

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of

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

March 11, 2022

Members Present: Eliza M. Belle, Ph.D. – Vice-Chair
Nancy W. Berland, Ph.D. – Member
Michael A. Carlton, Ph.D. – Member
Edwin W. Cook, III, 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: Lori H. Rall, Executive Director – Recorder
Angela D. Ledbetter, Executive Assistant
Brice M. Johnston, Legal Counsel
Ellen Spence, Ph.D. – Alabama Psychological Association Liaison

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

We are meeting 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. 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.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Review of the January 28, 2022 Minutes. Motion by Cook: I move that we accept the Minutes of the January 28th meeting. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed.

Ms. Rall requested that the Board accept two (2) changes to the Agenda; remove one (1) item from Previously Reviewed Applicants (Sotilleo) and an addition to New Business as Item 1), Tarryn Elizabeth Roberts’ *Psychological Technician Supervision Application and Contract*, and renumbering the items of New Business following. Motion by Cook: I move that we accept these two changes. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed.

REVIEW OF NEW APPLICANTS:

Psychologists

- 1) ARMSTRONG, Amanda Kay – Previously passed PSE, recently passed EPPP in another jurisdiction, review to issue a license at a later date. (Cook and Belle) Motion by Cook: I move that we issue Dr. Armstrong a license when the elapsed time requirement has been met (**License No. 2256 to be effective March 21, 2022; Specialization in Clinical Psychology**). Seconded by Belle. Motion passed.
- 2) BOPPANA, Shilpa – PSE Candidate (Belle and Carlton) Motion by Belle: I move that we admit Dr. Boppa to the PSE. Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed.
- 3) BROWN, Tiffany Ashton – PSE Candidate (Douglas and Cook) Motion by Douglas: I move that we accept Dr. Brown’s application and admit her to the PSE. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.
- 4) CARBONELL, Diana Marie – PSE Candidate (Berland and Wisely) Motion by Berland: I move that Dr. Carbonell be admitted to the PSE. Seconded by Wisely. Motion passed.
- 5) CLEMENTS, Alyssa Laura – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Belle and Carlton) Motion by Belle: I move that we admit Dr. Clements to the EPPP and PSE. Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed.
- 6) CUNDIFF, Jeanne Marie – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Cook and Lewis) Motion by Cook: I move that we admit Dr. Cundiff to the EPPP and PSE. Seconded by Lewis. Motion passed.
- 7) ELLIS, Brandi Michelle – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Berland and Carlton) Motion by Berland: I move that she be accepted to sit for the EPPP and PSE. Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed.
- 8) HILL, Sarah Frances – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Belle and Carlton) Motion by Belle: I move that we admit Dr. Hill to the EPPP and PSE. Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed.
- 9) LaMAR, Kristy Lynette – EPPP* Candidate (Cook and Berland) Motion by Cook: I move that we admit Dr. LaMar to the EPPP. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed. (*Mistakenly listed as a PSE Candidate on the Agenda.)
- 10) MITCHELL, Y’Londa – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Douglas and Belle) Motion by Belle: I move that we admit Dr. Mitchell to the EPPP and PSE and with the request for her to revise her specialization statement to include answers to the questions regarding her intent for future practice. Seconded by Douglas. Motion passed.
- 11) RENO, Ashley Jones – PSE Candidate (Belle and Douglas) Motion by Belle: I move that we admit Dr. Reno to the PSE. Seconded by Douglas. Motion passed.
- 12) REYNOLDS, D’Arcy James – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Cook and Douglas) Motion by Cook: I move that we not admit Dr. Reynold to the EPPP and PSE for failure to meet qualifying Internship criteria as specified in Rule 750-X-2-.07(2)(f). Seconded by Douglas. Motion passed.
- 13) WELLS, Mary Catherine – PSE Candidate (Berland and Lewis) Motion by Berland: I move that we admit Dr. Wells to the PSE. Seconded by Lewis. Motion passed.

- 14) ZICKGRAF, Hannah Flynn – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Douglas and Wisely) Motion by Wisely: I move that Dr. Zickgraf be admitted to the EPPP and the PSE. Seconded by Douglas. Motion passed.

Psychological Technician

- 1) WILSON, Keisha Nicole –EPPP and PSE Candidate; previous Psychologist Application withdrawn September 2021 (Belle and Cook) Motion by Belle: I move that we admit Dr. Wilson to the EPPP and PSE. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.

PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED APPLICANTS:

Psychologists

- 1) MELLEN, Ronald Roy – PSE Candidate (Cook) Admitted to the PSE on 01/14/2022 (passed on 02/24/2022); requested a revised Specialization Statement explaining, in specific detail, his work with cranial electrotherapy stimulation and how his training and experience is consistent with his planned practice. Dr. Mellen’s response, including his description of his anticipated practice and of his work with cranial electrotherapy stimulation in his revised Specialization Statement was discussed. Dr. Cook attested to his understanding and support of the device being utilized as generally accepted and approved for use by imperial support and institutional review boards of medical institutions and different from electro-shock and stated that Dr. Mellen’s response was adequate and responsive to the Board’s request for more information. Motion by Cook: I move that we accept Dr. Mellen’s revised specialization statement. Seconded by Belle. Motion passed.

The Board took a break at 10:33 a.m. and returned at 10:45 a.m.

REVIEW of Exam Scores for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) and the Professional Standards Exam (PSE), and the ISSUANCE OF LICENSES:

See last page of final Agenda for more information.

Motion by Belle: I move that we grant licenses to: Ronald Roy Mellen in Counseling Psychology (**License No. 2252**), Calia Arglod Morais in Clinical Psychology (**License No. 2253**), Amanda Jayne Pillai in Clinical Psychology (**License No. 2254**), and Tarryn Elizabeth Roberts as a Psychological Technician (**License No. 2255**). Seconded by Douglas. 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) 21-002 – On-going investigation
- 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 – On-going investigation
- 13) 22-002 – On-going investigation
- 14) 22-003 – On-going investigation

New

- 1) 22-004 – On-going investigation
- 2) 22-005 – On-going investigation
- 3) 22-006 – On-going investigation

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Oz Psychology, LLC in Dothan, AL – Reviewed for violations (s) of ALA. CODE § 34-26-42 at the January 28, 2022 meeting; Cease-and-Desist letter issued, Counseling Board copied with letter of concern about possible practice without appropriate supervision and/or practice outside of individuals’ scope of training and competence. Review response letter from Kathryn Hope Bates, LPC. Motion by Berland: I move that we accept the letter from Ms. Bates and close the matter. After Berland’s Motion, there was more discussion on general definitions of “psychological” and “counseling” services versus statutory language defining the professional practice of Psychology in Alabama. Oz Psychology, LLC’s website was reviewed, and the Board found that concerning and confusing language remains on their website and readily available to the public. Dr. Berland withdrew her Motion. The Board asked Ms. Rall and Mr. Johnston to continue to communicate with Ms. Bates and with Dr. Keith Cates, Executive Director of the Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling.
- 2) ASPPB’s 36th Midyear Meeting – April 21-24, 2022, NOLA. Astor Crown Plaza, Canal St. at Bourbon 739, New Orleans, LA 70130. Call for attendance. Room block deadline March 31, 2022. Mr. Johnston, Dr. Belle, Ms. Rall, and Ms. Ledbetter plan to attend.
- 3) Fee Changes. In November 2021, the Board voted to increase renewal fees by

(approximately) 15% for Fiscal Year 2023 (**Psychologist Renewal Fee from \$200.00 to \$230.00; Psychological Technician Renewal Fee from \$130.00 to \$150.00**). Proposed update to Administrative Code Rule Chapter 750-X-6, Appendix I. Fee Schedule to be repealed and replaced by posting a Notice of Intended Action in the Alabama Administrative Monthly. Motion by Belle: I move that the current Fee Schedule be Repealed and Replaced by posting an intended action to increase renewal fees by fifteen percent for Renewal and Fiscal Year 2023. Seconded by Douglas. Motion passed.

- 4) Recommended fee increases – Appendix I and Fees for Public Information. Ms. Rall recommended that the Board make two (2) changes: 1) To the current Fee Schedule - Change to the Fee for the Replacement Licensure Certificate from \$15.00 to \$50.00 and for the Replacement Renewal Card from \$5.00 to \$25.00, and that this change to be included in the above-mentioned Repeal and Replacement by posting an intended action to change these fees for Fiscal Year 2023; and, 2) For an immediate change to Fees for Public information - Change to the Fee for a Roster of Currently-Licensed Psychologists from \$12.00 to \$15.00, and the Fee for a Roster of Currently-License Psychological Technicians from \$10.00 to \$15.00. Motion by Wisely: I move that we increase the Replacement Licensure Certificate Fee to Fifty Dollars and the Replacement Renewal Card Fee to Twenty-Five Dollars and that we include this in the previous motion to publish a Notice of Intended Action in the Alabama Administrative Monthly. Seconded by Lewis. Motion passed. Motion by Cook: I move that the cost for providing our Rosters be increased to Twenty-Five Dollars right away (effective April 1, 2022). Seconded by Belle. Motion passed.
- 5) Wellness and Monitoring Committee – Member Appointments Required to fill Board Representative(s) Seat(s). The Board discussed the need to fill a Board Representative seat (non-voting Committee member; Dr. Catalina Arata was previously appointed to this seat) on the Wellness Committee and Dr. Arata’s wishes to serve as an appointed Committee Member. Motion by Cook: I move that Dr. Nancy Berland be appointed as the Board Liaison to the Wellness Committee. Seconded by Belle. Motion passed. Motion by Berland: I move that we add Dr. Arata to Wellness Committee as a voting member. Seconded by Douglas. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Tarryn Elizabeth ROBERTS, Ed.S. – Psychological Technician Supervision Application and Contract with Dr. Evelyn Hunter, Ph.D. Review Request for Level I Supervision. Motion by Belle: I move that we accept the Application for Supervision for Ms. Roberts. Seconded by Lewis. Motion passed.
- 2) Examiners of Public Accounts Board / Commission Member Training for 2022 – Training is divided into four (4) sessions and can be accessed online until May 1, 2022. It is important that all Board Members complete this training; participation is documented in Sunset Reports to Legislative Sunset Committees.
- 3) Letter from the University of Alabama at Birmingham about potential changes to the Board’s Application process. The Board reviewed and discussed a letter from a group of licensees’ addressing concerns about the need to expand access to psychological services

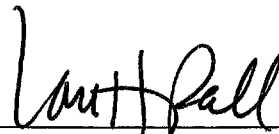
in Alabama and potential barriers in drawing psychology professionals to the State when establishing licensure and completing credentialing processes is lengthy. There was discussion on ways to speed and improve the application and licensure process. Board Administration already receives primary-source documents via electronic means and will continue to work toward automating the Licensure Applications. The Board will research and consider moving the Professional Standards Exam to an electronic format and will collect information on proctoring options. The Board will research and make decisions about changing the process of issuing licenses immediately upon successful passage of required examination(s). The Board will issue a letter of acknowledgement and thanks to the authors of the original correspondence and will work toward instituting recommended and feasible changes. The Board also discussed making updates and changes to language in the Application form itself (related to CHRI and other background information, Specialization Statements, and Professional Experience) and will review recommended updates at its next meeting.

- 4) Board Chair and Vice-Chair - Nominations and elections. Governor Kay Ivey's Appointments Office filled Board vacancies, making a vote on Chair and Vice-Chair necessary again since the Board met on January 28, 2022. Motion by Berland: I nominate Dr. Belle and Dr. Cook to serve as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. (Dr. Belle accepted the nomination as Chair; Dr. Cook accepted the nomination as Vice-Chair) Seconded by Douglas. Motion passed. Dr. Cook asked why the Governor's Appointments Office filled seats that had already been voted into leadership positions by the Board and Ms. Rall discussed that appointments' decisions were made with due consideration of the statutes related to the nominations' process and to a fair rotation of members.

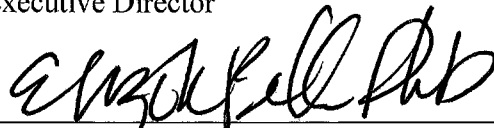
Motion by Belle: I move that we adjourn the meeting. The time is 12:28 p.m. Seconded by Douglas. Motion passed.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 13, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori H. Rall, Recorder
Executive Director



Eliza M. Belle, 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>
KING EVANS, Katryna Renee	Psychologist	-	No	-	-	N/A	Clinical
MELLEN, Ronald Roy	Psychologist	-	-	-	Yes	2252	Counseling
MOON, Kadija Karae Joera	Psychological Technician	-	Yes	-	-	N/A	N/A
MORAIS, Calia Arglod	Psychologist	-	-	-	Yes	2253	Clinical
PILLAI, Amanda Jayne	Psychologist	-	-	-	Yes	2254	Clinical
ROBERTS, Tarryn Elizabeth	Psychological Technician	-	Yes	-	Yes	2255	N/A