

Public Notice

Registrant: James Blackburn, Registered Psychologist

Location: New Westminster and Courtenay, BC

Effective: January 5, 2026

The College of Health and Care Professionals of British Columbia (the “College” or “CHCPBC”) received information, by way of a complaint, that James Blackburn, Psychologist (the “Registrant”), had been charged with committing an indecent act in a public place, contrary to section 173(1) of the *Criminal Code of Canada*. The complaint is currently under investigation and the allegations are **unproven**.

Action taken:

In a decision dated January 5, 2026, a panel of the Inquiry Committee (the “Panel”) made an order, pursuant to section 35(1) of the *Health Professions Act*, suspending the Registrant’s registration for the purpose of protecting the public while the complaint is under investigation.

Reason for action taken:

The Panel found an order suspending the Registrant’s registration was necessary to protect the public during the investigation of this matter. Specifically, the Panel was satisfied there was a *prima facie* case of the alleged conduct and that such conduct could, if proven, constitute professional misconduct under the *Health Professions Act*. Further, the Panel was satisfied that an interim order was necessary to protect the public in the circumstances considering the seriousness of the allegation, the nature of the evidence, and the likelihood of the alleged conduct being repeated (in a clinical setting) if an interim order were not imposed. In particular, the Panel found there was a risk the Registrant may engage in similar conduct while acting as a psychologist and a risk the Registrant may have impaired judgment that could impact his ability to perform his professional obligations. In the circumstances, the Panel found the public could only be protected through the imposition of a suspension of the Registrant’s registration and that lesser measures would not suffice.

Termination of the suspension order:

The Panel’s suspension order will terminate on the day the Inquiry Committee resolves the matter under section 33(6) of the *Health Professions Act* or on the commencement of any hearing of the College’s Discipline Committee with respect to this matter, subject to the order being cancelled or varied pursuant to section 35(4) of the *Health Professions Act*.

Important note: The order relates to matters that are unproven, unless admitted by the Registrant or determined by a Discipline Committee.