at the clinic. Licensee took Client’s call and Client became distressed that he had a supervisory role, which included access to her counseling records, over her clinical care. Client filed formal complaints with her insurer and the university and clinic. Licensee was sanctioned by his employer. Licensee also supervised other graduate students, including Supervisee. In approximately Fall

2022 and Spring 2023, Licensee made personal sexual disclosures to Supervisee. Although Licensee sometimes framed his disclosures in the context of providing training on work with members of sexual minority groups or subcultures, Supervisee was not pursuing such work in a clinical setting and the revelations were not related to Supervisee’s practice or clients. Supervisee was uncomfortable with Licensee’s disclosures and could not bring themselves to confront Licensee until Spring 2023, at which point Licensee ceased making the disclosures. Licensee admits and the Board finds that the acts and conduct of Licensee described above constitute violations of ES 3.02, 3.04, 3.06 and 10.07. Licensee was ordered to complete 4 hours of continuing education and to pay a civil penalty and to practice under supervision when providing supervision for a minimum of one year.

Joanna Friedlander (Respondent) is not, and has never been, licensed by the Board. On or about January 21, 2025, Respondent became licensed as a Professional Counselor Associate by the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists. Beginning in 2021 and continuing until at least 2022, Respondent operated a therapy service in Oregon and maintained a public facing website, Phoenix Rising Holistic Therapy. On the website, Respondent offered to provide “IFS Psychotherapy” and invited potential clients to “De-mystify and target specific psychological issues you want resolved.” At some point before February 2025, Respondent took down the website. For an unknown period of time, continuing at least until April 26, 2024, Respondent also advertised Phoenix Rising Holistic Therapy on LinkedIn, a public facing, online networking platform. On her LinkedIn headline, Respondent described herself as “Holistic Therapist; Internal Family Systems (IFS) Psychotherapy.” Respondent’s LinkedIn site stated: “I help people transform from living in pain, fear and disparity into love, strength and freedom. Utilizing a profoundly empowering a healing method of psychotherapy known as Internal Family Systems (IFS), people are guided through a process of unburdening and radical transformation. Learn more at phoenixrisingholistictherapy.com.” Respondent’s LinkedIn site contained a link to her company website. By approximately April 2, 2025, after an inquiry from the Board, Respondent removed these statements. Respondent admits and the Board finds the conduct violated ORS 675.020(1)(b). Respondent was ordered to pay a civil penalty. Ψ

Tips from the Licensing Team

****Residents** must submit the following forms via the [Licensee Portal](#) within 30 days of the conclusion or termination of the residency contract: ‘Final Evaluation of Resident Form’, ‘Final Evaluation of Supervisor Form’ and submit your completed Hours Logs(s). Links to these forms can be found here under ‘Ending a Residency’’: [Board of Psychology : Residency : State of Oregon](#) . **

Preparing for the Oregon Jurisprudence Exam (OJE)?

The OBOP Statutes, Rules and Ethical Principles can be downloaded here: [Board of Psychology Statutes, Rules, & EPs](#).

The OBOP Statutes Pertaining to the Practice of Psychology can be downloaded here: [Statutes Pertaining to the Practice of Psychology](#).

Visit the [Exams](#) webpage for more information on requesting and taking the exam.

A Brief History of the OJE

The structure of the OJE has changed significantly over time. From 1980-2009, the oral exam was held twice a year, typically in April and October (prior to 1980, it was held ad-hoc). Board members would present exam candidates with vignettes for testing, and candidates would provide verbal responses covering five domains: competence to practice, preparation methods for services in new areas, procedural knowledge, awareness of ethical issues, and laws affecting the practice of psychology. The exam committee would review and score candidates in the five domains and make a decision as to whether they passed. In 2008, the Board transitioned to an open-book written exam that was administered by paper and pencil twice a year. Candidates were required to request to sit for the exam at least 30 days in advance. In 2010, the exam frequency was increased to four times per year, and in 2011 the Board began holding the monthly. Finally, in early 2021, the exam moved to the online format by which it is administered today. Ψ

In Memoriam

Tony Farrenkopf was born in Germany in 1940. He survived the war by moving to the countryside with his mother, though their apartment in Hannover was bombed. He lost two fingers in 1944 in a train incident with German soldiers. Following the war, he attended an all-boys school, getting into mischief at every turn, eventually leaving school at age 17 to join the merchant marine and sail around the world on cargo ships. While in port he led a bohemian lifestyle with a monkey on his shoulder and a bottle of red in his hand, painting on the streets of Paris for loose change, and running with the bulls in Pamplona. Following Army service in Europe he moved to San Francisco in 1967 and joined the revolution as a scholar. There he met his wife of 50 years, a nurse, Helen Brady, and they moved to Massachusetts. Tony received his BS in Psychology and Philosophy at San Francisco State, and his PhD in Psychology at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He com-

pleted his post-doc fellowship at Langley Porter Neuropsychiatric Institute and was a professor at CalPoly, Pomona. In 1979 he and his young family moved to Portland, OR where he opened a private practice specializing in psychotherapy, Ethics, disaster debriefing, and sports psychology. In his spare time he coached his daughter's soccer team, drank rum on the beaches in Hawaii, served on the board of the Oregon Psychological Association, played the harmonica, and wrote prose. He spoke several languages, considered himself a Faustian, and loved this life. He is remembered with love by his daughters, Marieka Farrenkopf (Portland) and Bridget Habib (Paris, France); his sons-in-law, Matthew Bihn and Mark Habib; his four grandsons, Eli & Kellen (Portland), and Kadin & Xavier (Paris); and his sisters, Dagmar and Helga (Germany). His lovely wife, Helen, died in 2020.



If you would like to submit an 'In Memoriam' tribute for a member of the psychologist community please email: psychology.board@mhra.oregon.gov.

'Though you are no longer with us, you will never be forgotten.'



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2025 BOP Calendar

August 2025

8/15: Consumer Protection Committee Meeting

8/21: Education & DEI Committee Meeting

September 2025

9/1: Office Closed for Labor Day

9/12: **Board Meeting**

9/19: Education & DEI Committee Meeting

October 2025

10/16: Consumer Protection Committee Meeting

10/17: Education & DEI Committee Meeting

November 2025

11/11: Office Closed for Veteran's Day

11/14: **Board Meeting**

11/15: Strategic Planning Meeting

11/21: Education & DEI Committee Meeting

11/27-11/28: Office Closed for Thanksgiving

8/21: Education & DEI Committee Meeting

December 2025

12/18: Consumer Protection Committee Meeting

12/19: Education & DEI Committee Meeting

12/25: Office Closed for Holiday

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