

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of

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

July 11, 2025

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

Others Present: Susan N. Han – Legal Counsel (Via Zoom)
Angela D. Ledbetter – Executive Assistant (In Person)
Lori H. Rall – Executive Director (In Person)
Ellen L. Spence, Ph.D. – AL Psychological Association Liaison (In Person)
Sandra Lucas – Member of the Public (Via Zoom)
Caitlin Moran – Member of the Public (Via Zoom)
Paulette Risher – Member of the Public (Via Zoom)
Beverly Williams – Member of the Public (Via Zoom)

Not Present: Marilyn A. Cornish, Ph.D. – Psychologist Member
Carmen Douglas, SHRM-SCP, SPHR – Public Member

Opening by Carlton: The time is 9:03 a.m. We are gathered at the Board Office as provided in advance notice at the Board's website and the website of the Alabama Secretary of State. Access to this meeting is also available to the Public by Zoom teleconferencing.

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 may participate 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, 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 MINUTES:

Review of the May 9, 2025, Minutes. Motion by Cook to accept May Minutes. Seconded by Wisely. The motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF NEW APPLICANTS

Psychologists

- 1) ABRAM, Breanna Renee – PSE Candidate (Wisely & Cook) Specialization Clinical. Motion by Wisely to admit Dr. Abram to the PSE. Seconded by Cook. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2) BALLARD, John Allen – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Terrell & Cook) Specialization I/O. Motion by Terrell to table the application with a request that Dr. Ballard submit an updated *Specialization Information and Scope of Practice* statement in I/O psychology, to remove any references to the practice of clinical or counseling psychology, including disorders or populations for which he had no specific training, supervision, and experience at the doctoral level. Seconded by Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

Terrell left the meeting room at 9:43 a.m. and returned to the meeting room at 9:45 a.m.

- 3) COOK, Jeffrey Hampton – PSE Candidate (Lewis & Carlton) Specialization Clinical. Motion by Lewis to admit Dr. Cook to the PSE. Seconded by Carlton. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4) FALLIGANT, John Michael – PSE Candidate (Cook & Ackerson) Specialization Clinical. Motion by Cook to admit Dr. Falligant to PSE. Seconded by Ackerson. Wisely abstained. The motion passed.
- 5) NOFFSINGER-FRAZIER, Nicole Aimee – Candidate for Licensure (Terrell & Lewis) Specialization Counseling. Motion by Terrell to issue a license (**No. 2429**) to Dr. Noffsinger-Frazier. Seconded by Lewis. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6) PALENSKY, Jodi Elizabeth Johnson – Candidate for Licensure (Carlton & Ackerson) Specialization Counseling. Motion by Ackerson to issue a license (**No. 2430**) to Dr. Palensky. Seconded by Carlton. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7) PARRISH, Mary LaTrice – PSE Candidate (Cook & Terrell) Specialization Clinical.

Han recommended that the Board move into Executive Session to protect the good name and character of an individual. Motion by Cook for the Board to move into Executive Session to discuss the good name and character of Dr. Parrish, at 10:03 a.m., for approximately 15 minutes, to return at 10:18 a.m. Seconded by Terrell. The motion passed unanimously.

Spence exited the meeting room, and members of the public attending virtually were placed in the online waiting room at 10:03 a.m.

Motion by Cook for the Board to exit Executive Session and return to a regular meeting at 10:18 a.m. Seconded by Terrell. The motion passed unanimously.

Members of the public participating virtually, admitted back into virtual meeting room at 10:18 a.m.

The Board took a break from 10:18 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Spence returned to the meeting room at 10:30 a.m.

Motion by Cook to table Dr. Parrish's application with a request for a summary of qualifying coursework in her clinical doctoral program, and clarification of where transfer courses were taken, and for Board Staff to further investigate the issue discussed during executive session regarding question 5. Seconded by Terrell. The motion passed unanimously.

- 8) SHUCK, Kelly D. – PSE Candidate (Carlton & Wisely) Specialization Counseling.

Han recommended that the Board move into Executive Session to discuss a candidate's good name and character. Motion by Carlton for the Board to move into Executive Session to discuss the good name and character of an individual, at 10:43 a.m., with a plan to return at 11:15 a.m. Seconded by Wisely. The motion passed unanimously.

Spence exited the meeting room, and members of the public attending virtually were placed in the online waiting room at 10:43 a.m.

Motion by Carlton for the Board to exit Executive Session and return to a regular meeting at 11:22 a.m. Seconded by Wisely. The motion passed unanimously.

Members of the public participating virtually, admitted back into the virtual meeting room at 11:22 a.m.

Spence returned to the meeting room at 11:23 a.m.

Motion by Carlton to table the application for further review and additional information from the applicant. Seconded by Wisely. The motion passed unanimously.

- 9) SOMERS, Jennifer Anne – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Wisely & Ackerson) Specialization Clinical. Motion by Wisely to admit Dr. Somers to the EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Ackerson. The motion passed unanimously.
- 10) THELEN, Sabrina Zina – PSE Candidate (Ackerson & Carlton) Specialization Clinical. Motion by Ackerson to admit Dr. Thelen to the PSE. Seconded by Carlton. The motion passed unanimously.
- 11) TRAVIS, Alicia Christine – PSE Candidate (Lewis & Terrell) Specialization Clinical. Motion by Lewis to admit Dr. Travis to the PSE. Seconded by Terrell. The motion passed unanimously.

Psychological Technicians

- 1) ACEVEDO VERGARA, Maria José – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Lewis & Wisely) Motion by Lewis to admit Ms. Acevedo Vergara to the EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Ackerson. The motion passed unanimously.

Spence left the meeting room at 11:39 a.m.

- 2) ARAUJO RABELLO, Luane – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Lewis & Carlton) Motion by Lewis to admit Ms. Araujo Rabello to the EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Carlton. The motion passed unanimously.

Spence returned to the meeting room at 11:40 a.m.

The Board took a break from 11:41 a.m. to 11:56 a.m.

Previously Reviewed Applications - Psychologists

- 1) DAVIDSON, Geeta Anne – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Wisely & Cook) Specialization Clinical. Application tabled at the May 2025 meeting; Board requested additional information to support the breadth of services and disorders claimed on *Specialization Information and Scope of Practice* and/or a revise statement, and an explanation about her Internship experience in the 2020-2021 academic year and update Professional Experience information to include it. Review response. Motion by Cook to table application again and request the following information from the applicant: 1) specific education and training relevant to each service and disorder referenced on the Specialization page; 2) a written explanation about the 2020-2021 Internship. Seconded by Wisely. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2) PALKER-CORELL, Ann Marguerite – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Cook & Ackerson) Specialization Clinical. Application tabled at the May 2025 meeting due to discrepancies between applicant's Specialization Statement and Scope of Practice; Board requested a modified statement and practice details and/or provide additional evidence of education and training to support applicant's scope. Review response. Motion by Ackerson to admit Dr. Palker-Corell to sit for the EPPP & PSE with an accompanied letter reminding her of the importance to practice within the scope of her education and experience, being mindful of the need in some cases to ensure updated and current continuing education and training. Seconded by Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

Terrell left the meeting room at 12:35 p.m. and returned to the meeting room at 12:37 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Mickey Sizemore, Vets4Vets Foundation, Inc., Guntersville, AL – Review evidence of potential unlicensed practice. Discussion.

Han recommended that the Board move into Executive Session to protect the good name and character of an individual. Motion by Carlton for the Board to move into Executive Session to discuss the good name and character of an individual, at 12:43 p.m., anticipating returning at approximately 1:10 p.m. Seconded by Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

Spence exited the meeting room, and public members, participating virtually, were placed in the online waiting room at 12:43 p.m.

Motion by Terrell for the Board to exit Executive Session and return to a regular meeting at 1:14 p.m. Seconded by Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

Public members, participating virtually, were admitted back into the virtual meeting room at 1:14 p.m., and Spence returned to the meeting room at 1:15 p.m.

Motion by Carlton to issue a cease-and-desist letter to Mr. Sizemore and ask for a response immediately, and no later than ten (10) days of service. Seconded by Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

SCORE REVIEW:

Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP), &/or the Professional Standards

Exam (PSE), &/or Licenses Issued since the March 2025 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
YON, Adriana Nicole	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes (in NC)	Yes	2420	5/23/2025	Clinical & Neuropsychology
HOWARD, Taylor Nocera	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes (in MS)	Yes	2421	5/28/2025	Counseling
ROJAS, Francisco	Psy.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2422	5/30/2025	Clinical
PARALKAR, Urvi Pradeep	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes (in MD)	Yes	2423	6/4/2025	Counseling
CLARK, Martin John	M.A, M.S.	Psychological Technician	Yes	Yes	2424	6/11/2025	N/A
JENS, Ashley Bockting	Psy.D.	Psychologist	Yes (in MI)	Yes	2425	6/17/2025	Clinical
AITA, Stephen Louis	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes (in CO)	Yes	2426	6/18/2025	Combined, Clinical- Counseling Psychology
BARKER- KAMPS, Malcolm Carel	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2427	6/20/2025	Clinical
FIORENZO, Isabella Maria	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2428	6/30/2025	Clinical & Sport Psychology
PREAST, June Laney	Ph.D.	Psychologist	No; May Sit Again	Yes	-	-	School
WELLS, Michael Ryan	Psy.D.	Psychologist	No; May Sit Again	No; May Sit Again	-	-	Clinical

COMPLAINTS:

Against Licensed Psychologists

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| 1) | 20-007 – On-going investigation | 19) | 24-008 – On-going investigation |
| 2) | 20-008 – On-going investigation | 20) | 24-010 – On-going investigation |
| 3) | 20-009 – On-going investigation | 21) | 24-011 – On-going investigation |
| 4) | 21-004 – On-going investigation | 22) | 24-012 – On-going investigation |
| 5) | 21-007 – On-going investigation | 23) | 24-013 – On-going investigation |
| 6) | 21-012 – On-going investigation | 24) | 24-014 – On-going investigation |
| 7) | 21-013 – On-going investigation | 25) | 24-015 – On-going investigation |
| 8) | 22-004 – On-going investigation | 26) | 24-016 – On-going investigation |
| 9) | 22-007 – On-going investigation | 27) | 25-001 – On-going investigation |
| 10) | 22-012 – On-going investigation | 28) | 25-002 – On-going investigation |
| 11) | 23-001 – On-going investigation | 29) | 25-003 – On-going investigation |
| 12) | 23-002 – On-going investigation | 30) | 25-004 - On-going investigation |
| 13) | 23-004 – On-going investigation | 31) | 25-005 - On-going investigation |
| 14) | 23-006 – On-going investigation | 32) | 25-006 - On-going investigation |
| 15) | 23-007 – On-going investigation | 33) | 25-007 – On-going investigation |
| 16) | 24-002 – On-going investigation | 34) | 25-008 – On-going investigation |
| 17) | 24-003 – On-going investigation | 35) | 25-009 – On-going investigation |
| 18) | 24-007 – On-going investigation | 36) | 25-010 – On-going investigation |

No New Complaints to Report

Investigation Committee meetings are held, and will continue to be held, between regularly scheduled meetings of the Board; Committee meetings will take place via electronic means.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) Meetings – Locations, dates, and reminders for attendance:
 - a. 65th Annual Meeting, October 22 - 26, 2025 – St. Louis, Missouri. Carlton, Ledbetter, Rall, and Wisely plan to attend.
- 2) Alabama Legislative Session, 2025 – Outcome of proposed legislation:
 - a. SB39, requiring Board Members to complete training, meet attendance standards. Did not pass.
 - b. SB138, addressing the issuance of occupational licenses for convicted felons. Enacted as Act Number 2025-388, waiting for further guidance on applicability.
 - c. HB267, SB58, and SB101, regarding changing the age of consent for mental health services from 14 years to 16 years (originally introduced as 18 years), with some exceptions, and a minor's confidentiality. Enacted as Act Number 2025-455, to become effective on October 1, 2025. Discussion. Han recommended that this information be released in a Board Newsletter.

- 3) PSYPACT Meetings:
- a. Training and Public Relations Committee, Zoom Teleconference – Thursday, June 5, 2025. Rall participated in this meeting. Rall discussed a rule change to PSYPACT authorization holders that introduces a digital badge that advertises what the authorization means, and the badge can be added to their signature, LinkedIn, and other professional signatures. At this meeting, they also proofed the publication of the 2024 Newsletter.
 - b. Executive Board Meeting, Zoom Teleconference – Monday, June 23, 2025, and continued Monday, July 7, 2025. Rall participated in each of these meetings. Rall advised the Commission is growing, discussed fees, investments, and what the Commission can do to benefit the profession. Moved the rule change forward and discussed different committee meetings throughout the year – public relations, training, and finance. Commission is growing, discussing ways to benefit the profession.
 - c. Commission Mid-Year Meeting, Zoom Teleconference – July 14, 2025. Rall will participate.
 - d. Annual Commission Meeting, In-Person, Tucson, AZ – November 16–17, 2025. Rall plans to attend. ASPPB and the Commission will pay for travel expenses.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued):

- 2) Professional Standards Exam (PSE) Automation. Discussion. Ledbetter provided an update on research done to digitize the PSE, and the need to update the questions on the PSE. Rall advised that questions from the PSE will be divided and given to the Board members to review and provide feedback for relevance and grading. Options to consider as changes are made: the candidate would need to make an attestation that they are taking the exam; is it timed; do we provide feedback along the way for incorrect responses, etc.
- 3) Professional Will for Continuity of Care. Discussion about best practices & a potential Rule. Rall suggested capturing In Case of Emergency information with the next renewal cycle. Cook recommended posting the American Psychological Association (APA)'s guidelines for a Professional Will on the Board's website. Cook also recommended posting a document for Record Retention guidelines on the Board's website.
- 4) Additions to Application documents:
- a. Expungement language.
 - b. For applicants who are not residents of Alabama, reason for seeking licensure.

Motion by Terrell for Board Staff to work with Legal Counsel to add language to the application regarding expungement and dismissal, and to add a question for applicants who are not Alabama residents to provide the reason they are seeking licensure in Alabama. Seconded by Cook. The motion passed unanimously. Rall would like to implement the revision by August 2025. Discussion about ways the Specialization section of the application may be improved in the future. Rall advised that Board Staff could reach out to other jurisdictions to see what is asked on their applications. Rall also noted that the font at the top of the Specialization page may need to be adjusted to better gain the applicant's attention.
- 5) Annual License Renewal Season begins Friday, August 15 and ends Wednesday, October 15,

2025.

- 6) Alabama Department of Mental Health – Request to add Job Announcements Link on the Board’s website. Discussion. Rall reported that this would be added to the link section already available on the website. ADMH updates job postings weekly.
- 7) Reporting for FY2025 3rd Quarter Performance – Due to the Department of Finance no later than Thursday, July 31, 2025. Rall to compile and submit, available for review at September 2025 Board Meeting.
- 8) Operations Plan for FY2026 – Due to the Department of Finance no later than Thursday, July 31, 2025. Rall to complete and submit, available for review at September 2025 Board Meeting.
- 9) PSYPACT Commission Updates
 - a. Request submitted to ASPPB for a change to qualifying educational criteria for the issuance of an E.Passport or an IPC and was approved by ASPPB BOD, effective July 1, 2025, per Patrick Hyde’s May 5, 2025 letter. Discussion.
 - b. Annual Report 2024 – Recently published and available in Dropbox and at the Commission’s website:
https://cdn.ymaws.com/psypact.gov/resource/resmgr/annual_report/_psypact_commission_annual_re.pdf
- 10) Alabama Psychological Association, 2025 Annual Convention, August 22–24, 2025, Hampton Inn and Suites, Orange Beach, Alabama. Rall will attend and present on Sunday, August 24. Early Bird Registration closes July 14, 2025.
- 11) Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)
 - a. Bylaws Listening Session via Zoom – Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. EDT. Registration is required for participation.
 - b. Notices from BOD. Discussion.

Han recommended moving into Executive Session to protect the good name and character of an individual. Motion by Carlton for the Board to move into Executive Session to discuss the good name and character of an individual, at 2:12 p.m., for approximately 5 minutes, to return at 2:17 p.m. Seconded by Terrell. The motion passed unanimously.

Spence exited the meeting room, and members of the public attending virtually were placed in the online waiting room at 2:12 p.m.

Motion by Terrell for the Board to exit Executive Session and return to a regular meeting at 2:20 p.m. Seconded by Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

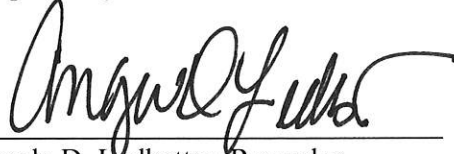
Members of the public participating virtually, admitted back into the virtual meeting room at 2:20 p.m.

Conclusion of Meeting & Adjournment

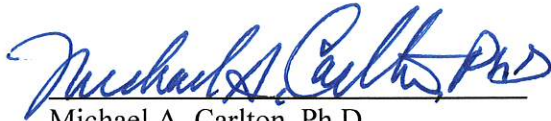
Motion by Carlton to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m. Seconded by Terrell. The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: *September 12, 2025*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Angela D. Ledbetter, Recorder
Executive Assistant

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Michael A. Carlton, Ph.D.
Chair