

# MINUTES

Regular Meeting of

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

January 28, 2022

Members Present: Catalina M. Arata, Ph.D. – Chair  
Eliza M. Belle, Ph.D. – Member  
Nancy W. Berland, Ph.D. – Member  
Edwin W. Cook, III, Ph.D. – Member  
Carmen Douglas, SHRM-SCP, SPHR – Public Member  
Kristi Ann Miller, M.S. – Psychological Technician Member – Vice-Chair

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  
Dodie Ward – Member of the Public  
Calia Morais – Member of the Public and Applicant

Not Present: Mary Ann Bowers, Ph.D. – Member

The time is 9:05 a.m. We are having a Zoom meeting for the Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology, which is a reconvening from the regular January 14, 2022 meeting. 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.

Ms. Rall requested that the Board accept two (2) additional items of New Business to the Agenda, one being Item 7), related to Board Member's Statement of Economic Interest, and the other being Item 8), related to the Board's Wellness and Monitoring Committee meetings. Motion by Arata: I move that we accept these two Agenda items. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.

## **REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

Review of the January 14, 2022 Minutes. Motion by Cook: I move that we accept the Minutes of the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting as distributed. Seconded by Belle. Motion passed.

## **REVIEW OF NEW APPLICANTS:**

### **Psychologists**

- 1) McLARTY, Amanda Estelle – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Berland and Miller) Motion by Berland: I move that we allow Dr. McLarty to sit for the EPPP and PSE. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed.
- 2) MORAIS, Calia Arglod – PSE Candidate (Miller and Douglas) Motion by Miller: I move that we admit Dr. Morais to the PSE. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed.
- 3) MUELLER, Stephanie Christina – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Arata and Berland) Motion by Arata: I move that we allow Dr. Mueller to sit for the EPPP and PSE. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed. Cook abstained.
- 4) PREAST, June Laney – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Miller and Arata) Motion by Miller: I move that we admit Dr. Preast to the EPPP and PSE. Seconded by Arata. Motion passed.
- 5) SANCHEZ, Jamie Javier – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Berland and Douglas) Motion by Berland: I move that we allow Dr. Sanchez to take the EPPP and PSE. Seconded by Arata. Motion passed.

### **Psychological Technician**

- 1) ROBERTS, Tarryn Elizabeth – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Miller and Arata) Motion by Miller: I move that we admit Ms. Roberts to the EPPP and PSE. Seconded by Arata. Motion passed

## **PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED APPLICANTS:**

### **Psychologists**

- 1) SANDBERG PATTON, Karen Louise – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Assigned to Arata, previously reviewed by Belle) Admitted to the EPPP and PSE on 11/12/2021; requested clarification on training and qualifications for therapy and treatment, and therapy and treatment modalities, as well as specific testing instruments that she is qualified to utilize. Review response. Motion by Belle: I move that we accept Dr. Sandberg Patton's revised specialization statement. Seconded by Berland. 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). Application tabled on 1/14/2022; requested a statement about her practice plans regarding activities in which she plans to engage, and any supervision plans she might have, consistent with her statement. Review response. (Cook and Arata) Motion by Cook: I move to approve Dr. LaMar's licensure as a Psychological Technician. Seconded by Arata. Motion passed. **(Psychological Technician License No. 2247)**

## **COMPLAINTS:**

### **Against Licensed Psychologists**

#### **Old**

- 1) 19-015 – On-going investigation
- 2) 20-002 – No Probable Cause
- 3) 20-007 – On-going investigation
- 4) 20-008 – On-going investigation
- 5) 20-009 – On-going investigation
- 6) 21-002 – On-going investigation
- 7) 21-004 – On-going investigation
- 8) 21-007 – On-going investigation
- 9) 21-009 – On-going investigation
- 10) 21-010 – On-going investigation
- 11) 21-012 – On-going investigation
- 12) 21-013 – On-going investigation
- 13) 22-001 – No Probable Cause

#### **New**

- 1) 22-002 – On-going investigation
- 2) 22-003 – On-going investigation

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Clara Elizabeth “Beth” Long, Ph.D., LPC – Review for violation(s) of ALA. CODE § 34-26-42. Inquiry on her qualifications and scope of practice sent after November 2021 Board meeting. Review response. The Board will send correspondence to Dr. Long thanking her for her response to the Board.
- 2) Upcoming Board Seat Vacancies. Discussion. Dr. Mary A. Bowers, Ph.D. is finishing with this meeting two (2) terms as a Board member, and the Board thanks her for the

excellent service she has provided to the State of Alabama and the professional practice of Psychology in Alabama. The Alabama Psychological Association (aPA) provided the following names to the Governor's Appointments Office for consideration for Psychologist Board Members: Dr. Kimberley S. Ackerson, Ph.D., ABPP, Dr. Michael A. Carlton, Ph.D., Dr. Terasa L. Davis, Psy.D., and Dr. Dale Wisely, Ph.D. The aPA provided Ms. Candice D. Lewis, M.S. for consideration for the Psychological Technician's seat. Appointment nominations are considered by the Governor's Appointments Office and decisions are approved by Governor Kay Ivey.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2022. Review; discuss Veteran's Day conflict with November meeting date. Motion by Arata: I move that we change the Board meeting date in November from November 11, 2022 to November 4, 2022. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed. Notice of this change will be posted at both the Secretary of State's Website and at the Board's website.
- 2) University of Alabama – Qualifying Coursework inquiry. Discuss. Dr. Matthew A. Jarrett, Ph.D., Director of Clinical Training with the Department of Psychology at The University of Alabama inquired about the program moving its History & Systems requirement to be completed at the undergraduate level, asking if this change will be sufficient for licensure requirements in Alabama. The Board commented that it appears this program change will not present any future licensing issues, as long as the program remains in accordance with accreditation requirements and maintains its accredited status. Ms. Rall will correspond with Dr. Jarrett that the change is fine under these circumstances.
- 3) Oz Psychology, LLC in Dothan, AL – Review for violation(s) of ALA. CODE § 34-26-42. Mr. Johnston recommended that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss the potential threat of, or possibility of, litigation of the good name and character of an individual. Motion by Belle: I move that we go into Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes to discuss the potential threat of, or possibility of, litigation of the good name and character of an individual. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed. The Board moved into Executive Session at 9:46 a.m. to return at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Drs. Spence and Morais, and Ms. Ward left the Zoom meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Motion by Berland: I move that we come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Belle. Motion passed. The Board returned from Executive Session at 11:02 a.m.

Public members were able to return to the Zoom meeting at 11:02 a.m. Ms. Rall added Dr. Spence back into the meeting from the Zoom Waiting Room; no other participants returned to the meeting.

Motion by Arata: I move to issue a Cease-and-Desist letter to Oz Psychology for presenting their group as Psychologists through the name of the practice and the repetitive references to their services as psychological (for example, "Psychological Evaluations",

“telepsychology”). Seconded by Berland. Motion passed. Second motion by Arata: I move that we copy the LPC Board on the Cease-and-Desist letter and share with them our concerns regarding this individual’s, or these individuals’, possible practice without appropriate supervision and/or outside of the scope of their training and competence. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed.

Dr. Cook left the meeting at 11:05 a.m. due to technical issues.

- 4) First Quarter Statistics Report, Fiscal Year 2022. Review.
- 5) ASPPB Midyear Meeting – New Orleans, LA, April 21 – 24, 2022. Call for attendance. Registration details have not yet been released by the ASPPB; Ms. Rall will forward when more details become available.
- 6) New Board Chair and Vice-Chair - Nominations and elections. Motion by Douglas: I move to nominate Ms. Miller as Chair of the Board and Dr. Belle as Vice-Chair. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed; Ms. Miller and Dr. Belle both accepted their nominations and the outcome of the vote.
- 7) Statement of Economic Interest – Ms. Rall asked Board members to complete theirs; discussion that those members who already complete this because of their employment do not have to duplicate this reporting.
- 8) Wellness and Monitoring Committee Meetings – Certified adopted rules become effective forty-five (45) days after a notice that the rule has been certified is published in the Alabama Administrative Monthly. Therefore, the Committee becomes effective on February 13, 2022, and may begin its work after that date.

Dr. Cook returned to the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

Dr. Arata left the meeting at 11:14 a.m. due to technical issues.

Motion by Berland: I move the end the meeting now, at 11:15 a.m. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

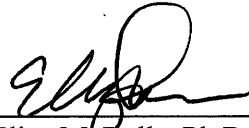
**NEXT BOARD MEETING: March 11, 2022 @ Board Office and/or virtually.**

Respectfully Submitted,



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Lori H. Rall, Recorder  
Executive Director



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Eliza M. Belle, Ph.D.  
Vice-Chair