

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of

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

March 12, 2021

Members Present: Catalina M. Arata, Ph.D. – Chair
Kristi Ann Miller, M.S. – Psychological Technician Member – Vice-Chair
Eliza M. Belle, Ph.D. – Member
Nancy W. Berland, Ph.D. – Member
Mary Ann Bowers, Ph.D. – Member
Edwin W. Cook, III, Ph.D. – Member
Carmen Douglas, SHRM-SCP, SPHR – Public Member

Others Present: Lori H. Rall, Executive Director – Recorder
Lauren B. Benson, Administrative Assistant
Brice M. Johnston, Legal Counsel

The time is 9:05 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 January 15, 2021 Minutes. Dr. Edwin Cook identified a typo on Page 2, Item 5) under Review of New Applicants ("Central Alabama Veterans Health Case System" should be "Central Alabama Veterans Health *Care* System"). Motion by Cook: I move to approve the corrected Minutes for the January 2021 Meeting. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) New Public Board Member – Carmen Douglas, Appointed to a Five-Year Term by Governor Kay Ivey on February 26, 2021. Welcome.
- 2) Return to Business Meetings at Board Office. May 2021 Meeting will be virtual; the July 2021 Meeting may be a hybrid meeting of virtual and in-person attendance. Ms. Rall will assess the need for additional electronics in the Board Meeting room.
- 3) Melissa Chovan, Psy.D., LPC – Review for violation(s) of ALA. CODE § 34-26-42. Motion by Berland: I move that we issue a Cease and Desist Order to this person and ask that she stop presenting herself as a Psychologist on her webpages or in any other context. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.
- 4) Alabama Psychological Association’s Annual Convention, June 11-13, 2021 in Orange Beach, Alabama – Lori Rall, Executive Director, Presenter: *Regulatory Perspectives from the Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology*. Dr. Cook asked the Board’s Administrative Staff to address the collection of licensees’ and applicants’ demographic diversity data.

REVIEW OF NEW APPLICANTS:

Psychologists

- 1) BECK, Lisa Anne Nicole – PSE Candidate (Arata and Belle) Motion by Arata: I move that we allow Dr. Beck to sit for the PSE. Seconded by Belle. Motion passed.
- 2) CHINTELLA, Jenissa Dawn – PSE Candidate (Belle and Bowers) Motion by Belle: I make a motion for Dr. Chintella to be admitted to the PSE. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.
- 3) CORDELL, Jonathan David – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Arata and Bowers) Motion by Arata: I move that we table Dr. Cordell’s Application and request that he submit a new Specialization Statement to indicate practice consistent with his training and education in I/O Psychology. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.
- 4) HUFSTEDLER, Amy Elizabeth – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Berland and Cook) Motion by Berland: I move that we allow her to sit for the PSE and also the EPPP but that we ask for a revised Specialization designation in Counseling or that she provide more information about why she should be licensed with a Clinical Specialization instead of Counseling. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.
- 5) HUGHES, Alex Andrew – PSE Candidate (Cook and Miller) Motion by Cook: I move that we admit Dr. Hughes to the PSE, and request that he revise his Application to remove Counseling as his Specialization. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed.
- 6) JACOBS DODSON, Mary Lindsey – PSE Candidate (Miller and Arata) Motion by Miller: I make a motion that we admit Dr. Jacobs Dodson to sit for the PSE. Seconded by Arata. Motion passed.

- 7) MICHAELS, Michelle Jeanette – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Berland and Miller) Motion by Berland: I would like to move that we allow Dr. Michaels to sit for the exams. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed.
- 8) STROMAS, Jeremy Michaels – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Belle and Bowers) Motion by Belle: I would move that we admit Dr. Stromas to the EPPP and PSE. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.

PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED APPLICANTS:

- 1) ASHOKAR, Justine Latha – Licensed in two (2) jurisdictions; **License No. 2200** issued 11/20/2020. (Bowers) Requested clarification on intent to practice. Review response. Motion by Bowers: I would move that accept her new statement with a Specialization in Clinical. Seconded by Arata. Motion passed.
- 2) BORKOSKY, Bruce Glenn – PSE Candidate (Belle) Application reviewed on 05/10/2019; admitted to exam, requested revised Specialization statement and additional professional references from supervisors from his post-doctoral training. Application tabled on 01/15/2021; Board requested more information about prior work in forensic psychology. Review response. (Passed PSE on 11/25/2020; review for licensure) Motion by Belle: I move that we grant Dr. Borkosky a license. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed. **License No. 2208** (Clinical Specialization)
- 3) COOK, Roy Rodney – PSE Candidate (Cook) Application reviewed on 01/15/2021; admitted to exam, Cease and Desist Order issued, Letters of Reprimand issued, and Board requested a response. Review response. (Passed PSE on 02/25/2021; review for licensure) Motion by Cook: I move that we acknowledge Dr. Cook’s reply. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed. Bowers abstained.

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 Arata: I move that we grant a license in Clinical Psychology to Dr. Roy Cook (**License No. 2217**), that we grant a license in Counseling Psychology to Dr. Ellis Bernstein (**License No. 2218**), and that we grant a license in Counseling Psychology to Dr. Tirzah Shelton (**License No. 2219**). Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.

COMPLAINTS:

Against Licensed Psychologists

Old

- 1) 19-004 – On-going investigation
- 2) 19-007 – No Probable Cause
- 3) 19-015 – On-going investigation
- 4) 19-019 – On-going investigation
- 5) 19-020 – On-going investigation
- 6) 19-021 – No Probable Cause
- 7) 20-001 – No Probable Cause
- 8) 20-002 – On-going investigation
- 9) 20-004 – No Probable Cause
- 10) 20-005 – No Probable Cause
- 11) 20-007 – On-going investigation
- 12) 20-008 – On-going investigation
- 13) 20-009 – On-going investigation
- 14) 21-001 – No Probable Cause
- 15) 21-002 – On-going investigation
- 16) 21-003 – On-going investigation
- 17) 21-004 – On-going investigation

OLD BUSINESS:

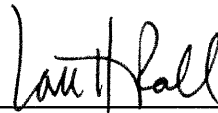
- 1) Preparing for emergency practice in response to a declared disaster – State of Emergency extension; per Governor Ivey’s Twenty-Third Supplemental Proclamation, the COVID-19 pandemic public health emergency has been extended for another sixty (60) days, to expire on May 7, 2021. Update.
- 2) Bill 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. Update. Establish Rules Committee. Establish Executive Director as Commissioner. Motion by Cook: I make a motion to nominate Lori Rall as Alabama’s PSYPACT Commissioner. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed. Motion by Miller: I make a motion that Dr. Edwin Cook, Lori Rall, and Brice Johnston comprise the Rules Committee. Seconded by Belle. Motion passed.

- 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. Update. Establish Rules Committee. Rules Committee to be determined when the legislation passes and is enacted.
- 4) Vulnerable Child Compassion and Protection Act – 2021 Legislative Session. HB1 Sponsored by Representatives Allen, Holmes, Pettus, Mooney, and Brown; SB10 Sponsored by Senator Shelnett. Update.
- 5) ASPPB Midyear Meeting, April 9-10, 2021 – Virtual Meeting Format. Registration Fee of \$50.00 per participant; Jurisdiction Financial Assistance (JFA) available, \$500.00 allowance per year. Lori Rall and Eliza Belle to attend, potentially others; will send Agenda for consideration when available.

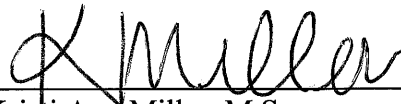
Motion by Arata: I make a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 p.m. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 14, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori H. Rall, Recorder
Executive Director



Kristi Ann Miller, M.S.
Vice-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>
COOK, Roy Rodney	Psychologist	-	-		Yes	2217	Clinical
ARMSTRONG, Amanda Kay	Psychologist		No		Yes	N/A	Clinical
BERNSTEIN, Ellis Nathan	Psychologist	-	-		Yes	2218	Counseling
CAMPBELL, Debra RayAnne	Psychologist	-	-		Yes	N/A	Counseling
LA MAR, Kristy Lynette	Psychologist		No		Yes	N/A	Counseling
SHELTON, Tirzah	Psychologist		Yes		Yes	2219	Counseling