

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of

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

November 4, 2022

Members Present: Nancy W. Berland, Ph.D. – Member
Edwin W. Cook, III, Ph.D. – Vice-Chair
Michael A. Carlton, Ph.D. – Member
Carmen Douglas, SHRM-SCP, SPHR – Public Member
Candice Drinkard Lewis, M.S. – Psychological Technician Member

Others Present: Brice M. Johnston – Legal Counsel
Angela D. Ledbetter – Executive Assistant
Lori H. Rall – Executive Director
Ellen L. Spence, Ph.D. – Alabama Psychological Association Liaison
Ker A. Bressette, Ph.D. – Licensed Psychologist
Emily Sims Stookey, M.S. – Applicant

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

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 9:12 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 September 9, 2022 Minutes. Motion by Carlton to accept the Minutes as written. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING – RULES AND REGULATIONS

Review by Cook: Amendments to Rules and Regulations: Administrative Code Rules amendment to Chapter 750-X-2-.03, **Application Form.**, and Chapter 750-X-2A-.03, **Application Form.**, and new Chapter 750-X-2-.10, **Certification of Applicants Licensed to Practice in Another Jurisdiction Pursuant to Alabama Military Family Jobs Opportunity Act.** Posted via Notice of Intended Action in the Alabama Administrative Monthly. Notices of Intended Action were published in the Alabama Administrative Monthly, Volume XL, Issue No. 12, September 30, 2022, and posted on the Board’s website. As of November 4, 2022, the Board has not received any comments. Motion by Carlton to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed at 9:15 a.m.

PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED APPLICANTS:

Psychologist(s)

- 1) MORALES LUCIANO, Charlyn Melanie – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Cook) Application was tabled on July 8, 2022, with Board’s request for information about employment history and clarification on role as “bridge therapist.” Board reviewed response at September meeting. On September 11, 2022, the Board admitted candidate to sit for the EPPP and PSE with a request for further employment history that was not completely provided, or has not yet been provided, and request for clarification on whether and how her activities at AltaPointe are consistent with Code of Alabama 34-26-42 and, if she is practicing psychology without the benefit of an Alabama license, she should cease and desist such practice. If licensed, infractions may be applied to the license based upon responses to employment history and practicing without a license. On September 11, 2022, the Board issued a Cease-and-Desist letter to AltaPointe directing them to cease and desist any aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of psychology by Dr. Morales Luciano, consistent with the letter the Board sent the organization in July 2020. Review of applicant’s response and AltaPointe’s response by Cook. Cook noted that the clinical responsibilities listed seemed to be in line with the practice of a licensed psychologist; Rall noted that the employer advised the applicant is operating under the umbrella of Mental Health. Cook ended discussion on Morales Luciano to prepare for Stookey and Bressette (scheduled to speak with the Board at 10:00 a.m.).

Psychological Technician

- 1) STOOKEY, Emily Sims – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Lewis) Application was tabled on July 8, 2022, with Board’s request for information about employment history, areas of competency, and future practice. Boarded reviewed response along with Supervision Application and Contract at September meeting. On September 11, 2022, the Board admitted candidate to sit for EPPP and PSE with a request for clarification on whether and how her activities at Spectrum Mental Wellness, LLC are consistent with Code of Alabama 34-26-42 and, if she is practicing psychology without the benefit of an Alabama license, she should cease and desist such practice and that we issue a Cease-and-Desist letter to Ms. Stookey and to Spectrum Mental Wellness, LLC directing them to cease and desist any aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of psychology by Ms. Stookey or anyone else, and, once licensed, infractions may be applied to the license for practicing without a

license. Review response from candidate. Review response from Keri A. Bressette, Ph.D. with Spectrum Mental Wellness, LLC (both individuals scheduled to speak with the Board at 10:00 a.m.). Review of Administrative Code 750-X-5-.05 Psychologists' Accountability For Technical And Support Staff.

Bressette and Stookey joined meeting via Zoom at 10:00 a.m.

Bressette discussed the letter of response she submitted to the Board. Bressette and Stookey answered questions from the Board.

Bressette and Stookey exited the Zoom meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Motion by Cook to accept explanations from Bressette and Stookey as in compliance with the law and eliminating the need for disciplinary action. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed.

Rall reviewed the Supervision Contract between Stookey and Bressette. Motion by Lewis to accept the contract. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.

Psychologist(s), continued

- 1) MORALES LUCIANO, Charlyn Melanie EPPP and PSE Candidate, continued. Review of Administrative Code 750-X-5-.04 Inquiries About Unlicensed Individuals. Cook noted this is not a training situation or training location. Mr. Johnston recommended that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss the potential threat of, or possibility of, litigation, and to discuss the good name and character of an individual. Motion by Cook for the Board to enter Executive Session 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 Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed at 10:39 a.m. Motion by Cook to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Carlton 11:03 a.m. Motion by Cook to issue applicant a letter that defers decision(s) on disciplinary action(s) until they pass exam(s), with caution to comply with Cease-and-Desist directives sent on September 11, 2022, and for Ms. Rall and Mr. Johnson to initiate communications with AltaPointe, copying the Department of Mental Health about concerns. Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed.
- 2) VINING, Odell George – PSE Candidate (Carlton and Cook) Admitted to PSE on September 9, 2022; Board requested an amendment to Specialization designation changing area of practice to School Psychology only, consistent with candidate's education and training, or that candidate may alternatively submit additional documentation to support the inclusion of a Clinical designation. Review response. Candidate passed the PSE on November 1, 2022, and **License No. 2288** (School) was issued on that date. Review Candidate's response. Motion by Carlton to affirm the Board's decision for specialization in School Psychology with the omission of the designation of Clinical Psychology. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.

REVIEW OF NEW APPLICANTS:

Psychologists

- 1) AHLICH, Erica Marie – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Cook & Carlton) Motion by Cook to admit to exams and licensure to be issued when and if exams are successfully completed. Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed. (Clinical Specialization)
- 2) ASBY, Aisha TaTa – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Lewis & Cook) Motion by Lewis to admit to exams with request for additional information from Dr. Asby regarding how she is legally authorized to perform the duties at Infinite Potential Behavioral Health Services in Dallas, Texas, and at CyFair Psychological Group in Cypress, Texas. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed. (Clinical Specialization) Motion by Lewis to refer information to the Texas Licensing Board. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.
- 3) BARRY, Nashedra Shonte – PSE Candidate (Carlton & Berland) Motion by Berland to admit to exam with licensure to be issued if and when exam is successfully completed. Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed. (Clinical & School Specialization)
- 4) CAMPBELL, Robert Bruce – PSE Candidate (Cook & Carlton) Motion by Cook to admit to exam and licensure to be issued if and when exam is successfully completed. Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed. (Clinical Specialization)
- 5) FOREMAN, Amber Hope – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Berland & Lewis) Motion by Berland to admit to exams with request for candidate to expand on her intent to practice with children. Seconded by Lewis. Motion passed. (Specialization Clinical)
- 6) GROMMET, Erich Kolmer – Licensed in 2 jurisdictions; Candidate for licensure per Code 750-X-2-.01 (Cook & Douglas) Motion by Cook for licensure. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed. (Behavioral Psychology and Intellectual and Neurodevelopmental Disorders Specialization) Issued **License # 2289**
- 7) GROSSL, Alyssa Bailey – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Lewis & Douglas) Motion by Lewis to admit to exams and licensure to be issued if and when exams are successfully completed. Seconded by Douglas. Motion passed. (Specialization Counseling)
- 8) LITTEN, Sarah Elise – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Carlton & Berland) Motion by Carlton to admit to exams and licensure to be issued if and when exams are successfully completed. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed. (School Specialization).
- 9) MAYZ, Kirstin Elena – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Berland & Douglas) Motion by Berland to admit to exams and licensure to be issued if and when exams are successfully completed. Seconded by Douglas. Motion passed. (Counseling Specialization)
- 10) ROBERTS, Sydneyjane Varner – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Cook & Douglas) Mr. Johnston recommended that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss the potential threat of, or possibility of, litigation, and to discuss the good name and character of an individual. Motion by Cook to move that the Board goes into Executive Session 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. The Board moved into Executive Session at 12:53 p.m. Motion by Cook to exit Executive Session at 1:11 p.m. Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed. Motion by Cook to admit to exams and licensure to be issued if and when exams are successfully completed. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed. (Clinical Specialization)

- 11) ROBERTS, Tangela Sarie – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Carlton & Lewis) Motion by Carlton to admit to exams and licensure to be issued if and when exams are successfully completed. Seconded by Lewis. Motion passed. (Counseling Specialization)
- 12) THOMAS, Paul Andrew – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Cook & Douglas) Motion by Cook to admit to exams and licensure to be issued if and when exams are successfully completed. Seconded by Douglas. Motion passed. (Clinical Specialization)

Psychological Technicians

- 1) ESSA, Saman – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Lewis & Carlton) Motion by Lewis to admit to exams and licensure to be issued if and when exams are successfully completed. Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed.
- 2) ULLRICH, Helen Sanchez – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Lewis & Berland) Motion by Lewis to admit to exams and licensure to be issued if and when exams are successfully completed. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed.

REVIEW of Exam Results for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP), and/or the Professional Standards Exam (PSE), and/or Licenses Issued since the September 2022 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).

<i>NAME of Applicant / Licensee</i>	<i>Degree</i>	<i>Application Level</i>	<i>EPPP Passed?</i>	<i>PSE Passed?</i>	<i>License Number</i>	<i>Date of Licensure</i>	<i>Area of Specialization</i>
BOSWELL, Kwoneathia Rasha	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2285	10/16/2022	Clinical
TATE, Larissa Leigh	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2286	10/17/2022	Clinical
SMITH, April Rose	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2287	10/17/2022	Clinical

VINING, Odell George	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2288	11/01/2022	School
BABB, Alexius Quiennettae	Psy.D.	Psychologist	No; may sit again	Yes	-	-	Clinical
BERRY, April Tashay	Ph.D.	Psychologist	No; may sit again	Scheduled 11/30/22	-	-	Clinical & Counseling
KINNEY, Jade Lynn	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Scheduled 11/15/22	Yes	-	-	Counseling
GAMBERA, Gianna Claire	Ph.D.	Psychologist	No; may sit again	Scheduled 11/14/22	-	-	School
REYNOLDS, D'Arcy James	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	-	-	-	Clinical
WILLIAMS, April Kierra	M.S.	Psychological Technician	-	Yes	-	-	N/A

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 – On-going investigation
- 8) 21-010 – On-going investigation
- 9) 21-012 – On-going investigation
- 10) 21-013 – On-going investigation
- 11) 22-002 – On-going investigation
- 12) 22-003 – On-going investigation
- 13) 22-004 – On-going investigation

- 14) 22-005 – No Probable Cause
- 15) 22-006 – On-going investigation
- 16) 22-007– On-going investigation
- 17) 22-012 – On-going investigation
- 18) 22-013 – On-going investigation
- 19) 22-015 – On-going investigation

New

- 1) 23-001 – On-going investigation

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards’ 62nd Annual Meeting of Delegates, *A New Day: No More Business as Usual*, National Harbor, Maryland, October 23 – 30, 2022. Lori Rall and Angie Ledbetter attended with Ms. Rall as the voting Delegate. Rall provided an update.
- 2) EPPP (Part 2 – Skills) Virtual Town Hall Meeting Recording; Announcement from ASPPB, August 13, 2022. Discussion on updates: effective January 1, 2026, the EPPP will be one (1) exam with two (2) parts, and it will only be offered as a two-part examination. Discussion on date(s) of transition and the potential need for more meetings to plan for legislation necessary to address this change.
- 3) Military Family Jobs Opportunity Act – ACT #2022-92, Passed March 8, 2022 – Act requires boards to adopt related rules on or before January 1, 2023. Proposed update to Administrative Code Rule 750-X-2-.03 **Application Form.** and 750-X-2A-.03 **Application Form.**, and proposed new Administrative Code Rule 750-X-2-.10 **Certification Of Applicants Licensed To Practice In Another Jurisdiction Pursuant To Alabama Military Family Jobs Opportunity Act.** Notice of Intended Action published in the Alabama Administrative Monthly in September 2022 and posted on the Board’s website, and available as a news release. Review Public Comment(s) – None received/opened as of November 4, 2022. Motion by Cook to adopt and certify the changes by publishing amended and new Administrative Code Rules pursuant to the new MFJOA. Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed.
- 4) AGIT, Maria – Application to sit for the EPPP and PSE denied on January 14, 2022, for failure to meet education and training requirements; denial upheld after informal reconsideration at the May 13, 2022 meeting, which the applicant attended in person. Applicant requested a formal reconsideration that was originally scheduled for August 9, 2022 (Belle to attend), and was subsequently rescheduled for September 2, 2022 (Douglas attended). Motion by Douglas to adopt recommended Order issued by Administrative Law Judge James Jerry Wood on October 24, 2022, as written and to uphold the denial of admission to the exams pursuant to Administrative Code Rules 750-X-2-.04 and 750-X-2-.07. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.
- 5) CHAVERS, David Joseph – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Berland and Cook) Admitted to

exams on September 9, 2022. Board voted to issue an Order to candidate for failure to disclose the history of an arrest in his application materials; license, if and when issued, will be issued after candidate pays a fine of \$300.00 and with a public reprimand. Review of the Order executed on September 23, 2022 by candidate and Executive Director, Ms. Rall, who reported Dr. Chavers' prompt acceptance of the Board's decision and quick execution of the Order.

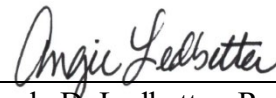
NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2023 - January 13, March 10, May 12, July 14, and September 8. Discussion on November's meeting date, which falls on a Federal Holiday (observance of Veteran's Day). Cook requested that the January meeting date be changed to January 20, 2023. Discussion of November 10, 2023 (Veterans Day Holiday Observed) remaining on the calendar, but to poll Board members about it again at the July 2023 meeting. Motion by Cook to accept 2023 meeting dates as follows: January 20, March 10, May 12, July 14, September 8, November 10. Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: *January 20, 2023*

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Carlton. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 2:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela D. Ledbetter, Recorder
Executive Assistant



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