

# MINUTES

Regular Meeting of

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

March 10, 2023

Members Present: Edwin W. Cook, III, Ph.D. – Chair  
Nancy W. Berland, Ph.D. – Vice-Chair  
Kimberley S. Ackerson, Ph.D., ABPP – Member  
Michael A. Carlton, Ph.D. – Member  
Carmen Douglas, SHRM-SCP, SPHR – Public Member  
Candice D. Lewis, M.S. – Psychological Technician Member  
C. Jeffrey Terrell, Ph.D., ABPP – Member  
Dale Wisely, Ph.D. – Member

Others Present: Brice M. Johnston – Legal Counsel  
Angela D. Ledbetter – Executive Assistant  
Lori H. Rall – Executive Director  
Eliza M. Belle, Ph.D. – Outgoing Chair  
Ellen L. Spence, Ph.D. – Alabama Psychological Association Liaison  
Joseph D. Ackerson, Ph.D. – Licensed Psychologist

Opening by Cook: We are gathered in the Board Office and on Zoom for a regular meeting of the Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology. A lawful quorum is present and sufficient prior notice has been given as required by the Open Meetings Act. The time is 9:07 a.m.

## **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.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) New Board Member Appointment by Governor Kay Ivey – Dr. Jeffrey Terrell, Ph.D., ABPP, to serve in the position previously held by Dr. Eliza Belle, Ph.D., outgoing Chair, effective immediately and to expire on January 15, 2028. Introduction statement by Dr. Terrell. Notary, Brice Johnston, administered the Oath to Office to Dr. Terrell. End of term statement by Dr. Belle. Statement of appreciation by Ms. Rall.

## REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Review of the January 20, 2023 Minutes. Motion by Wisely to accept minutes from January meeting. Seconded by Carlton. All in favor. Motion passed.

## REVIEW OF NEW APPLICANTS:

### Psychologists

- 1) BONTEMPS, Andrew Price – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Wisely & Berland) Clinical Specialization; Motion by Wisely to admit to exams. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed.
- 2) DANIELS, Kimberly Stewart – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Cook & Carlton) School Specialization; Motion by Cook to table application with a request for more information from Dr. Daniels about internship experience(s) and anticipated future practice. specifically related to the following: 1) internship experience(s) detailed between Item 14 and Item 18 of the application; 2) conformance of claimed internship experience(s) with Administrative Code Section 750-X-2-.07(2)(a) through (m), and the relevance of the Betty Shirley Clinic experience to applicant's training in School Psychology if claimed as part of the internship experience; 3) lack of responses to all questions to be addressed in the Specialization Statement; 4) the consistency of planned activities, settings, etc., as described in Specialization Statement, with applicant's education and training in School Psychology. Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed.
- 3) DARNELL, Leslie Sue – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Carlton & Cook) Clinical Specialization; Motion by Carlton to admit to exams. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.
- 4) DiNOTO, Anna – Licensure Candidate (Cook & Wisely) Clinical Specialization; Motion by Cook for licensure. Seconded by Wisely and Berland. Motion passed. **License 2301 issued.**
- 5) LEAMAN, Carlie Marie – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Carlton & Douglas) Clinical Specialization; Motion by Carlton to admit to exams. Seconded by Douglas. Motion passed.
- 6) McNEELY, Patrick William David – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Wisely & Ackerson) Clinical Specialization; Motion by Wisely to admit to exams. Seconded by Ackerson. Motion passed.
- 7) McRAE, Elizabeth Massebeau – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Berland & Lewis) Clinical Specialization; Motion by Berland to admit to exams. Seconded by Lewis. Motion passed. Cook abstained.
- 8) MITCHELL, Joel Christopher – Licensure Candidate (Carlton & Lewis) Clinical Specialization and ABPP Certified; Motion by Carlton for licensure. Seconded by Lewis. Motion passed. **License 2302 issued.**
- 9) MOLLOY, Anthony – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Cook) Clinical Specialization; Motion by Cook to admit to exams. Seconded by Wisely. Motion passed.
- 10) PHILLIPS, Kathryn Ann – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Berland & Douglas) Clinical Specialization; Motion by Berland to admit to exams. Seconded by Douglas. Motion passed. Cook abstained.

- 11) SILVERSTEIN, Shannon Renae – PSE Candidate (Wisely) Clinical Specialization; Motion by Wisely to admit to PSE. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.
- 12) TYE, Kenneth Ray – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Cook & Ackerson) Clinical Specialization; Motion by Cook to admit to exams with a request for revised Specialization Statement to ensure it is responsive to the prompt on the application. Seconded by Ackerson. Motion passed

**Psychological Technicians**

- 1) HESS, Courtney Leanne – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Lewis) Motion by Lewis to admit to exams. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed.

*Ms. Douglas left the meeting at 11:08 a.m.*

**REVIEW of Exam Scores for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP), and/or the Professional Standards Exam (PSE), and/or Licenses Issued since the January 2023 Board Meeting:**

**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).

<b>NAME of Applicant / Licensee</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Application Level</b>	<b>EPPP Passed?</b>	<b>PSE Passed?</b>	<b>License Number</b>	<b>Date of Licensure</b>	<b>Area of Specialization</b>
<b>LOCKMAN,</b> Jennifer Danielle	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes (NY)	Yes	<b>2296</b>	01/23/2023	Counseling
<b>COLE,</b> Levi Edward	Psy.D.	Psychologist	Yes (CO)	Yes	<b>2297</b>	01/25/2023	Clinical
<b>JOEL,</b> Tiffany Helga Barbara	Psy.D.	Psychologist	Yes (CO)	Yes	<b>2298</b>	02/03/2023	School
<b>SPIEGEL,</b> Jamie Ann	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes (FL)	Yes	<b>2299</b>	02/22/2023	Clinical
<b>AHLICH,</b> Erica Marie	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	<b>2300</b>	03/01/2023	Clinical

<b>McLARTY,</b> Amanda Estelle	Ph.D.	Psychologist	No; must re-apply	-	-	-	Counseling
<b>RYU,</b> Jung Ho	Ph.D.	Psychologist	No; may sit again	-	-	-	Clinical
<b>PREAST,</b> June Laney	Ph.D.	Psychologist	No; may sit again	Yes	-	-	School
<b>SANCHEZ,</b> Jaime Javier	Psy.D.	Psychologist	No; must re-apply	-	-	-	Clinical
<b>GROSSL,</b> Alyssa Bailey	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Scheduled for 3/10/23	-	-	-	Counseling

Motion by Cook to accept exam score information. Seconded by Wisely. Motion passed.

**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) 21-004 – On-going investigation
- 6) 21-007 – On-going investigation
- 7) 21-009 – Probable Cause determination against Danielle Joi Sanchack, Psy.D., License No. 1336. Review Administrative Complaint and Consent Order agreement for acceptance in Executive Session. Motion by Cook for the Board to enter Executive Session to discuss disciplinary matters before the Board for twenty (20) minutes to discuss the potential threat of, or possibility of, litigation, and to discuss the good name and character of an individual. Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed at 11:10 a.m. Motion by Cook to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed at 12:08 p.m.
- 8) Motion by Wisely to accept Consent Order as drafted. Seconded by Ackerson. All in favor. Motion passed.
- 9) 21-010 – Probable Cause determination against Danielle Joi Sanchack, Psy.D., License No. 1336. Review Administrative Complaint and Consent Order agreement for acceptance in Executive Session (referenced in Item 7., above). Motion by Wisely to accept Consent Order as drafted. Seconded by Ackerson. All in favor. Motion passed.
- 10) 21-012 – On-going investigation
- 11) 21-013 – On-going investigation

- 12) 22-002 – Probable Cause determination against Matthew Hunter Brooks, Psy.D., License No. 1717. Review Administrative Complaint and Consent Order agreement for acceptance in Executive Session (referenced in Item 7., above). Motion by Cook to accept endorse Consent Order as drafted. Seconded by Berland. Ackerson, Wisely, Carlton, Terrell, Cook, Berland, Lewis all individually acknowledged approval. Douglas not present for vote. Motion passed.
  - 13) 22-003 – On-going investigation
  - 14) 22-004 – On-going investigation
  - 15) 22-007 – On-going investigation
  - 16) 22-012 – On-going investigation
  - 17) 22-013 – No Probable Cause
  - 18) 23-001 – On-going investigation
  - 19) 23-002 – On-going investigation
  - 20) 23-003 – Probable Cause determination against Matthew Hunter Brooks, Psy.D., License No. 1717. Review Administrative Complaint and Consent Order agreement for acceptance in Executive Session (referenced in Item 7., above). Motion by Cook to accept endorse Consent Order as drafted. Seconded by Berland. Ackerson, Wisely, Carlton, Terrell, Cook, Berland, Lewis all individually acknowledged approval. Douglas not present for vote. Motion passed.
  - 21) 23-004 – On-going investigation
  - 22) 23-005 – On-going investigation
- New**
- 1) 23-006 – On-going investigation
  - 2) 23-007 – On-going investigation

***Dr. Berland left the meeting at 12:04 p.m.***

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Alabama Medicaid Agency – January 2023 Update / Quarterly Revision to Provider Manual Chapter 34, Behavioral Health: Minimum Qualifications for Psychology Providers Professional Staff (Allied Mental Health Professional / “AMHP”). The following statement was issued by the Board:

*The Board is aware that the Alabama Medicaid Agency (Medicaid) recently published policy changes to its Provider Billing Manual Chapter 34, Behavioral Health, which eliminated language about qualifications, services, and supervision guidelines for unlicensed allied mental health professionals (AMHPs) supervised by Psychologists under an agreement with Medicaid. In the update, unintentional conflicting language has been amended and the new Medicaid guidelines are consistent with the Board’s statutes, rules, and regulations. Licensed Psychological Technicians and individuals preparing for the professional practice of psychology are still permitted to work under the supervision of licensed Psychologists. Previous Medicaid language seemed to*

*allow Psychologists to supervise other unlicensed individuals and created inconsistencies. The Board encourages Psychologists to seek counsel with any questions regarding the potential implications of this immediate end of reimbursable AMHP services and continuation of care to Medicaid patients.*

*Helpful details on Psychologists' accountability for technical and support staff can be found in the [Board's Administrative Code Rule 750-X-5-05](#) and, specifically, here: [psychology/5 \(state.al.us\)](#).*

*Although the Board recognizes that it will not address the immediate need, Alabama law provides a pathway to licensure as a Psychological Technician for individuals who have completed a master's degree or equivalent in Psychology. Interested individuals can be referred here: [https://psychology.alabama.gov/PDF/2022/PT\\_Information\\_Brochure\\_August\\_2022.pdf](https://psychology.alabama.gov/PDF/2022/PT_Information_Brochure_August_2022.pdf).*

Update by Rall. Only one licensee response to statement since published; licensee is in a private, group practice and they voiced concern about how the Medicaid change will impact access to care.

- 2) Master's-Level Licensure – ASPPB's Task Force on Potential Regulatory Implications for Licensing Master's-Training Individuals (PRELIM) – Update by Rall. Representatives from State Boards, ASPPB, and APA meeting weekly to review language and programs, addressing limits vs scope of practice, curriculum, specialization tracts, etc.; meetings will continue over the next year. Request for ongoing feedback from Board members.
- 3) New Board Logo, Graphics, Website, and E-Payment Platform. Update on Scope of Work by Ledbetter and Rall. Board voted on a new agency logo.
- 4) Audit Complete – The Federal Bureau of Investigation's Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division conducted a Noncriminal Justice Information Technology Security Audit on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. Review of the Policy Assessment; no outstanding issues, no findings of non-compliance, and no areas of concern. Update by Rall.
- 5) ASPPB Ethics of New Board Member Training – Online event, Tuesday, February 28. No one reported attending. Rall reported that this training will be conducted again throughout the year. Rall will provide notification of next training session.
- 6) ASPPB 37<sup>th</sup> Midyear Meeting: *Hot Topics in Psychology Regulation* – Denver, CO – Thursday, April 27 through Sunday, April 30. BARC Meeting – Wednesday, April 26. Lori Rall and Angie Ledbetter to attend; Ms. Rall will be speaking on Friday, April 28. Call for Attendance; Early bird registration ends on 03/10/2023. No Board members able to attend.
- 7) Alabama Association of Regulatory Board's Certified Investigator Training – Orange Beach, AL, Monday, February 6 through Wednesday, February 8. Angie Ledbetter attended. Update by Ledbetter.
- 8) Statement of Economic Interest – Members shall complete and file with the Alabama Ethics Commission no later than April 30 each year for the preceding calendar year. Rall advised that 2022 Board members should receive an email. If no email received, look for it on the Secretary of State's website.

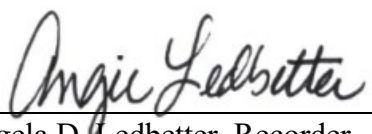
**NEW BUSINESS, continued:**

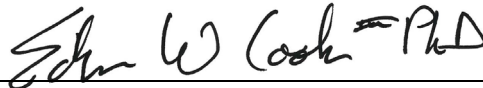
- 2) Governor Kay Ivey's Executive Order Nos. 734 and 735.
  - a. Related to 734, *Promoting Transparency in State Government Through Enhanced Accessibility to Public Records*, the Board must establish a **General policy** on public records requests with **definitions** and **response** considerations, and a **public-records coordinator** with specific and unique **email accessibility**, and a **public-records webpage** (established and operational effective 3/9/2023). Fee Schedule update discussion. Explanation by Rall.
  - b. Related to 735, *Reducing "Red Tape" on Citizens and Business Through a Moratorium on New Administrative Rules and by Establishing Goals for the Reduction of Existing Regulatory Burdens*, the Board shall review existing rules toward reducing the burden of unnecessary government regulations and, over the next two years, reducing the number of regulatory restrictions in the Alabama Administrative Code by twenty-five (25%) percent. **Phase I – Inventory of existing rules** will last from March to September 2023; **Phase II – Development of rule-reduction plans** will last from September 2023 to March 2024; and, **Phase III – Implementation of rule-reduction plans** will last from March 2024 to March 2025. A Red Tape Reduction Coordinator for the agency must be identified from an existing employee. Explanation by Rall. Board's Legal Counsel will contact Governor's Office to see if we can fulfill the mandate; a second meeting may be needed prior to next Board meeting.
- 3) 2022 Newsletter + 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023 – Published and distributed.
- 4) Upcoming ASPPB Annual Meeting – Cleveland, OH – Wednesday, September 27 through Sunday, October 1. Call for Attendance. Cook plans to attend.
- 5) AARB 2023 Legislative Reception – Tuesday, March 21 at 5:00 pm. RSVP requested. Ledbetter and Rall to attend.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 12, 2023**

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Wisely. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Angela D. Ledbetter, Recorder  
Executive Assistant



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

**FYI - Office's Recent Calendar, Upcoming Meetings & Other Important Dates**

January 12	PSYPACT Training and Public Relations Committee Meeting - Rall serves as Committee Chair
January 24	ASPPB PRI-LM Meeting
January 24	Dept of Finance / Concur Training - Rall & Ledbetter
January 30	ASPPB – Board Administrators/Registrars Committee (BARC) Winter Meeting - Rall
February 6-8	AARB – CIT Training - Ledbetter
February 10	Psychology Professionals Wellness Committee Meeting
February 15	FBI CHRI/CJIS Audit – Board Office Staff, virtual meeting/audit
March 6	ASPPB Midyear Meetings' Speakers Meeting - Rall
March 7	Alabama Legislature Convenes – 2023 Session
March 7	ASPPB PRI-LM Meeting – Writer's Workgroup – Rall
March 8	PSYPACT Strategic Planning Committee / Workgroup – Rall
March 13	PSYPACT Training and Public Relations Committee Meeting
March 14	ASPPB PRI-LM Meeting – Writer's Workgroup – Rall
March 16	Office of the Governor – Zoom webinar for agency heads & legal counsel, review Red Tape EO and other recently-issued EO's concerning the operation of state government
March 21	ASPPB PRI-LM Meeting – Writer's Workgroup – Rall
March 21	AARB – Legislative Reception
March 23	PSYPACT Strategic Planning Committee / Workgroup – Rall
March 28, April 4 & 11	ASPPB PRI-LM Meeting – Writer's Workgroup – Rall
April 14	Psychology Professionals Wellness Committee Meeting
April 18	ASPPB PRI-LM Meeting – Writer's Workgroup – Rall
April 26-30	Office Staff in Denver, CO for ASPPB Midyear Meeting
May 12	Regular Board Meeting
June 9	Psychology Professionals Wellness Committee Meeting
July TBD	PSYPACT Executive Board Meeting – Rall, Vice-Chair
July 14	Regular Board Meeting
August 11	Psychology Professionals Wellness Committee Meeting
August 15	Renewal Season Begins – Licensure / FY 2024 (ends October 15)
September 8	Regular Board Meeting
November 10	Regular Board Meeting
November TBD	PSYPACT Commission Annual Meeting