

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of

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

July 9, 2021

Members Present: Catalina M. Arata, Ph.D. – Chair
Kristi Ann Miller, M.S. – Psychological Technician Member – Vice-Chair
Nancy W. Berland, Ph.D. – Member
Mary Ann Bowers, Ph.D. – Member
Edwin W. Cook, III, Ph.D. – Member

Others Present: Lori H. Rall, Executive Director – Recorder
Lauren B. Benson, Administrative Assistant
Brice M. Johnston, Legal Counsel
Camille Camuze, M.S. – Public Attendee
Rebecca Sheree Bodiford, Ph.D. – Licensee, Public Attendee

Not Present: Eliza M. Belle, Ph.D. – Member
Carmen Douglas, SHRM-SCP, SPHR – Public Member

The time is 9:12 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 14, 2021 Minutes. Motion by Bowers: I move to accept the Minutes. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed. Cook abstained.

REVIEW OF NEW APPLICANTS:

Psychologists

- 1) BRIDENDOLPH, Nathan Calvin – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Arata and Cook) Motion by Arata: I move that we admit Dr. Bridendolph to the EPPP and PSE. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.
- 2) MARTIN, Karli Marie – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Miller and Bowers) Motion by Miller: I make a motion that we admit Dr. Motion to the EPPP and PSE. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.
- 3) SCULLY, Kray Alexander – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Cook and Berland) Motion by Cook: I move that we admit him to the EPPP and PSE but ask him to rewrite his specialization statement to focus specifically on his anticipated professional activities and remove any reference to Clinical as a sub-specialization. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed.
- 4) BLUNT, Charley Shannon – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Berland and Miller) Mr. Johnston recommended 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. Motion by Berland: I move 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. The time is 9:41 a.m. and we will come out of Executive Session at 9:55 a.m. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.

Ms. Camuze left the Zoom meeting at 9:41 a.m.

Motion by Berland: I move that we come out of Executive Session. The time is 10:24 a.m. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed. Motion by Berland: I would like to allow Dr. Blunt to be admitted to the EPPP and PSE pending completion of background information. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

Ms. Camuze returned to the Zoom meeting at 10:26 a.m.

PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED APPLICANTS:

- 1) WILSON, Keisha Nicole – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Bowers) Application reviewed and tabled on 05/14/2021. Requested a revised Specialization Statement with information on how training in the Applicant's doctoral program qualifies as sufficient training for anticipated independent psychological practice. This statement should include indications of whether the program had a licensed psychologist who oversaw the program throughout the applicant's enrollment, whether there was a cohesive training plan involving coursework and practicum training, and how that training qualifies the applicant to provide services as a School Psychologist within the Board's definition of practice. Requested additional letters of recommendation to include an internship supervisor who is a licensed psychologist, and from the Director of Training from the doctoral program. Requested an Internship brochure that includes details showing that there were at least two (2) licensed

psychologists on staff at the Internship program. Requested a written narrative explanation of why information concerning previous legal charges was omitted from the Application. Requested explanation about self-identification as a School Psychologist without the benefit of licensure. Review responses. Motion by Bowers: I make a motion that we table Dr. Wilson's application and request more information. We need more information from Dr. Wilson about the clinical services she has provided and/or is providing with Innovative Community Uplifting (ICU) Mental Health Support Services outside of her regular employment with the Mobile County Public School System. Dr. Wilson needs to provide the Board with the names of the Licensed Clinical Psychologist and the Associate Licensed Counselor with whom she has worked and/or is working from the University of South Alabama. Dr. Wilson also needs to provide the Board with documentation from her internship site that describes how her internship experience meets the Board's Administrative Code Rule related to Internship Training. Dr. Wilson also needs to identify how she has met the Board's Administrative Code Rule related to References which states that an applicant must receive four (4) positive references from Psychologists, three (3) of whom must be licensed at the doctoral level by the Psychology Board or the Board of another jurisdiction, in which one (1) reference must be from the applicant's doctoral dissertation or doctoral directed study advisor, chairperson, or program director of the doctoral degree granting department, and at least one (1) reference shall be from an internship supervisor or the director of internship training, and at least one (1) should be from a licensed supervisor or colleague. Dr. Wilson also needs to explain to the Board why she identifies her current position with the Mobile County Public Schools as a School Psychologist while her direct employer and supervisor each identify her as a School Psychometrist. Seconded by Cook. 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 Dr. Vincent David Dyer in Clinical Psychology (**License No. 2229**), to Dr. Amy Elizabeth Hufstедler in Counseling Psychology (**License No. 2230**), to Dr. Jason Farrow Mishalanie in Clinical Psychology (**License No. 2231**), to Dr. Shelby Reyes Morgan in Counseling Psychology (**License No. 2232**), to Dr. Dustin Alan Seidler in Clinical Psychology (**License No. 2233**), and to Dr. Stephen Francis Xavier Ziemann, Jr. in Clinical Psychology (**License No. 2234**). Seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

COMPLAINTS:

Against Licensed Psychologists

Old

- 1) 19-004 – On-going investigation
- 2) 19-015 – On-going investigation

- 3) 19-019 – On-going investigation
- 4) 19-020 – No Probable Cause
- 5) 20-002 – On-going investigation
- 6) 20-007 – On-going investigation
- 7) 20-008 – On-going investigation
- 8) 20-009 – On-going investigation
- 9) 21-002 – On-going investigation
- 10) 21-003 – On-going investigation
- 11) 21-004 – On-going investigation
- 12) 21-005 – On-going investigation

New

- 1) 21-006 – Withdrawn
- 2) 21-007 – On-going investigation
- 3) 21-008 – On-going investigation

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Preparing for emergency practice in response to a declared disaster – State of Emergency expired July 6, 2021. Update.
- 2) Bill to establish the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) – 2021 Legislative Session. SB102 Sponsored by Senator Andrew Jones; HB266 Sponsored by Representatives Neil Rafferty and Paul W. Lee. Rules Committee established and Lori Rall, Executive Director, named Alabama’s Commissioner on March 12, 2021. Legislation passed and enacted on March 18, 2021 as Act 2021-116, effective June 1, 2021. Update.

Dr. Bodiford joined the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

- 3) Bill to establish a Wellness and Monitoring Program and the Alabama Psychology Professionals Wellness Committee – 2021 Legislative Session. SB63 Sponsored by Senator Andrew Jones; HB265 Sponsored by Representatives Neil Rafferty and Paul W. Lee. Legislation passed and enacted on April 22, 2021 as Act 2021-283, effective January 1, 2022. Update on Rules.
- 4) Alabama Psychological Association’s Annual Convention, June 11-13, 2021 in Orange Beach, Alabama – Lori Rall, Executive Director, presented via Zoom on Sunday, June 13, 2021: *Regulatory Perspectives from the Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology*. Brice Johnston was unable to attend.
- 5) Project to collect licensees’ and applicants’ demographic diversity data. Update. The

Board Office will provide a draft of the license renewal form that includes the request for diversity information for review before the form is distributed to licensees.

- 6) Routine Legal Compliance Examination by the Examiners of Public Accounts – Period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2020 (Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020). Conducted April 2021. Complete; final report filed June 18, 2021.
- 7) Jeffrey G. Moore, Ph.D., LPC – Review for violation(s) of ALA. CODE § 34-26-42. Consumer Complaint and our response forwarded to the LPC Board following May 2021 Board meeting. Update.

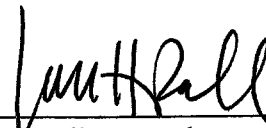
NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Professional Standards Exam – Discussion on examination format to incorporate newly-enacted, expansive statutory language. Motion by Bowers: I move that we form an Exam Committee, consisting of Drs. Berland and Cook, and Ms. Rall and Ms. Benson, to review the PSE and suggest changes. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed. The intention is to complete this project in time for Board review and implementation of the new test in January 2022. Ms. Benson will distribute current copies of the exam to all members with the understanding that the security of the test must be protected. Individual item responses will be provided to Dr. Cook for the purpose of conducting item analyses.
- 2) Willis Cleve Estis, Ed.D., LPC – Review for violation(s) of ALA. CODE § 34-26-42. Motion by Berland: I move that we send a cease and desist letter to Dr. Estis and also to Behavioral Health Systems. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.

Motion by Berland: I make a motion to adjourn the meeting. The time is 11:37 a.m. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: *September 10, 2021 @ Board Office and/or virtually*

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>
DYER, Vincent David	Psychologist		Yes		Yes	2229	Clinical
HUFSTEDLER, Amy Elizabeth	Psychologist		Yes		Yes	2230	Counseling
MISHALANIE, Jason Farrow	Psychologist	-	-		Yes	2231	Clinical
REYES, Shelby Morgan	Psychologist	-	-		Yes	2232	Counseling
SEIDLER, Dustin Alan	Psychologist		Yes		Yes	2233	Clinical
ZIEMAN, Jr. Stephen Francis Xavier	Psychologist	-	-		Yes	2234	Clinical