

# MINUTES

## Regular Meeting of

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

July 8, 2022

Members Present: Eliza M. Belle, Ph.D. – Chair  
Edwin W. Cook, III, Ph.D. – Vice-Chair  
Nancy W. Berland, Ph.D. - Member  
Michael A. Carlton, Ph.D. – Member  
Carmen Douglas, SHRM-SCP, SPHR – Public Member  
Candice Drinkard Lewis, M.S. – Psychological Technician Member  
Dale Wisely, Ph.D. – Member

Others Present: Brice M. Johnston – Legal Counsel  
Angela D. Ledbetter – Executive Assistant  
Lori H. Rall – Executive Director  
Morgan Elise Lane, Ph.D. – Applicant  
William C. White, II, Legal Counsel Applicant Lane

Not Present: Mary Ann Bowers, Ph.D. – Member (Term Expired, not yet replaced by the Governor's Appointments Office)

Opening by Cook: The time is 9:1a.m. and we are here in the Board Office for a regular meeting of 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 13, 2022 Minutes. Motion by Carlton: I move that we accept the Minutes. Second by Wisely. Motion passed.

## **REVIEW OF NEW APPLICANTS:**

### **Psychologists**

- 1) COX GIBBONS, Lisa Riccadonna – Candidate for Licensure (Belle and Lewis). Motion by Belle: I move that we grant Dr. Cox Gibbons a license. Seconded by Lewis. Motion passed. (**License No. 2271**, Clinical & Neuropsychology Specialization)
- 2) CRIBBET, Matthew Robert – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Cook and Wisely) Motion by Cook: I move that we admit Dr. Cribbet to the EPPP and the PSE. Second by Wisely. Motion passed. (Clinical Specialization)
- 3) DAVIS, Aja Dana Louise – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Berland and Cook) Motion by Berland: I move that we admit Dr. Davis to the EPPP and PSE. Second by Cook. Motion passed. (Clinical Specialization)
- 4) DICKINSON, Katherine Marie – Candidate for Licensure (Wisely and Berland) Motion by Wisely: I move that Dr. Dickinson be approved for licensure. Second by Berland. Motion passed. (**License No. 2272**, Clinical Specialization)
- 5) HOWARD, Jackson McCall – PSE Candidate (Carlton and Belle) Motion by Carlton: I move that we allow Dr. Howard to sit for the PSE. Second by Belle. Motion passed. (Counseling Specialization)
- 6) JOEL, Tiffany Helga Barbara – PSE Candidate (Lewis and Wisely) Motion by Lewis: I move that we admit Dr. Joel to the PSE. Second by Wisely. Motion passed. (School Specialization)
- 7) KIDD, Malinda Renee – Candidate for Licensure (Cook and Lewis) Motion by Cook: I move that we issue a license to Dr. Kidd. Second by Lewis. Motion passed. (**License No. 2273**, Clinical Specialization)
- 8) KINNEY, Jade Lynn – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Berland and Belle) Motion by Berland: I move that we admit Dr. Kinney to both exams. Second by Belle. Motion passed. (Counseling Psychology)
- 9) MORALES LUCIANO, Charlyn Melanie – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Cook and Wisely) Motion by Cook: I move to table this application to obtain additional information on Dr. Morales Luciano’s employment history and clarify her role as a “bridge therapist”. Second by Wisely. Motion passed.
- 10) STEWART, Karen Elaine - Candidate for Licensure (Douglas and Carlton) Motion by Douglas: I move to grant licensure to Dr. Stewart. Second by Carlton. Motion passed. (**License No. 2274**, Clinical Specialization)

Applicant Morgan Elise Lane, Ph.D. and William C. White, III (Lane’s legal counsel) entered the meeting at 9:40 a.m., and they exited the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

The Board took a break from 10:08 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

- 11) TULLOCH-DENT, Elizabeth Ann – PSE Candidate (Wisely and Carlton) Motion by Wisely: I move that we admit Dr. Tulloch-Dent to the PSE. Second by Carlton. Motion passed. (Clinical and School Specialization)
- 12) WASHINGTON, Aryssa Zyniche – PSE Candidate (Carlton and Belle) Motion by Carlton: I move that we should admit Dr. Washington to take the PSE. Second by Belle. Motion passed. (Clinical Specialization)

### **Psychological Technician**

- 1) STOOKEY, Emily Sims – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Lewis and Belle) Motion by Lewis: I move that we table this application to obtain additional information about Ms. Stookey's employment responsibilities and a description of neuropsychological assessments she will be assisting or performing. Second by Belle. Motion passed.

### **PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED APPLICANTS (addressed out of order):**

#### **Psychologists**

- 2) LANE, Morgan Elise – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Cook and Belle) Application tabled on May 13, 2022. Cease and desist letters were issued to the applicant and to the applicant's employer and supervisor in private practice, Dr. Felicia Houston, Ph.D. to ensure that the applicant is not practicing psychology without a license. The Board asked Dr. Houston to explain her possible role in supervising or aiding and abetting the applicant's practicing without licensure. The Board requested clarification and documentation from applicant about how the internship experience meets qualifying criteria specified in Administrative Code Rules, a professional reference from internship experience, and modification to Specialization Statement to remove planned practice in Clinical Psychology, consistent with education and training in School Psychology. Review response(s). 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 Cook: I move that Board goes into Executive Session for twenty (20) minutes to discuss the potential threat of, or possibility of, litigation of the good name and character of an individual. Seconded by Belle. Motion passed. The Board moved into Executive Session at 10:44 a.m. with the intention of returning at 11:05 a.m. Motion by Cook: I move that we come out of Executive Session at 12:34 p.m. Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed. Motion by Cook: I move that we admit Dr. Lane to sit for the EPPP and PSE, and should she pass the exams, that she be issued a license. However, we will continue to investigate the matter of whether she practiced without a license from December 2021 to April 2022. If the Board determines that she practiced without a license in that time frame, then her license may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including probation and public or private reprimand with continuing education requirements, as will be finally decided once additional information is received from Dr. Houston and her counsel. Seconded by Douglas. Motion passed.
- 1) KIRKLAND, Karl – PSE Candidate (Belle and Carlton) Application tabled on May 13, 2022 for the Board to continue to review multiple documents and sources of information related to the application. Review. 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 Cook: I move that Board move into Executive Session for a period of thirty (30) minutes to discuss the potential threat of, or possibility of, litigation of the good name and character of an individual. Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed. The Board moved into Executive Session with the intention of returning at 1:07 p.m. Motion by Belle: I move that we come out of Executive Session at 2:05 p.m. Seconded by Berland. Motion by Carlton: I make a motion that the Board deny Dr. Karl Kirkland’s application for licensure based on the Administrative Code Rules 750-X-5-.03(1)(c), (d), (e), (f), and (3) and also Alabama Law Section 34-26-46(a)(3) through (6), and (g). Seconded by Belle. Motion passed unanimously.

**Psychological Technician**

- 2) PHILLIPS, Jamie Turner – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Belle and Lewis) Application tabled on May 13, 2022. The Board requested more information about the work the candidate is performing and plans to perform as a school-based therapist and how that work is authorized under any section of Alabama law, a statement about the candidate’s intent to practice independently and without supervision, and details on how the candidate has maintained competence in the years since earning a master’s degree. Review response. Motion by Belle: I move that we issue Jamie Turner Phillips a Cease and Desist notice for practicing without a license. Seconded by Lewis. Motion passed. Motion by Belle: I move that we admit Ms. Phillips to the EPPP and PSE and, upon successful passage of the exams, the Board will take Disciplinary Action upon her license by placing it on Probation for practicing without a license, which will be a Public Action with an Administrative Fee due of \$300.00, and she will also be required to complete ten (10) hours of continuing education in the area of Ethics or Ethical Practice in addition to standard continuing education requirements, and the license will remain on Probation until such time all conditions are met. Second by Lewis. Motion passed.

**REVIEW of Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) and Professional Standards Exam (PSE) Results and Licenses Issued since the last meeting of the Board on May 13, 2022:**

**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><b>NAME of Applicant / Licensee</b></i>	<i><b>Degree</b></i>	<i><b>Application Level</b></i>	<i><b>EPPP Passed?</b></i>	<i><b>PSE Passed?</b></i>	<i><b>License Number</b></i>	<i><b>Date of Licensure</b></i>	<i><b>Area of Specialization</b></i>
<b>BINEY, Fedora Orleans</b>	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	<b>2265</b>	6/8/2022	Clinical

<b>O'NEIL,</b> Katherine Elizabeth	Ph.D.	Psychologist	-	Yes	<b>2266</b>	6/10/2022	Counseling
<b>HENDRICKS,</b> Peter S.	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	<b>2267</b>	6/13/2022	Clinical
<b>SANDBERG PATTON,</b> Karen L.	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	<b>2268</b>	6/24/2022	School
<b>JONDLE,</b> Brittany E.	Psy.D.	Psychologist	-	Yes	<b>2269</b>	6/24/2022	Clinical
<b>CLEMENTS,</b> Alyssa L.	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	<b>2270</b>	7/1/2022	Counseling
<b>CUNDIFF,</b> Jeanne Marie	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	No	-	-	Clinical
<b>HILL,</b> Sarah Frances	Psy.D.	Psychologist	Yes	-	-	-	Clinical
<b>HOLLAND- GIBSON,</b> Margaret Andrews	Ph.D.	Psychologist	-	Yes	-	-	School
<b>McLARTY,</b> Amanda Estelle	Ph.D.	Psychologist	No	-	-	-	Counseling
<b>MUELLER,</b> Stephanie Christina	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	-	-	-	Clinical
<b>TWIGG-SMITH,</b> Leia Lynn Macmillan	Psy.D.	Psychologist (must reapply)	No, twice	Yes	-	-	Clinical

**COMPLAINTS:**

**Against Licensed Psychologists**

**Old**

- 1) 19-015 – On-going investigation
- 2) 20-007 – On-going investigation

- 3) 20-008 – On-going investigation
- 4) 20-009 – On-going investigation
- 5) 21-002 – No Probable Cause
- 6) 21-004 – On-going investigation
- 7) 21-007 – On-going investigation
- 8) 21-009 – On-going investigation
- 9) 21-010 – On-going investigation
- 10) 21-012 – On-going investigation
- 11) 21-013 – On-going investigation
- 12) 22-001 – No Probable Cause
- 13) 22-002 – On-going investigation
- 14) 22-003 – On-going investigation
- 15) 22-004 – On-going investigation
- 16) 22-005 – On-going investigation
- 17) 22-006 – On-going investigation
- 18) 22-007 – On-going investigation
- 19) 22-008 – On-going investigation
- 20) 22-009 – On-going investigation
- 21) 22-010 – On-going investigation

**New**

- 1) 22-011 – On-going investigation
- 2) 22-012 – On-going investigation
- 3) 22-013 – On-going investigation

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Wellness Committee Report – The Committee meets on the second Fridays of even-numbered months and the Committee has an independent email address ([wellness@psychology.alabama.gov](mailto:wellness@psychology.alabama.gov)). Ms. Rall provided statistical information on meetings and committee participation.
- 2) The Alabama Human Life Protection Act – Act #2019-189 – Directives for Psychology professionals have been requested. Review of the Act and related Administrative Code Chapter 420-5-1 Abortion or Reproductive Health Centers, subsection -.01(2)(o) defining a “Qualified Person”, and -.03(4)(f) concerning Informed consent, and associated Appendix Forms, and -.03(9) concerning Mandatory Reporting. Legislation should not impact or expand a psychology professional’s scope of practice, as a qualified person

describing or obtaining informed consent or impact responsibilities as mandatory reporters.

- 3) Inquiry from the Alabama Medicaid Agency's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit – Request for clarification on supervision in practice, related to Medicaid Chapter 34 Providers. Dr. Belle, Ms. Lewis, Mr. Johnston, and Ms. Rall volunteered to assist Medicaid and the Attorney General's Office as might be necessary in the future.
- 4) Quarterly Report – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY2022 – Review
- 5) Operations Plan Fiscal Year 2023 – Due by July 29, 2022 – Earmarked Funds and Appropriation Total of \$558,478 from Professional Occupational Licensing and Regulation Funds, as provided in Section 34-26-43, Code of Alabama 1975, not General Fund revenue. Review.
- 6) Alabama Psychological Association Convention, Orange Beach, Alabama, September 9-11, 2022. Ms. Rall will be speaking at 9:00 a.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Cook and Ms. Rall will be present at that meeting and will be speaking on Sunday, September 11, 2022.

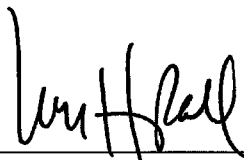
**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) AGIT, Maria – Application denied January 14, 2022 for failure to meet education and training requirements; denial upheld after informal reconsideration, May 13, 2022. Formal reconsideration has been requested. Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. One (1) Board member must attend – Dr. Belle offered to attend.
- 2) Clara Elizabeth “Beth” Long, Ph.D., LPC – Review for violation(s) of ALA. CODE § 34-26-42 in November 2021, January 2022, and again in May 2022. The Board sent cease and desist instructions to Dr. Long to cease holding herself out as a Psychologist in the State of Alabama and requested a return statement from Dr. Long that she has rectified this matter and addressed any unlawful conduct within thirty (30) days of receipt of the letter, copying Dr. Larry McLemore, Head of School at the Saint James School, and Dr. Keith Cates, Executive Director of the Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling. Review response(s).
- 3) EPPP (Part 2 – Skills) Virtual Townhall Meetings were held on May 16 and May 17, 2022, and were open to all ASPPB Membership. Discussion on EPPP Part 2 – Skills. Cook will share APA Division 31 information regarding EPPP Part 2 and Lori will share available Town Hall recordings.
- 4) Military Family Jobs Opportunity Act – ACT #2022-92, Passed March 8, 2022 – Act requires boards to adopt related rules on or before January 1, 2023. Review drafted Rule and documentation. The Board will continue its review of drafted language - covering a fee waiver allowed to adhere to new military law, different forms, separate application – for the next Board meeting.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: September 9, 2022**

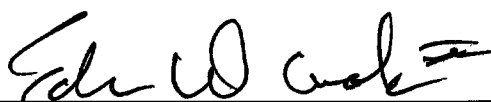
Motion by Cook: I move to adjourn the meeting; the time is 3:05 p.m. Second by Bell. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Lori H. Rall, Recorder  
Executive Director



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Edwin W. Cook, III, Ph.D.  
Vice-Chair