

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of

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

May 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: Lori H. Rall, Executive Director
Jennifer T. Berlin, Executive Administrative Assistant – Recorder
Brice M. Johnston, Legal Counsel

The time is 9:06 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 March 13, 2020 minutes. Motion by Ackerson: I make a motion to accept the minutes. Seconded by Miller.

REVIEW OF NEW APPLICANTS:

Psychologists

- 1) FLANAGAN, Margaret Anne - PSE Candidate (Belle and Bowers) Motion by Belle: I move that we admit Margaret Anne Flanagan to sit for the PSE with the addition of her amendment to remove Forensic from her specialization. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.
- 2) KING, Katryna Renee - PSE and EPPP Candidate (Arata and Ackerson) Motion by Arata I move that we table Dr. King's application and ask her for additional material, specifically we want her to expand her specialization statement to be more specific and include a limitation to working with adults and to describe her planned areas of work that are consistent with her experience and training. Second, we want her to provide a current reference of someone of a professional colleague or supervisor who can speak of her current psychological skills. Seconded by Ackerson. Motion passed. Dr. Cook Abstains.
- 3) MAHONEY, Elaine Joy - PSE Candidate (Ackerson and Cook) Motion by Ackerson: I move that we admit her to sit for the PSE. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.
- 4) RANDOLPH, Alynda Mae - PSE Candidate (Bowers and Miller) Motion by Bowers: I move that we admit Dr. Randolph to the PSE and ask that she remove the specialization of Forensic in her area of specialization. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed.
- 5) ALICEA RODRIGUEZ, Angel Luis - EPPP and PSE Candidate (Cook and Miller) Motion by Cook: I make a motion that we admit Dr. Rodriguez to the EPPP and PSE. Seconded by Miller. Motion Passed.

PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED APPLICANTS:

- 1) POUPARINA, Guadalupe - Tabled application. Requested additional information related to her current position at AltaPointe. (Miller and Bowers). Motion by Miller: I make a motion that we table this Application, with Lori Rall requesting information from the Social Work Board about licensure and practice at the Master's-level in social work. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.

COMPLAINTS:

Against Licensed Psychologists

Old

- 1) 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. Hearing Stayed due to COVID-19 State of Emergency.
- 2) 19-004 – On-going investigation.
- 3) 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. Hearing Stayed due to COVID-19 State of Emergency.
- 4) 19-007 – On-going investigation.
- 5) 19-009 – On-going investigation.
- 6) 19-010 – On-going investigation.
- 7) 19-014 – On-going investigation.
- 8) 19-015 – On-going investigation
- 9) 19-019 – On-going investigation
- 10) 19-020 – On-going investigation
- 11) 19-021 – On-going investigation
- 12) 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) Preparing for Emergency Practice in response to a declared disaster - Language added to our website. Update. Governor's Extension of Emergency per May 8, 2020 Proclamation, extending State of Emergency for another sixty (60) days. Motion by Dr. Ackerson I make a motion that we extend the temporary practice to psychologists that are licensed in states other than Alabama consistent with the emergency declaration issued by Governor Ivey. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.
- 2) 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. Enrolled and enacted – Assigned Act No. 2020-46, continuing the existence and functioning of the Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology until October 1, 2024.
- 3) 2020 Legislative Session – SB61, Relating to PSYPACT and a Wellness and Monitoring Program. Sponsored by Senator Andrew Jones. Last action, March 12, 2020 – Reported from Senate Healthcare committee as Favorable with one Substitute; Engrossed in the Senate with one Substitute; and, Read for the first time and referred to the House of Representatives committee on Health.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Continuing Education courses completed online during COVID-19. Motion by Arata: Regarding Continuing Education directly related to the practice of psychology during the COVID-19 State of Emergency, I move that the Board allow licensed Psychologist and Psychological Technicians to complete 50% of their Continuing Education requirements for the 2019-2020 Licensure Year in alternative formats, to include unaccredited programs, to be reviewed and approved by the Board and its Executive Staff. Seconded by Ackerson. Motion passed.

Dr. Arata Left the meeting at 11:00.

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).

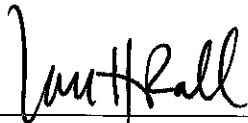
Psychological Technicians: The EPPP passing score for psychological technicians is 400. The passing score for the PSE is 80% (34 correct).

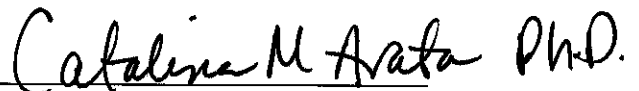

Motion by Cook: I move that we issue Dr. Natalie Antoinette Harrison a License. Seconded by Ackerson. Motion passed.

Motion by Ackerson I move that we adjourn. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: July 10, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,


~~Jennifer T. Berlin, Recorder~~ *for Jennifer Berlin*
Executive Administrative Assistant


Catalina M. Arata, Ph.D.
Chair 

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<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>
EDWARDS, Jeffrey	Psychologist	460	No	Already Taken	Yes	N/A	Clinical
HARRISON, Natalie Antoinette	Psychologist	Already Taken		████	Yes	2184	Clinical