

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of

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

May 12, 2023

Members Present: Edwin W. Cook, III, Ph.D. – Chair
Kimberley S. Ackerson, Ph.D., ABPP – Member
Michael A. Carlton, Ph.D. – Member
Candice D. Lewis, M.S. – Psychological Technician Member
C. Jeffrey Terrell, Ph.D., ABPP – Member
Dale Wisely, Ph.D. – Member

Others Present: Brice M. Johnston – Legal Counsel
Angela D. Ledbetter – Executive Assistant
Lori H. Rall – Executive Director
Joseph D. Ackerson, Ph.D. – Licensed Psychologist
Kimberly S. Daniels, Ph.D. – Applicant

Members Absent: Nancy W. Berland, Ph.D. – Vice-Chair
Carmen Douglas, SHRM-SCP, SPHR – Public Member

Opening by Cook: We are gathered in the Board Office 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 9:04 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 March 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Motion by Cook to approve minutes. Seconded by Terrell. Motion Passed.

REVIEW OF NEW APPLICANTS:

Psychologists

- 1) ABRAMS, Melissa Marie – PSE Candidate (Wisely & Carlton) Clinical Specialization. Motion by Wisely to admit applicant to PSE. Seconded by Carlton. Motion Passed.
- 2) CUMBERLAND, Michael Reid – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Cook & Lewis) Clinical Specialization. Motion by Cook to admit applicant to EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Lewis. Motion Passed.
- 3) DOUGHERTY, Maureen Teresa – PSE Candidate (Cook & Wisely) Clinical Specialization. Motion by Cook to admit applicant to PSE. Seconded by Wisely. Motion Passed.
- 4) HENDRICKSON, Harifah – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Lewis & Terrell) Counseling Specialization. Motion by Lewis to admit applicant to EPPP & PSE with a request from applicant to provide clarification of her specialization statement: provide evidence of training in clinical and neuropsychology OR revise specialization statement to focus on counseling only. Seconded by Wisely. Motion Passed.
- 5) KENNON, Jordan Nicole – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Carlton & Ackerson) Clinical Specialization. Motion by Carlton to admit applicant to EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Ackerson. Cook abstained. Motion Passed.
- 6) OWENS, Michael Alexander – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Wisely & Ackerson) Clinical Specialization. Motion by Wisely to admit applicant to EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Ackerson. Cook abstained. Motion Passed.
- 7) PAYNE, Ayanna Denese – PSE Candidate (Cook & Terrell) Clinical Specialization. Motion by Cook to admit applicant to PSE. Seconded by Terrell. Motion Passed.
- 8) RAMLER, Taylor Randall – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Carlton & Ackerson) Counseling Specialization. Motion by Ackerson to admit applicant to EPPP & PSE with a request from applicant to provide clarification of specialization statement. Motion withdrawn by Ackerson. Motion by Carlton to admit applicant to EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Cook. Motion Passed. Motion by Terrell to request applicant to either remove or defend reference to forensic in specialization statement. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.
- 9) STEELE, Stephanie Michelle – EPPP and PSE Candidate (Wisely & Cook) Clinical Specialization. Motion by Wisely to admit applicant to EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Cook. Motion Passed.
- 10) TALLENT, Desiree Anne – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Cook & Carlton) School Specialization. Motion by Cook to admit applicant to EPPP & PSE with a request to revise specialization statement to indicate her own plan. Seconded by Carlton. Motion Passed.
- 11) WHEELER, Cara Elizabeth-Lynn – PSE Candidate (Lewis & Terrell) Clinical Specialization. Motion by Terrell to admit applicant to PSE. Seconded by Lewis. Motion Passed.

Psychological Technicians

- 1) ANDERSON, Amber Nicole – EPPP & PSE Candidate; Review Supervision Application and Contract (Lewis & Wisely) Motion by Lewis to admit applicant to EPPP & PSE and to accept Supervision Contract. Seconded by Wisely. Motion Passed.
- 2) ELLISON, Kimberly Sara – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Lewis & Cook) Motion by Lewis to admit applicant to EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Cook. Motion Passed.

The Board took a break from 10:42 a.m. to 10:56 a.m.

Dr. Kimberly Stewart Daniels, Applicant, joined the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED APPLICANTS:

- 1) DANIELS, Kimberly Stewart – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Cook & Carlton) School Specialization. Application tabled at March 2023 meeting; more information was requested about internship experience(s) and anticipated future practice. Review response, including and additional information from applicant and Professional References. There was discussion between the Board and Dr. Daniels about her educational, training, and professional experiences.

Dr. Kimberly Stewart Daniels, Applicant, exited the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Motion by Cook for the Board to enter Executive Session to discuss the application matters before the Board, and to discuss the potential threat of, or possibility of, litigation, and to discuss the good name and character of an individual, for forty (40) minutes. Seconded by Wisely. Motion passed at 11:33 a.m. Motion by Cook to exit Executive Session. Seconded by Wisely. Motion passed at 12:26 p.m. Motion by Cook to admit applicant to EPPP & PSE contingent on submission of Qualifying Coursework form to be reviewed by Cook and Carlton, and revised Specialization Statement responsive to each of the four (4) parts of the specialization prompts, consistent with a specialization in School Psychology. Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed.

REVIEW of Exam Scores for the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP), and/or the Professional Standards Exam (PSE), and/or Licenses Issued since the March 2023 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).

NAME of Applicant / Licensee	Degree	Application Level	EPPP Passed?	PSE Passed?	License Number	Date of Licensure	Area of Specialization
REYNOLDS, D'Arcy James	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2303	03/17/2023	Clinical
SILVERSTEIN, Shannon Renae	Psy.D.	Psychologist	Yes (in CA)	Yes	2304	03/28/2023	Clinical
GAMBERA, Gianna Claire	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2305	05/02/2023	School
WELLS, Mary Catherine	Psy.D.	Psychologist	Yes (in MI)	Yes	2306	05/03/2023	Clinical
GROSSL, Alyssa Bailey	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	-	-	-	Counseling
TAYLOR, Tonia BrySha	Ph.D.	Psychologist	No; may sit again	Yes	-	-	Clinical
WILLIAMS, April Kierra	M.S.	Psychological Technician	No; may sit again	Yes	-	-	N/A
ESSA, Saman	M.Ed.	Psychological Technician	Yes	-	-	-	N/A

COMPLAINTS:

**Against Licensed Psychologists
Old**

- 1) 19-015 – No Probable Cause
- 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) 21-012 – On-going investigation
- 8) 21-013 – On-going investigation
- 9) 22-003 – No Probable Cause
- 10) 22-004 – On-going investigation
- 11) 22-007 – On-going investigation

- 12) 22-012 – On-going investigation
- 13) 23-001 – On-going investigation
- 14) 23-002 – On-going investigation
- 15) 23-004 – On-going investigation
- 16) 23-005 – On-going investigation
- 17) 23-006 – On-going investigation

New

- 1) 23-007 – On-going investigation

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Master’s-Level Licensure – ASPPB’s Task Force on Potential Regulatory Implications for Licensing Master’s-Training Individuals (PRELIM) – Update by Rall on weekly meetings and status on accreditation standards, qualifying education and training in specific practice areas, licensed scope/limits of practice discussion, and potential future title changes.

Dr. Terrell left the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

- 2) New Board Logo, Graphics, Website, and E-Payment Platform; Scope of Work – Visual shared and update provided by Rall. The Board requested to highlight “988” information and to post EPPP Part 2 details.
- 3) ASPPB 37th Midyear Meeting: *Hot Topics in Psychology Regulation* – Denver, CO, Thurs, April 27 through Sun, April 30. BARC Meeting – Wed, April 26. Lori Rall and Angie Ledbetter attended; Ms. Rall was a presenter on Friday, April 28 (“PSYPACT and Beyond”). Meeting Book available in Dropbox. Update by Rall and Ledbetter.
- 4) Executive Order No. 734, *Promoting Transparency in State Government Through Enhanced Accessibility to Public Records*. Discussion on Fee Schedule Updates. Per Rall, will evaluate number of requests and readdress with suggested fees at the July Board Meeting.
- 5) Executive Order No. 735, *Reducing “Red Tape” on Citizens and Business Through a Moratorium on New Administrative Rules and by Establishing Goals for the Reduction of Existing Regulatory Burdens*. Committee needed to complete Phase I: Chapter 750-X-1 et al Administrative Rule Inventory aiming to reduce by twenty-five percent the number of discretionary regulatory restrictions in the Alabama Administrative Code; Public input / feedback invited by the July Board Meeting. Explanation by Rall, must be posted for public comment, will review and, potentially, hear from the public at July 2023 Board Meeting. Volunteers to Committee: Wisely and Cook.
- 6) EPPP (Part1 – Knowledge): Two (2) new and additional sample exams are available for both testing centers and online delivery. EPPP (Part2 – Skills): One (1) sample exam to be available this month, May 2023. Call for Board Members to “test the test”. Hao Song,

Ph.D., ICE-CCP, ASPPB Associate Executive Officer of Examination Services, is available to meet with the Board in person or via e-platform. The Board will invite Dr. Song to a meeting for late 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) SB156 – Introduced in 2023 Legislative Regular Session, to add Chapter 9B to Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, to establish the Occupational Licensing Boards Division in the office of the Secretary of State; & Etc. Current Status: Read Second Time in House of Origin. Discussion. The Board will continue to engage with the Alabama Psychological Association and Bill Sponsors about the profession of Psychology.
- 2) HB345 – Introduced in 2023 Legislative Regular Session, relating to occupational licensing of health professionals; to establish the Health Professional Scope of Practice Review Commission to review and make recommendations to the Legislature regarding legislation revising or creating scope of practice laws for health professions; to provide for membership of the commission; and to provide guidelines for the commission to determine if scope of practice legislation is appropriate. Current Status: Pending Committee Action in House of Origin. Discussion. The Board would like for a licensed Psychologist to sit on a potential future Commission to address mental-health needs and concerns in the Alabama.
- 3) Wellness Committee – Membership Updates Needed. First Annual Report review. The Board continued existing first-year terms, contingent upon individuals’ agreement, and held over discussion about changes to the Board representative position as Dr. Berland was not present at the meeting.
- 4) APA Code of Ethics – Upcoming Updates, proposed Rule Change to adopt document “as amended” for the future rather than a specific date of publishing. Admin Code Rule 750-X-6-.02(1) prepares for updates, stating: “*American Psychological Association Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct, 2003 Edition (as amended 2010, 2016), effective January 1, 2017, or its successive editions, set forth as Appendix II to the Administrative Code of the Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology, is adopted*”. (**Emphasis** added.)
- 5) Board Quarterly Reporting – Second Quarter 2023 (Fiscal Year). Review by Rall.
- 6) PSYPACT Quarterly Compliance Report – First Quarter 2023 Compliance Report (Calendar Year). Review by Rall. There were no findings and the Board is “compliant”.
- 7) Upcoming ASPPB Annual Meeting – Cleveland, OH – Wednesday, September 27 through Sunday, October 1. Call for Attendance. Cook, Ledbetter, and Rall plan to attend.
- 8) SB109 – Introduced in 2023 Legislative Regular Session, relating to the Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners; to amend Section 34-30-3, Code of Alabama 1975, and to add Section 34-30-34 to the Code of Alabama 1975; to provide further for the scope of practice of licensees. Favorable. Current Status: Read Second Time in Second House. There was discussion and the Board had no concerns about the scope of practice language in the bill.
- 9) Alabama Psychological Association Meeting & Conference – Orange Beach, AL, August 25 – 27, 2023. Rall delegated to attend and present an update on Board matters on Sunday, August 27.

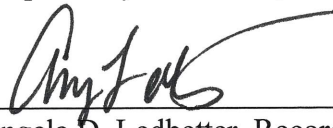
25 – 27, 2023. Rall delegated to attend and present an update on Board matters on Sunday, August 27.

Johnston addressed the Board regarding his Legal Services Contract; he wants to transition away from Board work at the end of this Contract, which is in December 2023.

Motion to adjourn by Cook. Seconded by Wisely. Motion passed; the meeting ended at 2:15 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: July 14, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela D. Ledbetter, Recorder
Executive Administrative Assistant



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