

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of

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

September 10, 2021

Members Present: Catalina M. Arata, Ph.D. – Chair
Kristi Ann Miller, M.S. – Psychological Technician Member – Vice-Chair
Nancy W. Berland, Ph.D. – Member
Mary Ann Bowers, Ph.D. – Member
Edwin W. Cook, III, Ph.D. – Member

Others Present: Lori H. Rall, Executive Director – Recorder
Lauren B. Benson, Administrative Assistant
Brice M. Johnston, Legal Counsel
Ellen Spence, Ph.D. – Alabama Psychological Association Liaison

Not Present: Eliza M. Belle, Ph.D. – Member
Carmen Douglas, SHRM-SCP, SPHR – Public Member

The time is 9:19 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 safe, competent, and ethical manner and by promoting access to psychological services delivered in a safe, competent, and ethical manner.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Review of the July 9, 2021 Minutes. Motion by Cook: I move to approve the Minutes. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

REVIEW OF NEW APPLICANTS:

Psychologists

- 1) BUCKNOR, Carmen Bernice – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Berland and Miller) Motion by Berland: I move that we allow Dr. Bucknor to sit for both the EPPP and PSE. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed.
- 2) CRANSTON, Christopher Charles – Licensed in two jurisdictions (Arata and Douglas) Motion by Arata: I move that we grant a license to Dr. Cranston in Clinical with a specialization in Neuropsychology, also. **(License No. 2235)** Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.
- 3) GRAHAM, Gerald Forman Sandaidh – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Bowers and Arata) Motion by Bowers: I move that we deny Dr. Graham’s Application for licensure because he does not have qualifying coursework that must have been completed while enrolled in an Industrial/Organizational Psychology doctoral program and he did not have a year in residence at his doctoral program, a qualifying internship, and at least three (3) references from licensed Psychologists. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed.
- 4) SANDERSON, Susan Lyn – PSE Candidate (Cook and Bowers) Motion by Cook: I move that Dr. Sanderson be admitted to the PSE, and that we ask her to modify her Specialization designation to remove “Forensic” and to modify her Specialization Statement to respond to the part of the question that deals with assessment and/or intervention techniques that she plans to use. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.
- 5) TRUSS, Autumn LeShea – PSE Candidate (Miller and Cook) Motion by Miller: I move that we admit Dr. Truss to the PSE. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.
- 6) TYE, Kenneth Ray – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Arata and Miller) Motion by Arata: I move that we accept Dr. Tye for the EPPP and PSE. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed.
- 7) WARREN, Emily Anastasia Huston – PSE Candidate (Berland and Bowers) Motion by Berland: I move that we allow her to take the PSE, and she must amend her Specialization designation to remove “Clinical Neuropsychology”. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.

PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED APPLICANTS:

Psychologists

- 1) BLUNT, Charley Shannon – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Berland and Miller) Admitted to the EPPP and PSE on 07/09/2021 pending completion of background information. Update.
- 2) SCULLY, Kray Alexander – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Cook and Bowers) Admitted to the EPPP and PSE on 07/09/2021. Revised Specialization designation and Statement requested. Review response. Motion by Cook: I move that we accept his revised Specialization designation and Statement. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.
- 3) WILSON, Keisha Nicole – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Bowers) Application reviewed and tabled for more information on 05/14/2021. Application reviewed and tabled again on 07/09/2021, requested more information about clinical services outside of regular

employment and names of the affiliated Psychologist and ALC, documentation on internship and reference requirements, and explanation of current work title. Review response. Motion by Bowers: I move that we accept Dr. Wilson's withdrawal of her Psychologist licensure Application and request that she complete an Application for the Psychological Technician license, and that we will waive the Application fee, and will move requisite documents to the Technician licensure file. Seconded by Arata. Motion passed.

Psychological Technicians

- 1) MARTIN, Tiffany Shamicka – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Miller) Application reviewed and tabled for more information on 09/11/2020, requested details on completion of minimum requirements Administrative Code Rules 750-X-2A-.04 and -.05. Review response. Motion by Arata: I move that we table Dr. Martin's Application and provide feedback that she does not meet qualifying coursework criteria, per Rule 750-X-2A-.04(1), and inform her that coursework outside of her Psychology degree may apply toward requirements or that she may take additional qualifying courses to meet requirements, and inform her that her Application will expire on 09/11/2021, and that she may reapply and provide new information in a new Application. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.

The Board took a break at 11:40 a.m. and returned at 11:45 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 Arata: I move that we issue licenses, all in the area of Clinical Psychology, to Dr. Jeffrey Michael Edwards (**License No. 2236**), Dr. Karlie Marie Martin (**License No. 2237**), Dr. Michelle Jeanette Michaels (**License No. 2238**), and Dr. Denton McKinnon Scott (**License No. 2239**). Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.

COMPLAINTS:

Against Licensed Psychologists

Old

- 1) 19-004 – No Probable Cause
- 2) 19-015 – On-going investigation
- 3) 19-019 – No Probable Cause
- 4) 20-002 – On-going investigation
- 5) 20-007 – On-going investigation

- 6) 20-008 – On-going investigation
- 7) 20-009 – On-going investigation
- 8) 21-002 – On-going investigation
- 9) 21-003 – On-going investigation
- 10) 21-004 – On-going investigation
- 11) 21-005 – No Probable Cause
- 12) 21-007 – On-going investigation
- 13) 21-008 – Resolved by Agreement

New

- 1) 21-009 – On-going investigation
- 2) 21-010 – On-going investigation
- 3) 21-011 – No Probable Cause
- 4) 21-012 – On-going investigation
- 5) 21-013 – On-going investigation

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Preparing for emergency practice in response to a declared Public Health disaster – New State of Emergency Proclamation by Governor Ivey, issued August 13, 2021. Sixty (60) Psychologists have registered for Emergency Practice under this proclamation; five (5) previously registered Psychologists declined to register again due to Alabama becoming a participating Compact State with PSYPACT. Additionally, Governor Ivey issued a supplemental natural disaster State of Emergency Proclamation related to Hurricane Ida on August 28, 2021; two (2) Psychologists have registered for Emergency Practice with this proclamation.
- 2) Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) – Act 2021-116 to be effective June 1, 2021, Commissioner Lori Rall. Officially accepted, effective August 5, 2021, by majority vote at Commission Meeting. Commission’s Annual Meeting – November 18, 2021. Ms. Rall serves on the Training and Public Relations Committee and was named Chair at the September 9, 2021 meeting. Review of PSYPACT Commission Newsletter, July 2021, Volume 2, Issue 3.
- 3) Alabama Psychology Professionals Wellness Committee – Act 2021-283, effective January 1, 2022. Rules Committee met on August 6, 2021; Edwin W. Cook, III, Ph.D. was

identified as Committee Chair. New Administrative Code Chapter 750-X-5A. Notice of Intended Action to be published in the Alabama Administrative Monthly, September 2021. Motion by Bowers: I make a motion to accept and post the Rules. Seconded by Arata. Motion passed.

- 4) Willis Cleve Estis, Ed.D., LPC – Review for violation(s) of ALA. CODE § 34-26-42. Cease and Desist letters issued. Review responses. Ms. Rall will issue letters of response to both Dr. Estis and to Behavioral Health Systems.
- 5) Professional Standards Exam – Discussion on examination format for necessary updates, item-level review, and sample size. Drs. Berland and Cook to review exam data; continue discussion at next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Contract Review – Brice M. Johnston, Attorney at Law – Legal counsel and associated services, period of December 2021 – December 2023. Motion by Cook: I move that we modify the Contract for an hourly rate of two hundred (200) dollars per hour and that the cap be adjusted accordingly. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.
- 2) Contract Review – Michael C. Garver, DMD – Wellness and Monitoring Program management associated with current and ongoing participants and the business of the upcoming Alabama Psychology Professionals Wellness Committee, period of December 2021 – December 2023. Motion by Berland: I move that we offer the Contract as is. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.
- 3) Proposed update to Administrative Code Rule Chapter 750-X-3A-.05 Definition of Continuing Education Activity. Notice of Intended Action to be published the Alabama Administrative Monthly in September 2021. Review. Motion by Miller: I move that we accept the changes and approve the posting fees. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.
- 4) Proposed update to Administrative Code Rule Chapter 750-X-6-.02. American Psychological Association Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code Of Conduct. Notice of Intended Action to be published in the Alabama Administrative Monthly in September 2021. Review. Motion by Miller: I move that we approve the proposed changes to the Administrative Code Rule Chapter 750-X-6-.02. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed. Dr. Cook suggested that the language we adopt should also include any preceding version or versions published thereafter by the American Psychological Association.
- 5) American Psychological Association (APA) Town Hall Meeting, July 12, 2021 – Commission on Accreditation, discussion on standards of accreditation for Master's Programs: *Competencies in the Standards of Accreditation for Master's Programs in Health Service Psychology*. Lori Rall attended. Ms. Rall suggested that, while the APA has released little or no guidance for regulatory agencies about licensing master's-level psychology professionals, the Board should plan to update Administrative Code Rules on Psychological Technician education and training requirements to reflect the most modern national standards of competency for master's-level professionals. There was additional discussion about the Board engaging the Alabama Psychological Association (aPA) to

begin collecting public opinion/comment on master's-level psychological practice and licensure, specifically about potentially broadening the scope services a licensed Psychological Technician can provide to reflect educational updates, areas of competence, and limits of practice, and to meet needs in Alabama.

- 6) ASPPB Board Administrators / Registrars Committee (BARC) Meeting, August 25, 2021. Lori Rall attended as Board Administrator. Next meeting date TBA, early October 2021.
- 7) ASPPB 61st Annual Meeting of Delegates, October 14-16, 2021 – Online format – Zubin Austin, BScPhm, MBA, MISc, Ph.D., Keynote Speaker: *How Competent are we at Assessing Competency?* Dr. Cook, Ms. Miller, and Ms. Rall plan to attend.
- 8) Robert D. McKenna, M.A. – Review for violation(s) of ALA. CODE § 34-26-42. Motion by Berland: I move that we issue a Cease and Desist letter to this Master's-level individual and send a copy of the letter to the Judge named in the matter, and a copy to the Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.
- 9) Allison Ruth Kluz, M.S. – Psychological Technician Supervision Application and Contract with Joseph D. Ackerson, Ph.D. Review. Motion by Cook: I move for approval of this Contract. Seconded by Berland. Motion passed.
- 10) Third Quarter Report, Fiscal Year 2021. Motion by Cook: I move that we accept the Third Quarter Report from Fiscal Year 2021. Seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

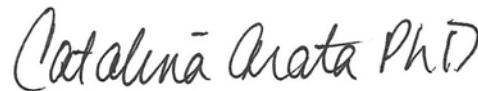
NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 12, 2021 @ Board Office and/or virtually

Motion by Berland: I move to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bowers. Motion passed.
The meeting ended at 1:25p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori H. Rall, Recorder
Executive Director



Catalina M. Arata, 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> |
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| Edwards, Jeffrey Michael | Psychologist | | Yes | | Yes | 2236 | Clinical |
| Jones, Liza Tarneshia | Psychologist | | No | - | - | - | Clinical |
| Lucas, Colby Newton | Psychologist | | Yes | - | - | - | Clinical |
| Martin, Karli Marie | Psychologist | | Yes | | Yes | 2237 | Clinical |
| Michaels, Michelle Jeanette | Psychologist | | Yes | | Yes | 2238 | Clinical |
| Prather, Courtney Caroline | Psychologist | | Yes | - | - | - | Clinical |
| Scott, Denton McKinnon | Psychologist | | Yes | | Yes | 2239 | Clinical |
| Sottilio, Erica Antoinette | Psychologist | | No | - | - | - | Clinical |
| Wilson, Matthew Terence | Psychologist | | No | - | - | - | Counseling |