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Dear ASPPB Member Boards:

The ASPPB Board of Directors ("Board") would like to update member jurisdictions on the status of the EPPP. As you know, the EPPP was updated to include two parts (knowledge and skills) as a comprehensive examination that allows jurisdictions to more completely measure competency of candidates for licensure. In 2018, the Board made the decision to allow jurisdictions to use the EPPP (Part 2–Skills) optionally with the promise to membership to revisit the future of the EPPP in 2022.

Over the past several years the Board has spent considerable time gathering feedback from its jurisdictional members, liaisons to ASPPB, and various other stakeholders in the psychology community. Some of these activities have included discussions about the EPPP at ASPPB membership meetings, jurisdictional question and answer sessions, engagement with the training and education community, and the creation of the collaborative Examination Stakeholder Technical Advisory Group (ESTAG). Most recently, ASPPB conducted four Town Hall meetings during the summer of 2022. During the meetings, ASPPB provided those in attendance with a summary of the rationale for the development for the EPPP (Part 2–Skills), and questions surrounding the exam that have been raised by ASPPB membership and other stakeholders. Time was taken to share how those questions have been and continue to be addressed, and an overview was provided on the examination development process. Lastly, comment periods were made available for those who attended the Town Halls to share their thoughts and concerns regarding anything they heard in the presentation. In an effort to extend access to this important information, a recording of the presentation is available at https://vimeo.com/743463541/0991a45ead. Attached is a factual overview of the EPPP processes related to the main concerns that have been reported to ASPPB.

ASPPB is guided by its mission to assist its members with their primary responsibility of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public. In this effort, the Board remains committed to the ongoing development, refinement, and use of a valid, reliable, state-of-the-art competency assessment for those individuals that are seeking licensure to practice psychology. Consistent with the above, during its October 2022 meeting, the Board unanimously passed the following motion:

Effective no later than January 1, 2026, the EPPP is one examination with two parts, EPPP (Part 1 – Knowledge) and EPPP (Part 2 – Skills).

This means the EPPP will only be offered as a two-part examination effective January 1, 2026. We are aware that a number of jurisdictions are ready to move to the two-part model
immediately. Indeed, some already have. The transition in the registration portal can be accomplished fairly quickly. If your jurisdiction is ready to move forward, please notify Dr. Matt Turner at mturner@asppb.org.

Thank you for your continued efforts to ensure safe and competent practice in all of our jurisdictions.

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