

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of

The Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology
100 N. Union Street, Suite 880
Montgomery, AL 36104

January 14, 2022

Members Present: Catalina M. Arata, Ph.D. – Chair
Nancy W. Berland, Ph.D. – Member
Edwin W. Cook, III, Ph.D. – Member
Carmen Douglas, SHRM-SCP, SPHR – Public Member

Others Present: Lori H. Rall, Executive Director – Recorder
Angela D. Ledbetter, Executive Assistant
Brice M. Johnston, Legal Counsel
Ellen Spence, Ph.D. – Alabama Psychological Association Liaison

Not Present: Eliza M. Belle, Ph.D. – Member
Mary Ann Bowers, Ph.D. – Member
Kristi Ann Miller, M.S. – Psychological Technician Member – Vice-Chair

The time is 9:03 a.m. We are having a Zoom meeting for the Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology. There is a lawful quorum present and sufficient prior notice has been given as required by the Open Meetings Act.

BOARD MISSION STATEMENT:

The Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology seeks to promote and protect the public's health, welfare, and quality of life by licensing and regulating the practice of psychology and by promoting access to psychological services delivered in a safe, competent, and ethical manner.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Review of the November 12, 2021 Minutes. Motion by Cook: I move for approval. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Angela D. Ledbetter, Executive Administrative Assistant – First day was Tuesday, December 28, 2021. Welcome.

REVIEW OF NEW APPLICANTS:

Psychologists

- 1) AGIT, Maria – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Cook and Arata) Motion by Cook: I move that we deny Dr. Agit’s application to sit for the EPPP and PSE (for failure to meet Administrative Code Rules 750-X-2-.04 and 750-X-2-.07). Seconded by Arata. Motion passed.
- 2) MELLEN, Ronald Roy – PSE Candidate (Arata and Cook) Motion by Arata: I move that we accept Dr. Mellen to the PSE, and also request that he provide a revised Specialization Statement that explains in specific detail what he intends to do especially regarding cranial electrotherapy stimulation and how his training and experience is consistent with his planned practice. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.

Psychological Technician

- 1) LA MAR, Kristy Lynette – Previous Psychologist Applicant. Previously passed the PSE; previously passed the EPPP at the Master’s-level. Current candidate for licensure, per Admin Code Rule 750-X-2A-.04(5)(i), Item 2): *An applicant whose credentials have been approved by the board for an examination at the licensed psychologist level may be issued a license as a psychological technician if the applicant fails an examination at the licensed psychologist level but passes the examination at the licensed psychological technician level. To receive this license, the applicant shall file all required application materials with the board for licensure at the psychological technician level.* (Cook and Arata) Motion by Cook: I move that we table Dr. La Mar’s application and inform her that the Board anticipates granting her a license as a Psychological Technician but, before the license is issued, the Board requests a statement about her practice plans regarding the activities in which she plans to engage and any supervision plans she might have, consistent with her statement. Seconded by Arata. Motion passed.

PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED APPLICANTS:

Psychologists

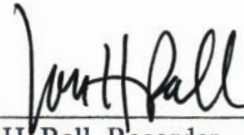
- 1) PILLAI, Amanda Jayne – PSE Candidate (Cook and Arata) Admitted to the PSE on 11/12/2021; requested revision to Specialization Statement and designation to “Clinical” with a sub-specialization in “Neuropsychology” but to remove “Forensic”. Review response. Motion by Cook: I move that we accept her revised Specialization Statement and designations. Seconded by Arata. Motion passed.

REVIEW of Exam Scores for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) and the Professional Standards Exam (PSE), and the ISSUANCE OF LICENSES:
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Motion by Arata: I move that we grant licenses to the following individuals: Nathan Calvin Bridendolph in Counseling Psychology (**License No. 2248**), Jonathan David Cordell in Industrial/Organizational Psychology (**License No. 2249**), Courtney Caroline Prather in Clinical Psychology (**License No. 2250**), and Sarah Elizabeth Schwartz in Clinical Psychology (**License No. 2251**). Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.

Motion by Arata: The time is 9:55 a.m. Dr. Cook needs to leave the meeting and, since we will no longer have quorum when he leaves, I move to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed. The meeting ended at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori H. Rall, Recorder
Executive Director



Catalina M. Arata, Ph.D.
Chair

REVIEW of Exam Scores for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) and the Professional Standards Exam (PSE), and the ISSUANCE OF LICENSES:

Psychologists: Pass or fail for each candidate is based upon the ASPPB recommended passing score for psychologists. The EPPP passing score for psychologists is 500. The passing score for the PSE is 80% (34 correct).

Psychological Technicians: The EPPP passing score for psychological technicians is 400. The passing score for the PSE is 80% (34 correct).

<i>Name</i>	<i>Application Level</i>	<i>EPPP Score</i>	<i>Passed?</i>	<i>PSE Score</i>	<i>Passed?</i>	<i>License No. Issued</i>	<i>Area of Specialization</i>
BRIDENDOLPH, Nathan Calvin	Psychologist	-	-		Yes	2248	Counseling
CORDELL, Jonathan David	Psychologist	-	-		-	2249	Industrial/ Organizational
PRATHER, Courtney Caroline	Psychologist	-	-		Yes	2250	Clinical
SCHWARTZ, Sarah Elizabeth	Psychologist	-	-		Yes	2251	Clinical
TWIGG-SMITH, Leia Lynn Macmillan	Psychologist		No		Yes	-	Clinical