

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of

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

May 9, 2025

Members Present: Kimberley S. Ackerson, Ph.D., ABPP – Psychologist Member (Via Zoom)
Michael A. Carlton, Ph.D. – Psychologist Member – Chair (In Person)
Edwin W. Cook, III, Ph.D. – Psychologist Member (In Person)
Marilyn A. Cornish, Ph.D. – Psychologist Member (In Person)
Carmen Douglas, SHRM-SCP, SPHR – Public 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: Angela D. Ledbetter – Executive Assistant (In Person)
Susan N. Han – Legal Counsel (In Person)
Ellen L. Spence, Ph.D. – AL Psychological Association Liaison (In Person)
Melissa Hera – Member of the Public (Via Zoom)

Not Present: Lori H. Rall – Executive Director

Opening by Carlton: The time is 9:00 a.m. We are gathered at the Board Office as provided in advanced 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 March 14, 2025 Minutes. Carlton noted changes needed as follows: Page 5, under Old Business, item 3, line 4 replace the word *proving* with *providing*, and line 5 removing the words *the various*; Page 6 under New Business, item 3, line 5 replace the word *applies* with *apply*. Motion by Cook to accept March Minutes with amendments. Seconded by Terrell. Motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF NEW APPLICANTS

Psychologists

- 1) AITA, Stephen Louis – PSE Candidate (Terrell & Wisely) Specialization Combined Clinical-Counseling. Motion by Terrell to admit Dr. Aita to the PSE. Seconded by Wisely. Motion passed. Lewis recused.

Hera entered the virtual meeting room at 9:07 a.m.

- 2) BARKER-KAMPS, Malcolm Carel – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Carlton & Lewis) Specialization Clinical. Motion by Carlton to admit Dr. Barker-Kamps to the EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Lewis. Motion passed. Cook abstained.
- 3) DAVIDSON, Geeta Anne – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Wisley & Cook) Specialization Clinical. Motion by Carlton for the Board to move into Executive Session to discuss the potential threat of, or possibility of, litigation of good name and character of an individual, at 9:16 a.m., for approximately ten (10) minutes, to return at 9:30 a.m. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed unanimously.

Spence exited the meeting room, and Hera placed in the online waiting room at 9:16 a.m.

Motion by Cook for the Board to exit Executive Session and return to a regular meeting at 9:41 a.m. Seconded by Cornish. Motion passed unanimously.

Hera, participating virtually, was admitted back into the virtual meeting room at 9:41 a.m., and Spence returned to the meeting room at 9:42 a.m.

Motion by Wisely to table application with request to supplement additional information to support the breadth of services and disorders applicant claims on *Specialization Information and Scope of Practice* and/or revise Specialization Statement, and to provide an explanation about the failed or incomplete Internship along with an update to her Professional Experience information to include the failed or incomplete Internship. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed.

- 4) HOWARD, Taylor Nocera – PSE Candidate (Ackerson & Douglas) Specialization Counseling. Motion by Ackerson to admit Dr. Howard to PSE. Seconded by Douglas. Motion passed. Terrell abstained.
- 5) JAMES, Alicia Shanti – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Terrell & Cornish) Specialization Clinical. Motion by Terrell to admit Dr. James to the EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Cornish. Motion passed unanimously.

Terrell exited the meeting room at 9:54 a.m.

Hera exited the virtual meeting room at 9:57 a.m. and did not return.

- 6) LITTEN, Sarah Elise – EPPP & PSE Candidate, previously admitted (Carlton & Lewis) Specialization School. Motion by Carlton to admit Dr. Litten to EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Lewis. Motion passed. Terrell not present for the vote.

The Board took a break from 10:00 a.m. to 10:09 a.m. Terrell returned to the meeting room.

- 7) PALKER-CORELL, Ann Marguerite – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Cook & Ackerson) Specialization Clinical.

Motion by Ackerson for the Board to move into Executive Session to discuss the potential threat of, or possibility of, litigation of good name and character of an individual, at 10:15 a.m., for approximately twenty-five (25) minutes, to return at 10:40 a.m. Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed unanimously.

Spence exited the meeting room at 10:15 a.m.

Motion by Cook for the Board to exit Executive Session and return to a regular meeting at 10:48 a.m. Seconded by Wisely. Motion passed unanimously.

Spence returned to the meeting room at 10:49 a.m.

Motion by Cornish to notify Dr. Palker-Corell of discrepancies the Board identified between the Specialization information and Scope of Practice statement provided in her application and her training education experience as provided in her application, and requests that she modify her Specialization and Scope of Practice details and/or provide additional evidence. Seconded by Terrell. Roll Call Vote: Carlton-Yes, Lewis-Yes, Wisely-Yes, Douglas-Yes, Cook-No, Cornish-Yes, Terrell-Yes, Ackerson-No. Motion passed.

Motion by Cook to table Dr. Palker-Corell's application pending response to information requested by the Board. Seconded by Cornish. Motion passed unanimously.

- 8) PARALKAR, Urvi Pradeep – PSE Candidate (Wisely & Terrell) Specialization Counseling. Motion by Wisely to admit Dr. Paralkar to the PSE. Seconded by Terrell. Motion passed unanimously.
- 9) WOOD, Meghan Elizabeth – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Ackerson & Douglas) Specialization Counseling. Motion by Ackerson to admit Dr. Wood to the EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Douglas. Motion passed unanimously.
- 10) YON, Adriana Nicole – PSE Candidate (Cook & Carlton) Specialization Clinical and Neuropsychology. Motion by Cook to admit Dr. Yon to the PSE. Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed unanimously.

Psychological Technicians

- 1) RIVERA SANCHEZ, Heidy Marie – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Lewis & Cook) Motion by Lewis to admit Ms. Rivera Sanchez to the EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Cook. 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
CORNELIUS-REECE , Tara Lynne	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2417	3/17/25	Clinical
KING , Kathryn Prendergast	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2418	3/28/25	Clinical
PAIGE , Jennifer Martin	Psy.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2419	5/2/25	Clinical
HARRIS , Lauren Michelle	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	-	-	-	Clinical
CLARK , Martin John	Ed.S., M.Ed.	Psychological Technician	Yes	-	-	-	N/A
WELLS , Michael Ryan	Psy.D.	Psychologist	No; May Sit Again	-	-	-	Clinical

COMPLAINTS:

Against Licensed Psychologists

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| <u>Old</u> | |
| 1) 20-007 – On-going investigation | 9) 22-007 – On-going investigation |
| 2) 20-008 – On-going investigation | 10) 22-012 – On-going investigation |
| 3) 20-009 – On-going investigation | 11) 23-001 – On-going investigation |
| 4) 21-004 – On-going investigation | 12) 23-002 – On-going investigation |
| 5) 21-007 – On-going investigation | 13) 23-004 – On-going investigation |
| 6) 21-012 – On-going investigation | 14) 23-006 – On-going investigation |
| 7) 21-013 – On-going investigation | 15) 23-007 – On-going investigation |
| 8) 22-004 – On-going investigation | 16) 24-002 – On-going investigation |
| | 17) 24-003 – On-going investigation |

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| 18) | 24-007 – On-going investigation | 30) | 25-002 – On-going investigation |
| 20) | 24-008 – On-going investigation | 31) | 25-003 – On-going investigation |
| 21) | 24-009 – No Probable Cause | 32) | 25-004 - On-going investigation |
| 22) | 24-010 – On-going investigation | 33) | 25-005 - On-going investigation |
| 23) | 24-011 – On-going investigation | 34) | 25-006 - On-going investigation |
| 24) | 24-012 – On-going investigation | | <u>New</u> |
| 25) | 24-013 – On-going investigation | 1) | 25-007 – On-going investigation |
| 26) | 24-014 – On-going investigation | 2) | 25-008 – On-going investigation |
| 27) | 24-015 – On-going investigation | 3) | 25-009 – On-going investigation |
| 28) | 24-016 – On-going investigation | 4) | 25-010 – On-going investigation |
| 29) | 25-001 – On-going investigation | | |

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. 39th Mid-Year Meeting, April 23 - 27, 2025 – Montreal, QC, Canada. Registration is open. Rall is Vice Chair / Chair-elect of BARC and will present on the topic of Consolidated Boards on Friday, April 25; therefore, some travel costs will be covered by ASPPB. Ledbetter, Carlton, and Han also attended. Update by Carlton, Han and Ledbetter.
 - b. 65th Annual Meeting, October 22 - 26, 2025 – St. Louis, Missouri. Wisely plans to attend.
- 2) Property Audit by the State Auditor of Alabama was conducted on February 12, 2025. Ledbetter serves as the Board's Property Manager. Audit results letter received, review.
- 3) School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact introduced in Legislative Session 2025 as SB61 and HB214 – Signed by Governor Kay Ivey on April 9, 2025, **Act Number 2025-207**. Update by Han and Ledbetter. With implementation of this compact, Cook expressed concern to have a School Psychologist serve on the Board; may need to be fixed through modifications to the law.
- 4) Alabama Legislative Session, 2025 – Proposed legislation with significant potential:
 - a. SB39, requiring Board Members to complete training, meet attendance standards. Update by Carlton.
 - b. SB138, addressing the issuance of occupational licenses for convicted felons. Update Han and Ledbetter.
 - c. HB267, SB58, and SB101, regarding changing the age of consent for mental health services from 14 years to 18 years, with some exceptions, and a minor's confidentiality. Update by Ledbetter and Wisely.

- 5) Upcoming PSYPACT Meetings:
- a. Executive Board Meeting, Zoom Teleconference – March 28, 2025; Rall participated.
 - b. Training and Public Relations Committee, Zoom Teleconference – June 5, 2025
 - c. Executive Board Meeting, Zoom Teleconference – June 23, 2025
 - d. Commission Mid-Year Meeting, Zoom Teleconference – July 14, 2025
 - e. Annual Commission Meeting, In-Person, Tucson, AZ – November 16–17, 2025

NEW BUSINESS:

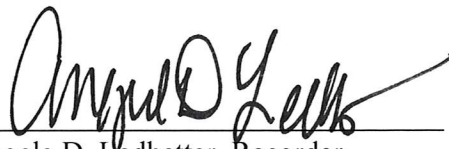
- 1) 2nd Quarter Reporting, Fiscal Year 2025. The Board reviewed and accepted the report.
- 2) PSYPACT Compliance Report – 1st Quarter, Fiscal Year 2025. The Board reviewed and accepted the report.

Conclusion of Meeting & Adjournment

Motion by Cook to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m. Seconded by Terrell. Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: July 11, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela D. Ledbetter, Recorder
Executive Assistant



Michael A. Carlton, Ph.D.
Chair