

# MINUTES

Regular Meeting of

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

March 13, 2020

Members Present: Catalina M. Arata, Ph.D. – Chair  
Joseph D. Ackerson, Ph.D. – Member  
Edwin W. Cook, III, Ph.D. – Member  
Mary Ann Bowers, Ph.D. – Member  
Eliza M. Belle, Ph.D. – Member  
Kristi Ann Miller, M.S. – Psych. Technician Member-Vice Chair

Others Present: Jennifer T. Berlin, Executive Administrative Assistant – Recorder  
Brice M. Johnston, Legal Counsel

The time is 9:08 a.m. We are present at the Board’s administrative office located at 100 N. Union St., Suite 880 in Montgomery, Alabama. 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 10, 2020 minutes. Motion by Ackerson: I move to accept the minutes. Seconded by Cook. Motion Passed.

## **REVIEW OF NEW APPLICANTS:**

### **Psychologists**

- 1) HARRISON, Natalie Antoinette- PSE Candidate. (Bowers and Cook) Motion by Bowers: I move that we admit Dr. Harrison to sit for the PSE. Seconded by Cook. Motion Passed.
- 2) IVY, Alan Wayne – Licensed in four jurisdictions. (Cook and Ackerson) Motion by Cook: I move that we grant him a license. Seconded by Ackerson. Motion passed.
- 3) MANGUNO-MIRE, Gina M. – PSE Candidate. (Ackerson and Arata) Motion by Ackerson: I recommend that we admit her to the PSE. Seconded by Arata. Motion passed.
- 4) McCORMICK, Wesley Hendrick- EPPP and PSE Candidate. (Arata and Miller) Motion by Arata: I move that Dr. McCormick be allowed to sit for the EPPP and PSE however we need him to revise his specialization statement in order to remove neuropsychological testing as part of his practice. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed.
- 5) POUPARINA, Guadalupe – EPPP and PSE Candidate. (Miller and Bowers) Motion by Miller: I make a motion that we table her application and request additional information related to her current position at Altapointe; including job description, information about supervision and how she is legally functioning under which degree. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.
- 6) SCOTT, Denton McKinnon- EPPP and PSE Candidate. (Bowers and Ackerson) Brice suggested 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 Cook: I move that we 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. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed. The Board went into executive session at 9:47 to return at 10:05. Motion by Ackerson: I make a motion that we come out of Executive session. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed. The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:08. Motion by Ackerson: I recommend that we allow him to sit for the EPPP and PSE. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passes.
- 7) SMITH, Anna- PSE Candidate. (Ackerson and Cook) Motion by Ackerson: I move that we admit Dr. Smith to the PSE with the stipulation that she removes forensic and Neuropsych from her specialization and that she removes that she can do neuropsychological evaluations from her specialization statement. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.
- 8) SUH, Han Na- EPPP and PSE Candidate. (Cook and Arata) Motion by Cook: I move that she be admitted to the EPPP and PSE. Seconded by Arata. Motion passed.
- 9) TAN, Marcia McNutt- PSE Candidate. (Miller and Arata) Motion by Miller: I make a motion that we admit Dr. Tan to the PSE. Seconded by Arata. Motion passed.

## **PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED APPLICANTS:**

- 1) LA MAR, Kristy Lynette – EPPP and PSE Candidate. (Ackerson) Application reviewed on 01/10/2020, Tabled. Review requested information. Motion by Ackerson: I would move that we would admit her to the EPPP and PSE because she meets all of the criteria that we reviewed last time. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.
- 2) PETERSON, Samantha Jane – Application reviewed on 01/10/2020. Admitted to PSE but asked Dr. Peterson to revise specialization designation to reflect clinical only. Also asked Dr. Peterson for more information about her Postdoctoral Fellowship placement at Taylor Hardin. (Miller) Review. Motion by Miller: I make a motion that we accept her revised specialization statement. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.

Motion by Arata: I make a motion that we take a 15 minute break. Seconded by Ackerson. The Board took a break at 10:30 to come back at 10:45. Motion passed. Motion by Ackerson: I make a motion that we resume meeting at 10:46. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

## **COMPLAINTS:**

### **Against Licensed Psychologists**

#### **Old**

- 1) 16-003 – Resolution. Case was assigned to review Terms and Conditions of a previous Order issued by the Board in a past disciplinary matter. An Investigation Committee has determined that there are no violations of Terms and Conditions, and the case is recommended to be closed as “Resolved”. Motion by Ackerson: I make a motion to administratively close 16-003. Seconded my Belle. Motion passed.
- 2) 18-014 – Robin S. Kurtz, Ed.D. – Probable Cause determination. Administrative Complaint filed January 16, 2020. Hearing Date: April 16, 2020. Notice and request for Continuance Granted February 4, 2020; new Hearing date to be determined. Review Consent Order agreement. Motion by Ackerson: I make a motion that we accept the consent order on case 18-014. Seconded by Cook. Dr. Bowers abstained. Motion passed.
- 3) 18-016 – Sharon D. Waltz, Psy.D. – Voluntary surrender and suspension of license by Agreement (December 31, 2018) pending investigation by the Alabama Medicaid Agency in the Alabama Attorney General’s Office. On 8/14/2019, Dr. Waltz was indicted on One Count of Health Care Fraud Conspiracy in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1347 of Section 24(b), Alabama Medicaid. Plea Hearing took place on October 4, 2019. Sentencing Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, February 26, 2020. No change.
- 4) 19-003 – Robert A. DeFrancisco, Ph.D. – Review Letter of Reprimand. Brice suggested 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 Arata: I make a motion 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. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed. The Board went into Executive Session at 10:55 to return in 10 minutes. Motion by Cook: I move that we come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed. The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:00. Motion by Cook: I move that we ratify and accept this letter of reprimand in case 19-003. Seconded by Belle. Motion Passed.

- 5) 19-004 – On-going investigation.
- 6) 19-005 – Maria del Carmen Aviles, Psy.D. – Probable Cause determination. Administrative Complaint filed February 3, 2020. Hearing Date: April 22, 2020 at 10:00am. One Board Member must attend. Dr. Bowers to attend: Dr. Belle as back up.
- 7) 19-007 – On-going investigation.
- 8) 19-008 – No Probable Cause.
- 9) 19-009 – On-going investigation.
- 10) 19-010 – On-going investigation.
- 11) 19-012 – Joseph M. Currier, Ph.D. – Probable Cause determination. Administrative Complaint filed February 24, 2020. Hearing Date: June 11, 2020 at 10:00am. One Board Member must attend. Review Consent Order Agreement. Motion by Cook: I make a motion to accept the consent order. Seconded by Miller. Ackerson abstained. Motion passed.
- 12) 19-013 – No Probable Cause.
- 13) 19-014 – On-going investigation.
- 14) 19-015 – On-going investigation
- 15) 19-016 – James R. Stefurak, Ph.D. – Probable Cause determination. Administrative Complaint filed February 24, 2020. Hearing Date: May 20, 2020 at 10:00am. One Board Member must attend. Review Consent Order Agreement. Motion by Ackerson: I make a motion to accept the Consent Order. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.
- 16) 19-017 – David S. Kantra, Ph.D. – Probable Cause determination. Administrative Complaint filed February 24, 2020. Hearing Date: May 22, 2020 at 10am. One Board Member must attend. Review Consent Order Agreement. Motion by Ackerson: I make a motion to accept the consent order. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed.
- 17) 19-018 – Candice Nicole Selwyn, Ph.D. - Case was assigned to review potential unlicensed practice prior to licensure and related to a current disciplinary matter. An Investigation Committee has determined that there are no violations of licensure but is recommending review for unlicensed practice. The case number is recommended to be closed as “Resolved”. Brice suggested 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 Cook: I make a motion 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. Seconded Ackerson. The Board went into Executive Session at 11:13 to return in 10 minutes. Motion by Belle: I make a motion that the Board comes out

of Executive Session. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed. The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:20. Motion by Belle: I move that we accept the closure of the case and send a cease and desist notice. Seconded by Miller. Ackerson abstained. Motion passed.

- 18) 19-019 – On-going investigation
- 19) 19-020 – On-going investigation
- 20) 19-021 – On-going investigation
- 21) 20-001 – On-going investigation

#### **New**

- 1) 20-002 – On-going investigation
- 2) 20-003 – On-going investigation
- 3) 20-004 – On-going investigation
- 4) 20-005 – On-going investigation

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Disciplinary Complaint No. 18-005, Laura L. English, Ph.D. Administrative Complaint filed February 12, 2019; Consent Order accepted by the Board July 12, 2019. Review of current Application For Relief From Certain Conditions of Consent Order. Brice suggested 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 Belle: 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. Seconded by: The Board went into Executive Session at 11:22 to come back in 10 minutes. Motion by Cook: I make a motion to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Miller. Motion Passed. The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:50. Motion by Cook: I move that we deny the request. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed.
- 2) Lacy McGehee Kantra- Review of Probation criteria. Motion by Cook: I move that we accept the law and ethics continuing education that Dr. Kantra has submitted as satisfying the continuing education part of her consent order. Seconded by Ackerson. Motion passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Preparing for emergency practice in response to a declared disaster- Language added to our website. Motion by Ackerson: I make a motion that we accept the proposed language from our attorney to update our website. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.
- 2) Candice Nicole Selwyn, Ph.D. – Unlicensed practice. Resolved Case No. 19-018, above. Review evidence.

- 3) 2020 Legislative Session – SB21, Relating to the Alabama Sunset Law, to continue the existence and functioning of the Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology until October 1, 2024. Sponsored by Senator Chambliss following Sunset Audit in the last Fiscal Year.
- 4) 2020 Legislative Session – SB61, Relating to PSYPACT and a Wellness and Monitoring Program. Sponsored by Senator Andrew Jones.
- 5) ASPPB Midyear Meeting – Montreal, QC – April 23-26, 2020. CANCELLED

**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% (32 correct).

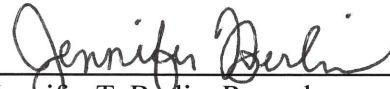
<i>Name</i>	<i>Application Level</i>	<i>EPPP Score</i>	<i>Passed?</i>	<i>PSE Score</i>	<i>Passed?</i>	<i>License No. Issued</i>	<i>Area of Specialization</i>
<b>Carroll, Mallorie Gayle</b>	Psychologist	████	████	████	████	<b>2175</b>	Counseling
<b>Castillo, Yesenia</b>	Psychologist	████	████	████	████	<b>2176</b>	Clinical
<b>De La Cruz, Raul Anthony</b>	Psychologist	████	████	██████			Counseling
<b>Edwards, Larissa-Jayne</b>	Psychologist	████	████	████	████	<b>2177</b>	Counseling
<b>Gutierrez, Ian Alexander</b>	Psychologist	████	████	████	████	<b>2178</b>	Clinical
<b>Joyner, Jordan Rae</b>	Psychologist	████	████	██████			Counseling
<b>Macatee, Richard James</b>	Psychologist	████	████	████	████	<b>2179</b>	Clinical
<b>Paganelli, Allison Elizabeth</b>	Psychologist	██████		████	████	<b>2180</b>	Clinical & Forensic
<b>Peterson, Samantha Jane</b>	Psychologist	██████		████	████	<b>2181</b>	Clinical
<b>Provan, Amy Sanders</b>	Psychologist	██████		████	████	<b>2182</b>	Clinical

Motion by Cook: I make a motion to accept these individuals for licensure. Seconded by Belle. Motion passed.

Motion by Ackerson: I make a motion we adjourn. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 12:21p.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 8, 2020**

Respectfully Submitted,



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Jennifer T. Berlin, Recorder  
Executive Administrative Assistant



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Catalina M. Arata, Ph.D.  
Chair