

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of

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

July 10, 2020

Members Present: Catalina M. Arata, Ph.D. – Chair
Joseph D. Ackerson, Ph.D. – Member
Edwin W. Cook, III, Ph.D. – Member
Mary Ann Bowers, Ph.D. – Member
Eliza M. Belle, Ph.D. – Member
Kristi Ann Miller, M.S. – Psych. Technician Member-Vice Chair

Others Present: Lori H. Rall, Executive Director
Jennifer T. Berlin, Executive Administrative Assistant – Recorder
Brice M. Johnston, Legal Counsel

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 May 22, 2020 minutes. Motion by Cook: I make a motion to accept the minutes for the May 22nd Meeting with the additional note that I entered the meeting late. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.

REVIEW OF NEW APPLICANTS:

Psychologists

- 1) ARAUJO TALLEDO, Andrea Jesus – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Ackerson and Arata) Motion by Ackerson: I make a motion that we accept Dr. Talledo to the EPPP and PSE. Seconded by Arata. Motion passed.
- 2) BRESSETTE, Keri Anne – PSE Candidate (Arata and Belle) Motion by Arata: I move that we accept Dr. Bressette to the PSE. Seconded by Belle. Motion passed.
- 3) CANCELLA, Charles Edward – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Belle and Bowers) Motion by Belle: I move to admit Dr. Cancilla to the EPPP and PSE with the request that he remove neuropsychological assessments from his area of intended practice. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.
- 4) CHIODO, Angela Ann – Licensed in two (2) or more jurisdictions; Candidate for Licensure (Bowers and Cook) Motion by Bowers: I move to grant a license to Dr. Chiodo. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed. **License Number 2185**
- 5) COLN, Kristen Lee – PSE Candidate (Cook and Arata) Motion by Cook: I would move that she be admitted to the PSE. Seconded by Arata. Motion passed.
- 6) GAVRON, Lauren Ashley – PSE Candidate (Arata and Ackerson) Motion by Arata: I move that we allow Dr. Gavron to sit for the PSE with the request that she remove Neuropsychology from her area of specialization. Seconded by Ackerson. Motion passed.
- 7) HANSEN, Laura Katherine – PSE Candidate (Ackerson and Belle) Motion by Ackerson: I make a motion that we admit Dr. Hansen to the PSE. Seconded by Belle. Motion passed.

Dr. Ackerson left the meeting at 9:38 to return in a moment.

- 8) PITCAN, Mikaela Jheanelle – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Belle and Bowers) Motion by Belle: I move that we admit Dr. Mikaela Pitcan to the EPPP and PSE with a request that she further detail her specialization and area of intent of practice statement to include specific populations and types of techniques and assessments to be used and remove clinical from her area of specialization. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.

Dr. Ackerson returned to the meeting at 9:51

Psychological Technicians

- 1) DESROCHERS, Madeleine Tracie – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Bowers and Cook) Motion by Bowers: I would move that we admit Ms. Desrochers to the EPPP and the PSE. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.

PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED APPLICANTS:

- 1) KING, Katryna Renee - PSE and EPPP Candidate (Arata and Ackerson) Application tabled May 2020 for a more specific specialization to include a limitation to working with adults, a description of her planned areas of work consistent with her experience and training, and a current reference from a professional colleague or supervisor who can speak to current skills. Review responses. Motion by Arata: I move that we admit Dr. King to take the EPPP and PSE. Seconded by Ackerson. Motion passed.
- 2) POUPARINA, Guadalupe – PSE and EPPP Candidate (Miller and Bowers) Application tabled March 2020 and again in May 2020. In March, the Board requested information related to her position at AltaPointe. In May, the Board reviewed responses. Application tabled again for more details about her work at AltaPointe and information from the Social Work Board about licensure and practice at the Master’s-level in social work. Review responses. Mr. Johnston suggested that the Board go into Executive Session in order to discuss the potential threat of or possibility of litigation of the good name and character of an individual. Motioned by Arata: I move that we go into Executive Session in order to discuss the potential threat of or possibility of litigation of the good name and character of an individual. Seconded by Cook. Motion Passed. Board went into Executive Session at 10:16. Motion by Arata: I make a motion that we come out of Executive Session. The time is 11:00. Seconded by Miller. Motion by Miller: I move that we admit Dr. Pouparina to the EPPP and the PSE and, should she successfully complete the exams, her psychology license, if and when issued, shall be subject to terms and conditions of a Consent Order agreement to include a probationary period of nine months for violations of Alabama Code Section 34-26-46(a)(21) and Rule 750-X-5-.03(1)(t), and that she be required to complete ten (10) hours of additional continuing education in Ethics with training to be approved by the Board within that period of time. This continuing education will be in addition to her regular annual continuing education requirements. The Consent Order agreement will avoid the necessity of a formal hearing into this matter and will be offered in lieu of proceeding with further disciplinary action against her by the Board, and will be non-appealable. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller: I move that we issue a cease and desist letter to Dr. Pouparina and members of administration and management related to her unlicensed practice of psychology at AltaPointe in Mobile, AL, with a reply request. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.

Motion by Arata: I move that we issue a license to Drs. Caitlin Clevenger, Margaret Flanagan, Elaine Mahoney, Gina Manguno-Mire, Wesley McCormick, Christina Newberry, Alynda Randolph, and Marcia Tan. Seconded by Ackerson. 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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COMPLAINTS:

Against Licensed Psychologists

Old

- 1) 18-016 – Sharon D. Waltz, Psy.D. – Voluntary surrender and suspension of license by Agreement (December 31, 2018) pending investigation by the Alabama Medicaid Agency in the Alabama Attorney General’s Office. On 8/14/2019, Dr. Waltz was indicted on One Count of Health Care Fraud Conspiracy in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1347 of Section 24(b), Alabama Medicaid. Plea Hearing took place on October 4, 2019. Sentencing Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2020. Hearing Stayed due to COVID-19 State of Emergency.
- 2) 19-004 – On-going investigation
- 3) 19-005 – Maria del Carmen Aviles, Psy.D. – Probable Cause determination. Administrative Complaint filed February 3, 2020. Hearing Date: April 22, 2020 at 10:00am. One Board Member must attend. Hearing Stayed due to COVID-19 State of Emergency.
- 4) 19-007 – On-going investigation
- 5) 19-009 – On-going investigation
- 6) 19-010 – Kimberly A. Whitchard, Ph.D. – Probable Cause determination. Administrative Complaint filed June 19, 2020. Hearing Date: August 19, 2020 at 10:00am. One Board Member must attend. Consent Order review. Mr. Johnston suggested that the Board go into Executive Session in order to discuss the potential threat of or possibility of litigation of the good name and character of an individual. Motioned by Arata: I move that we go into Executive Session in order to discuss the potential threat of or possibility of litigation of the good name and character of an individual. Seconded by Bowers. Motion Passed. The Board went into Executive Session at 11:08 a.m. with the intention to return at 11:30 a.m. Dr. Ackerson recused himself from discussion. Motion by Arata: I move that we come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed. The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:20 a.m. Motion by Bowers: I move to accept the Consent Order. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.
- 7) 19-014 – On-going investigation
- 8) 19-015 – On-going investigation
- 9) 19-019 – On-going investigation

- 10) 19-020 – On-going investigation
- 11) 19-021 – On-going investigation
- 12) 20-001 – On-going investigation
- 13) 20-002 – On-going investigation
- 14) 20-003 – On-going investigation
- 15) 20-004 – On-going investigation
- 16) 20-005 – On-going investigation

New

- 1) 20-006 – On-going investigation
- 2) 20-007 – On-going investigation

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Robin S. Kurtz, Ed.D., License No. 740 – Consent Order – License placed on Probation on March 13, 2020 until completion of continuing education requirements and payment of Costs. Costs submitted. Review CE submissions. Motion by Cook: I move that we remove the probationary status from Dr. Kurtz as of today. Seconded by Ackerson. Motion passed.
- 2) Preparing for emergency practice provisions in response to a declared disaster – Language added to our website. Update. State of Emergency extended to September 9, 2020 by Governor Ivey’s Thirteenth Proclamation issued on July 2, 2020. Motion by Ackerson: I make a motion that is consistent with the guidelines provided by our Governor of Alabama that we extend the Emergency Licensure Act to September 9th, 2020. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.
- 3) 2020 Legislative Session – SB61, Relating to PSYPACT and a Wellness and Monitoring Program. Sponsored by Senator Andrew Jones. Update.
- 4) Continuing education courses completed online during COVID-19. Update.

NEW BUSINESS:

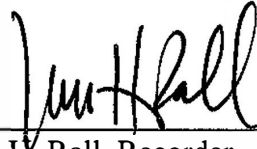
- 1) TAYLOR, Joseph Alan – Psychological Technician Supervision Contract. Review. Motion by Arata: I move that we accept the Supervision Contract for Joseph Taylor to be supervised by Dr. Dorn Majure. Seconded by Belle. Motion passed.
- 2) Psychological Technician Licensure & Medicaid Reimbursement. Motion by Arata: I move that we appoint a committee headed by Dr. Bowers and Ms. Miller to further investigate the role of psychological technicians and what kind of services they can provide to Medicaid. The committee will report back to Medicaid the

Board's recommendation. Seconded by Ackerson. Motion passed.

Motion by Arata: I move that we adjourn the meeting. The time is 12:04. Seconded by Cook.
Motion passed

NEXT BOARD MEETING: September 11, 2020

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>
CLEVENGER, Caitlin Wolford	Psychologist	█	Yes	█	Yes	2186	Clinical
EUSTACE, Stevenisa	Psychologist	█	No			N/A	
FLANAGAN, Margaret Anne	Psychologist	Already Taken		█	Yes	2187	Counseling
MAHONEY, Elaine Joy	Psychologist	Already Taken		█	Yes	2188	Clinical
MANGUNO-MIRE, Gina M.	Psychologist	Already Taken		█	Yes	2189	Clinical & Forensic
McCORMICK, Wesley Hendrick	Psychologist	█	Yes	█	Yes	2190	Clinical & Counseling
NEWBERRY, Christina Lynn	Psychologist	█	Yes	█	Yes	2191	Clinical
RANDOLPH, Alynda Mae	Psychologist	Already Taken		█	Yes	2192	Clinical
TAN, Marcia McNutt	Psychologist	Already Taken		█	Yes	2193	Clinical