

GM507:
Questionnaire for Nomination to the Board of Psychology
June W. J. Ching, Ph.D., ABPP

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Psychology Board?

I love psychology and being a psychologist. The field of psychology has provided me with the opportunity to utilize my training, knowledge, experience, and skills to make a difference in meaningful ways for those in need of mental health services and to educate Hawaii's community about access to behavioral health resources. It would be an honor and privilege for me to serve on the Board of Psychology as a means of giving back to Hawaii's community where I have dedicated over 40 years as a licensed practicing psychologist.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Psychology Board?

As a member of the Board of Psychology, I would be deeply committed to upholding licensing policies and maintaining standards of excellence in psychology practice that provide public health, safety, and welfare, while promoting the best practice by those licensed to practice within our state.

The role of the Board is also to regulate and protect the public from the practice of psychology by unqualified persons and from unprofessional conduct by persons licensed to practice psychology.

(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Psychology Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

Educationally, I earned my B.A. with honors from the University of Hawaii in 1973 and pursued graduate studies with a M.Ed. from Harvard University in 1974 and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Northwestern University in 1980. Upon receiving my doctorate, I became a licensed psychologist in Illinois, where I worked for a few years at the University of Illinois, Chicago Campus Counseling Center in addition to establishing a part-time independent practice.

In 1981, I returned to my home state of Hawaii and have pursued my lifelong passion in utilizing psychology to promote, advance and deliver culturally informed mental health services to our communities. I am a Hawaii licensed psychologist, having earned Board Certification from the American Board of Professional Psychology in Clinical Psychology. My clinical and professional practice has specialized in the diagnostic assessment and treatment of a culturally diverse population of children, adolescents, adults, couples, and families. I have expertise in the treatment of children, parents, and families undergoing the divorce process and in the forensic investigative interview of minors with

allegations of sexual abuse, felony physical abuse, and witness to interpersonal violence. My other areas of focus have included the diagnosis and treatment of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and learning disabilities, trauma, anxiety, depression, parenting, relationship difficulties, and coping with major life stresses.

As a member of the Board, I plan to utilize additional knowledge and skills that I developed through experiences as a psychological consultant to judiciary programs, multi-disciplinary teams and non-profits; Chief Psychologist and training director of an accredited psychology pre-doctoral internship program; APA accreditation site visitor; university faculty/lecturer; public education coordinator; expert witness in civil and federal courts; guardian ad litem; child abuse forensic investigative interviewer and statewide trainer; editorial board member and peer journal reviewer; supervisor and mentor; program developer; and national conference presenter.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

Our psychology licensing laws serve to protect the public by enforcing standards that restrict practice to qualified individuals who have met qualifications in receiving a doctoral degree in psychology from an accredited institution of higher education, accrued the necessary formal supervised training hours, and pass the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology. I plan to contribute my time and expertise to ensure that prospective applicants for licensure are qualified to practice psychology based on Hawaii's licensing laws and regulations. I am also invested in ensuring that licensed psychologists actively practicing within our state pursue the requisite approved continuing education to keep abreast of the field in our diverse and multicultural communities.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Psychology.

A psychology colleague who served previous two terms on the Board of Psychology and worked closely with me over the years shared her impressions of my qualities and how they will benefit Psychology "Dr. Ching has served in many leadership roles, both locally and nationally and is an excellent role model for early career psychologists...I strongly believe that Dr. Ching's integrity and professionalism will be an asset in furthering the Board's mission. She has consistently committed to excellence in training psychologists, worked tirelessly to educate the community about the scope of psychological practice, devoted time and effort to HPA and APA guild activities and maintained the highest ethical and professional standards in her work."

Dedication and unwavering commitment to psychology and psychologists.

This is exemplified by ongoing professional engagement in the delivery of culturally competent clinical services to patients, investment in the education, training, and consultation for psychologists at various stages

of their careers, advocating for scope of practice and access to services for underserved populations, championing diversity and inclusion in all my activities, coordinating psychoeducational public education activities, and leadership service in state and national association matters.

Professionalism.

My pursuit of a high level of competence, knowledge and skills as a practicing psychologist has kept me abreast of the most relevant issues for professional psychology and standards of practice for licensing Boards locally and nationally. I will enter the Board with a keen understanding of current considerations for practicing psychologists, standards of care, licensing requirements, and interjurisdictional matters. On the forefront of licensing boards are emerging issues of equity, diversity, and inclusion concerns, PSYPACT, ASPPB's efforts to implement the EPPP-2 exam for assessment of clinical competence, along with healthcare access through telehealth.

Well Respected.

I have received feedback that I am well respected by my peers and those in the community. I strive to lead by example, be of service to others, and model integrity and highest ethical and professional standards in all my undertakings. My collaborative approach, conscientiousness, willingness to "step up to the plate", inclusiveness of others, and appreciation of differences are qualities that have been welcomed by committees, task forces, and boards that I have had the honor to serve on.

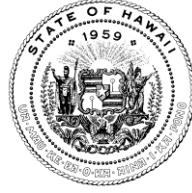
(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Psychology Board member.

My sense of commitment has also extended to state and national guild activities involving volunteer leadership positions in the Hawaii Psychological Association (HPA) and the American Psychological Association (APA). I have served as president of HPA and APA's Division 42 (Psychologists in Independent Practice), along with serving on the National Register Board for Health Care Psychologists, and APA Boards such as the Committee for the Advancement of Professional Practice, Board of Professional Affairs, Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest, Membership Board, and the APA Council of Representatives. Having served on HPA and APA advocacy committees, I am knowledgeable about legislative advocacy efforts that advance psychology practice. My other public service activities involve being a member of the Diocesan Review Board and past advisory board member for Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Psychology? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

I am not aware of any existing conflicts of interest in my service on the Psychology Board. If any possible conflicts of interest arise, I plan to seek

immediate consultation with the Board staff and AG for their input and guidance.



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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Friday, February 18, 2022
9:30 a.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 507, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE HAWAII BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JUNE CHING,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department supports the appointment of Dr. June Ching to the Board of Psychology (Board) as a licensee member.

Dr. Ching has nearly 41 years of experience in the field of psychology. As a licensed psychologist in Hawaii, she is currently in independent practice, a senior psychological consultant for the Children's Justice Center, and a psychological consultant for the Kid's First Program.

Dr. Ching has extensive experience serving on various panels and boards, including most recently as a member of the American Psychological Association and as a treasurer for the National Register for Health Services Providers in Psychology.

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The Department believes that Dr. Ching's extensive professional experience here in Hawaii, will offer an invaluable perspective on the Board. In addition, her desire to serve on the Board and commitment to actively participate in board meetings will greatly enhance the Board's effectiveness.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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February 14, 2022

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
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RE: June Ching, Ph.D.

Dear Senator Baker:

This is written in support of Dr. Ching's application to serve as a member of the Board of Psychology. I have known Dr. Ching in various capacities for the past 35 years. We first worked together at Kapiolani Medical Center's outpatient psychiatric clinic where Dr. Ching was the Chief Psychologist. She was instrumental in securing accreditation from the American Psychological Association (APA) for the pre-doctoral psychology internship program.

When Dr. Ching left the Medical Center in 2000 to pursue private practice, she continued to demonstrate her strong commitment to the profession through her activities with the Hawaii Psychological Association (HPA). She served as president of HPA as well as APA's Division 42 (Psychologists in Independent Practice) and was subsequently involved with APA governance, eventually earning national recognition for her advocacy work. Locally, she was a co-founder of the Kids First program at Family Court which continues to this day. We also worked together for many years at the Children's Justice Center (CJC) as forensic interviewers of minors who were victims of alleged sexual abuse.

Dr. Ching has served in many leadership roles, both locally and nationally and is an excellent role model for early career psychologists. Having served on the Board of Psychology for two terms, I strongly believe that Dr. Ching's integrity and professionalism will be an asset in furthering the Board's mission. She has been consistently committed to excellence in training psychologists, worked tirelessly to educate the community about the scope of psychological practice, devoted time and effort to HPA and APA guild activities and maintained the highest ethical and professional standards in her work.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my enthusiastic and unequivocal support for Dr. Ching's application. Please contact me if you have any further questions. Mahalo.

Sincerely,



Evelyn H. Yanagida, Ph.D.
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February 14, 2022

To the Hawaii State Legislature:

I am writing to highly recommend and support Dr. June Ching's nomination to serve on the Hawaii State Board of Psychology.

My name is Donald Kopf and for the past 25 years, I've worked in psychology in Hawaii at multiple universities, in private practice, consulting and in the federal government. I currently work at the VA Pacific Islands Health Care System as the Outpatient Program Manager overseeing outpatient mental health services on Oahu.

Over the past 20 years course of my career, I've had the honor and privilege to know and work with Dr. June Ching in range of capacities and circumstances. I've served with her in the Hawaii Psychological Association, in the local Kids' First Program through the Hawaii State Judiciary, the American Psychological Association and other organizations. In these organizations, we've worked on projects together and engaged in multiple committees and workgroups always advocating to improve people's lives through psychology.

In all the time I've known her, she has consistently shown herself to be a dedicated professional with a high degree of knowledge, integrity and ability. I've turned to her on many occasions for case consultations, ethical questions and other psychology practice-related concerns and in each instance, she has been a significant help in resolving the concerns appropriately.

Her entire career has been one of service to others, both advocating locally and nationally so that others' lives might be improved. She is a well-respected leader of both the local and national psychology community having served on many committees and boards at both the American Psychological Association and the Hawaii Psychological Association. She



is board certified and has engaged in ongoing service to the local, state and national communities in a range of ways.

Dr. Ching has a strong understanding of ethical and legal requirements with respect to the practice of psychology. Her curriculum vita speaks for itself as to the wide range of knowledge, training and expertise she possesses which are too many to list here. She would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii State Board of Psychology.

For these and many other reasons, I enthusiastically and unreservedly recommend her for appointment to the Hawaii State Board of Psychology.

Thank you for your consideration,

Respectfully submitted,

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Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Date of Hearing: February 18, 2022 at 9:30AM

RE: Testimony in Strong Support of GM507 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Psychology, Gubernatorial Nominee, JUNE CHING, for a term to expire 06-30-2025

Senator Baker, Senator Chang and members of the Committee,

It is my pleasure to most highly recommend Dr. June Ching for appointment to the Board of Psychology. I have known Dr. Ching since 1981 when she started her psychological practice in Hawai'i and we have worked together on a number of psychology-related projects and initiatives since that time. I have had the opportunity over a period of four decades to observe her work in a variety of settings as well as assess her interpersonal skills and the quality of her character.

An honors graduate from the University of Hawai'i, Dr. Ching went on to complete her graduate school training at Harvard and Northwestern Universities. She returned home to Honolulu in 1981 to open her practice as a clinical psychologist and went on to achieve board certification in clinical psychology and as a forensic examiner. Dr. Ching is one of very few psychologists in the State to have dual board certification.

Dr. Ching is renowned as a clinical psychologist in our State. She exhibits extraordinary expertise in her work with children, adolescents, adults, couples and families. Mental health colleagues regularly consult with her for assistance with difficult and complex cases. In a career that extends over 40 years, Dr. Ching has developed a superb array of skills as a clinician, psychological consultant, training director, teacher, supervisor, mentor, expert witness, forensic investigative interviewer and researcher.

At a national level, Dr. Ching has served in over 50 different capacities with the American Psychological Association. She has also given back to her Hawai'i community in countless ways. Professionally she has served in over 20 volunteer roles with the Hawai'i Psychological Association and in a variety of other community-based initiatives and programs that include co-founder of the Kids First program at Family Court, a program that continues to this day. She has given hundreds of presentations locally to community groups and dozens of media presentations on topics that include helping children cope with divorce, keeping children safe from sexual abuse, teen violence, internet game addiction, depression and suicide prevention.

The Committee on Commerce and Community Protection would be hard pressed to find a better candidate than Dr. Ching. I know I speak for the entire psychology community in giving my unequivocal support for Dr. Ching's appointment to the Board of Psychology.

Sincerely,
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