

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of

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

January 12, 2024

Members Present: Nancy W. Berland, Ph.D. – Vice Chair (In Person)
Michael A. Carlton, Ph.D. – Psychologist Member (In Person)
C. Jeffrey Terrell, Ph.D., ABPP – Psychologist Member (In Person)
Dale Wisely, Ph.D. – Psychologist Member (In person)
Carmen Douglas, SHRM-SCP, SPHR – Public Member (In person)

Others Present: Kimberley S. Ackerson, Ph.D., ABPP – Psychologist Member (Zoom)
Candice D. Lewis, M.S. – Psychological Technician Member (Zoom)
Angela D. Ledbetter – Executive Assistant (In person)
Lori H. Rall – Executive Director (In person)
Susan Nettles Han – Legal Counsel (Zoom)
Ellen L. Spence, Ph.D. – AL Psychological Association Liaison (Zoom)

Not Present: Edwin W. Cook, III, Ph.D. – Chair

Opening by Berland: The time is 8:58 a.m. We are gathered in the Board Office and on Zoom for a regular meeting of the Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology. As required by the Open Meetings Act, we have a lawful quorum of at least four (4) members and at least three members (3) are present in person, and sufficient prior notice of this meeting has been posted for the Public on both the Board's and the Secretary of State's websites, to include a link for Zoom meeting participation information at both websites because one (1) or more of our Members is participating remotely and for remote Public access. All unanimous votes will be announced aloud by the Chair and non-unanimous votes will be held by Roll Call. Board Members with a close personal or professional relationship to a subject of, or party to, an action are reminded to recuse themselves from participation in that part of the Meeting Agenda.

As a reminder of why the Board gathers, Berland read the BOARD's **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 NEW APPLICANTS:

Psychologists

- 1) ALBRIGHT, Jordan Ashley – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Carlton & Lewis) Specialization Clinical. Motion by Lewis to admit Dr. Albright to EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Carlton. Motion Passed Unanimously.
- 2) KARL, Kevin Francis – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Terrell & Douglas) Specialization Clinical. Motion by Terrell to admit Dr. Karl to EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Douglas. Motion Passed Unanimously.
- 3) KENNON, Katherine Elizabeth – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Ackerson & Wisely) Specialization Clinical. Motion by Ackerson to admit Dr. Kennon to EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Wisely. Motion Passed Unanimously.
- 4) LATHAN-POWELL, Emma Catherine – PSE Candidate (Lewis & Berland) Specialization Clinical & Counseling. Motion by Lewis to admit Dr. Lathan-Powell to PSE. Seconded by Terrell. Motion Passed Unanimously.
- 5) MADLER, Samantha Rose – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Douglas & Ackerson) Specialization in Clinical. Motion by Douglas to admit Dr. Madler to EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Ackerson. Motion Passed Unanimously.
- 6) McCALEB, Errica Danielle – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Wisely & Carlton) Specialization Clinical & Counseling. Motion by Wisely to table Dr. McCaleb’s application to gain more information about her doctoral program. Seconded by Carlton. Motion Passed Unanimously.
- 7) SULKOWSKI, Michael Lee – PSE Candidate (Berland & Wisely) Specialization School.
Motion by Wisely at 9:42 a.m. to enter Executive Session to discuss the potential threat of, or possibility of, litigation, and to discuss the good name and character of an individual, for approximately 20 minutes. Seconded by Terrell. Motion passed unanimously. Zoom attendees were asked to exit the meeting and enter the meeting Waiting Room again in 20 minutes. Spence exited the meeting.
Motion by Wisely at 9:59 a.m. to return from Executive Session. Seconded by Terrell. Motion passed.
Motion by Terrell to table application and request additional clarification from applicant about previous arrests and allow additional time for applicant to challenge arrest history. Seconded by Wisely. Motion Passed Unanimously.

PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED APPLICANTS:

- 1) BEMISTER, Christi Lynn (Carlton & Berland) – Applicant was erroneously listed as a PSE Candidate; correction to November 2023 Motion is needed because candidate was and is currently licensed in two (2) jurisdictions and was eligible for licensure at the November meeting. Motion should be rescinded and, instead, licensure (**No. 2338**) should be affirmed. Specialization in Clinical & Counseling. Motion by Carlton to rescind previous motion to admit Dr. Bemister as a PSE candidate. Seconded by Terrell. Motion Passed Unanimously. Motion by Berland to affirm Dr. Bemister’s licensure (No. 2338) issued November 8, 2023. Seconded by Carlton. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Spence returned to the Zoom Meeting Room at 10:10 a.m.

- 2) GODDARD, Michelle Staley – (Terrell & Douglas) Admitted to EPPP & PSE in November 2023, specialization in Counseling. Board requested that the candidate provide information about how she has remained up to date with recent advancements in Counseling Psychology since 2011. Review response. Motion by Terrell to accept Dr. Goddard’s response. Seconded by Douglas. Motion Passed Unanimously.
- 3) LOWREY, Alexa Ruiz – (Berland & Ackerson) Admitted to EPPP & PSE in November 2023, specialization in School. Board requested a revised specialization statement to reflect future scope of practice which is consistent with School Psychology. Review response. Motion by Berland to not accept the revision and instead request more information from Dr. Lowrey about her credentials with a doctoral degree in School Psychology and an Internship in a Clinical setting and not an Internship in School Psychology which emphasized the application of psychological principles and skill to learning problems and which met qualifying criteria outlined in Rule 750-X-2-.07, and request that Dr. Lowrey explain how qualifying coursework and internship training meet Administrative Code Rule 750-X-2-.06(1) and -(2)(d), and -(2)(d)(viii), specifically. Seconded by Terrell. Motion Passed Unanimously.

The Board took a 20 Minute Break at 11:00 a.m., and returned from Break to resume the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

- 4) MAHONY – Pending legal matter resolved in December 2023. Review documentation from the State of New York from December 2023. Rall advised all charges have been dismissed. The Board will issue a letter of acknowledgement and thanks.
- 5) MANIERSKI, Megan Elizabeth – (Wisely & Terrell) Admitted to EPPP & PSE in November 2023, specialization in School. Board requested that candidate make a re-designation of specialization in School Psychology only and provide a revised specialization statement to reflect future scope of practice consistent with School Psychology. Review response. Motion by Berland to not accept the response and instead request more information from Dr. Manierski about her credentials with a doctoral degree in School Psychology and an Internship in a Counseling setting and not an Internship in School Psychology which emphasized the application of psychological principles and skill to learning problems and which met qualifying criteria outlined in Rule 750-X-2-.07, and request that Dr. Manierski explain how qualifying coursework and internship training meet Administrative Code Rule 750-X-2-.06(1) and -(2)(d), and -(2)(d)(viii), specifically. Seconded by Carlton. Berland, Carlton, Douglas, Terrell, Ackerson, and Lewis voted in the affirmative; Wisely abstained. Motion Passed.

Motion by Carlton to create a committee to focus on Area(s) of Specialization with Wisely serving as Chair. Seconded by Berland. Motion Passed Unanimously. Committee Members: Wisely, Carlton, Han, and Rall. Rall requested that Cook participate as a consultant; will contact him to request committee participation.

SCORE REVIEW:**Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP), &/or the Professional Standards Exam (PSE), &/or Licenses Issued since the November 2023 Board Meeting**

Psychologists: Pass or fail for each candidate is based upon the ASPPB recommended passing score for psychologists, and it 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
BEMISTER, Christi Lynn	Psy.D.	Psychologist	Yes; Previously	N/A Licensed in 2 or More	2338	11/08/2023	Clinical & Counseling
BRISTOW, Lori Ann	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes; Previously	Yes	2339	11/15/2023	Clinical
LAU, Simon	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2341	11/30/2023	Clinical
MEAUX TYKOL, Lauren	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2342	12/01/2023	Clinical
CHAN, Jun Yi Ginny	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes; Previously	Yes	2343	12/12/2023	Clinical & Forensic
ULLRICH, Helen Sanchez	M.Ed.	Psychological Technician	Yes	Has Not Scheduled	-	-	N/A
BOLSTAD, Courtney Jo	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2344	12/13/2023	Clinical
HENDRICKSON, Harifah	Ph.D.	Psychologist	No; May Sit Again	No; May Sit Again	-	-	Counseling
KINNEY, Jade Lynn	Ph.D.	Psychologist	No; Must Reapply	Yes	-	-	Counseling
ANDERSON, Amber Nicole	M.S.	Psychological Technician	Yes	Has Not Scheduled	-	-	N/A
BABB, Alexius Quiennettae	Psy.D.	Psychologist	No; Must Reapply	Yes	-	-	Clinical

SLAGEL, Brett Auston	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2345	12/28/2023	Clinical
DAVIS, III, Thompson Elder	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes; Previously	Yes	2346	01/09/2024	Clinical
GIBSON, Emily Noel	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2347	01/11/2024	School
ROBERTS, Sydneyjane Varner	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Scheduled 1/26/24	-	-	Clinical
PREAST, June Laney	Ph.D.	Psychologist	No; Must Reapply	Yes	-	-	School
SMITH, Rachel Grace	Psy.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Has Not Scheduled	-	-	Clinical

COMPLAINTS:

Against Licensed Psychologists

Old

- 1) 20-007 – On-going investigation
- 2) 20-008 – On-going investigation
- 3) 20-009 – On-going investigation
- 4) 21-004 – On-going investigation
- 5) 21-007 – On-going investigation
- 6) 21-012 – On-going investigation
- 7) 21-013 – On-going investigation
- 8) 22-004 – On-going investigation
- 9) 22-007 – On-going investigation
- 10) 22-012 – On-going investigation
- 11) 23-001 – On-going investigation
- 12) 23-002 – On-going investigation
- 13) 23-004 – On-going investigation
- 14) 23-005 – On-going investigation
- 15) 23-006 – On-going investigation
- 16) 23-007 – On-going investigation

- 17) 23-008 – On-going investigation
- 18) 23-009 – On-going investigation
- 19) 24-001 - On-going investigation
- 20) 24-002 - On-going investigation
- 21) 24-003 - On-going investigation

Each Board Member should expect follow-up meetings for at least two (2) Investigation Committee Assignments between this and the March 2024 Meeting, aiming to resolve on-going investigations in the First Quarter of Calendar Year 2024. Rall and Han will contact Board Members about meetings.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Professional Services Contract – Michael C. Garver, DMD, Wellness Provider Services, LLC, for Management of the Alabama Psychology Professionals Wellness and Monitoring Program; Current contract expires December 15, 2023. New Contract approved to extend from December 16, 2023 to December 15, 2024; an RFP will have to be submitted in fiscal year 2024 for a new Contract in December 2024, or the Board may request a renewal. Contract binder was presented before the Legislative Contract Review Committee on December 7, 2023, and Ledbetter presented. The Contract was accepted and signed by Governor Kay Ivey. Motion by Berland to extend Dr. Garver’s Contract for one (1) year as a Sole Source Provider. Seconded by Terrell. Motion Passed Unanimously. Rall advised will bring back up for review again in September 2024.
- 2) *E.O. 727 Establishing the Governor’s Study Group on Efficiency in State Government*. Final Meeting with report and recommendation(s) scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, in the State Capitol Auditorium. Update. Rall reported have not received final report. A small statement was made indicating that some commissions and agencies will be consolidated; some will be closed; probably professional practice boards will remain independent; more information will be released with final report.
- 3) Alabama Association of Regulatory Boards’ (AARB) Certified Investigator Training and Conference in Orange Beach, AL will be held on Monday, January 29 to Wednesday, January 31, 2024. Han, Rall, and Ledbetter approved to for attendance. Update. Rall reported that Han, Rall and Ledbetter will not attend the training. Rall and Ledbetter cannot afford to be away from the office and Han has other pending work that interferes with being there the whole time.

NEW BUSINESS:

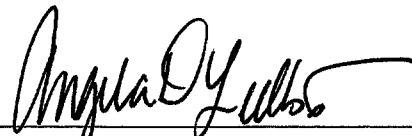
- 1) Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts’ Resource Manual for Alabama Regulatory Boards and Commissions, Twentieth Edition, August 2023 – Available now at <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/epa-resource-guide>; also provided in Dropbox. Rall advised this is a Resource Manual for all Agencies, Boards, and Commissions for how to do business; this is a new version. This is the agency’s governing document available for Board Members if there are ever any questions about agency function. The Examiners of Public Accounts offers a training session for Boards and will notify us when the next session will be held. Board Member participation is required.

- 2) Mileage Increase for Calendar Year 2024 – Travel reimbursement for Board Member and Staff mileage will be reimbursed at \$0.67 cents per mile, up from \$0.65 cents per mile in 2023.
- 3) PSYPACT 4th Quarter Newsletter – Review. Rall provided Newsletter to all Board Members.
- 4) Alabama Association of Regulatory Boards (AARB) Lunch and Learn – Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at the Alabama Board of Nursing’s Conference Room. Jason Reid from the Home Builders Association will address navigating the State House. Rall and Ledbetter plan to attend.
- 5) Alabama Psychological Association (aPA) Mid-Winter Conference: *Minds in Action: Advancing Psychology Through Advocacy and EDI* – February 15 & 16, 2024, Legacy Museum at Equal Justice Initiative, Montgomery, AL, to including Hill Visits. Rall and Ledbetter invited to attend (with possibility of Rall presenting). Rall advised the Board that she was invited to attend, no need for Board members to attend individually unless they are aPA members attending for CEUs, Board Staff invited to attend as agency Administrators. Rall advised she will field any questions remaining from the 2023 Annual Meeting but will decline the invitation to present as there is no new information to share.
- 6) ASPPB Mid-Year Meeting – April 25 to 28, 2024, Boston, MA. Rall and Ledbetter to attend. Board Administrators/Registrars Committee (BARC) Meeting on Wednesday, April 24; Rall is Chair-Elect. Call for Board Member attendance. Ackerson, Berland and Han attending, tentatively.
- 7) Vote on Board Leadership for the next six (6) meetings / year. Motion by Carlton for Berland to be the new Chair of the Board. Seconded by Terrell. Motion Passed Unanimously. Motion by Wisely for Carlton to be the new Vice-Chair. Seconded by Berland. Motion Passed Unanimously.

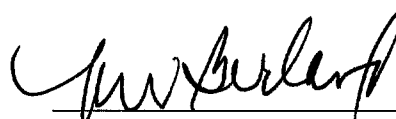
Motion by Berland to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Terrell. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 12:25 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: March 8, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela D. Ledbetter, Recorder
Executive Assistant



Nancy W. Berland, Ph.D.
Board Chair