

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of

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

September 12, 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)
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 (Via Zoom)
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 (In Person)
Angela D. Ledbetter – Executive Assistant (In Person)
Lori H. Rall – Executive Director (In Person)
Kelly Schuck, Ph.D. – Member of the Public (In Person)
Ellen L. Spence, Ph.D. – AL Psychological Association Liaison (Via Zoom)

Opening by Carlton: The time is 9:07 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 July 11, 2025, Minutes. Motion by Ackerson to amend the July Minutes to adjust review of Ballard’s application; the word “no” is missing from the following motion: “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 Carlton. Cook added to the motion to correct the spelling of Wisely’s name. Seconded by Wisely. Ackerson and Cook recused. The motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF NEW APPLICANTS

Psychologists

- 1) CORCORAN, Stephanie Lynn – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Carlton & Cornish) Specialization School. Motion by Carlton to admit applicant to the EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Cornish. Ackerson recused. The motion passed.
- 2) EVANS, Travis Clark – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Terrell & Lewis) Specialization Clinical. Motion by Terrell to admit applicant to the EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Lewis. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3) HAN, Kyong Ran – Candidate for Licensure (Wisely & Ackerson) Specialization Clinical. Motion by Wisely to issue a license (**2439**) to Dr. Han. Seconded by Ackerson. The motion passed unanimously.
- 4) MEALER, Cynthia Ziegler – PSE Candidate (Cook & Douglas) Specialization Clinical. Motion by Cook to admit applicant to the PSE. Seconded by Douglas. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5) RICHARD, Mercedes Gremillion – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Ackerson & Terrell) Specialization Counseling. Motion by Ackerson to admit applicant to the EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Terrell. The motion passed unanimously.
- 6) TRAPANI, Julie Ann – PSE Candidate (Wisely & Carlton) Specialization Clinical & Neuropsychology. Motion by Wisely to admit applicant to the PSE. Seconded by Carlton. Ackerson and Cook recused. The motion passed.

Previously Reviewed Applicants

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 9:35 a.m., for approximately 15 minutes, to return at 9:50 a.m. Seconded by Wisely. The motion passed unanimously.

Members of the public attending virtually were placed in the online waiting room at 9:36 a.m.

Motion by Carlton for the Board to exit Executive Session and return to a regular meeting at 10:01 a.m. Seconded by Wisely. The motion passed unanimously.

Members of the public participating virtually were admitted back into the virtual meeting room at 10:01 a.m.

The Board took a break from 10:01 a.m. to 10:08 a.m.

Schuck joined the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Schuck left the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

- 1) SCHUCK, Kelly D. – PSE Candidate (Carlton & Wisely) Specialization Counseling. Application tabled at the July 2025 meeting to resume review at the Board’s September 2025 meeting. Review updated Professional Experience. Dr. Schuck joined the meeting in person. Motion by Carlton to admit Dr. Schuck to the PSE contingent upon the following: 1) one year plan for Continuing Education (CE) plan to pursue areas relevant to work the applicant most immediately plans to perform in counseling psychology, and 2) reference responses from two additional licensed psychologists. For review by the two primary reviewers (Carlton & Wisely). Seconded by Wisely. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board took a break from 11:20 a.m. to 11:37 a.m.

- 2) BALLARD, John Allen – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Terrell & Cook) Specialization I/O. Application tabled at the July 2025 meeting; Board requested an updated *Specialization Information and Scope of Practice* statement in I/O psychology, removing reference to the practice of clinical or counseling psychology, including disorders or populations for which he does not have specific training, supervision, and experience at the doctoral level. Review response. Motion by Terrell to admit applicant to the EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Wisely. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3) 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 revised statement, and an explanation about her Internship experience during academic year 2020-2021, and an update to Professional Experience information to include this Internship. Response was reviewed at the July meeting and the application was tabled again. Board requested specific education and training details related to each service and disorder referenced on the Specialization page, and a written explanation about the outcome of her Internship experience during the 2020-2021 academic year. Review response. Board found responses acceptable. Motion by Wisely to admit applicant to the EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Cook. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4) McCaleb, Errica Danielle – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Wisely & Carlton) Specialization Clinical and Counseling. Application previously tabled at the January 2024 to gain more information about applicant’s doctoral program in Applied Psychology. Tabled again at the November 2024 meeting after receiving additional information, to request the syllabus from the applicant’s course *Diagnostic and Clinical Interviewing* (Course Code PP510 - Fall 2019) and/or other course materials to determine coverage of Psychopathology in her graduate program for reviewers to evaluate to determine admission to the exams prior to the next meeting in January 2025. Reviewers considered applicant’s responses but declined to advance to exams as submitted syllabi were inconclusive. Tabled again at the February 2025 meeting, determining that - due to the absence of graduate coursework in psychopathology in the doctoral program – the application should be denied admission to the EPPP & PSE. Applicant may submit a proposal to the Board to complete coursework in psychopathology in a doctoral program in psychology for the purpose of remedying this coursework deficiency, per Administrative Code Rule 750-X-2-.04(2)(h), for the Board to proceed with action on the application. Review submissions: FO613 Psychopathology Syllabus & Course Introduction and Official Transcript from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. Board found training course acceptable. Specialization Clinical only. Motion by Wisely to admit applicant to the EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Carlton. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5) PARRISH, Mary LaTrice – PSE Candidate (Cook & Terrell) Specialization Clinical.

Application tabled at the July 2025 meeting; Board requested a summary of applicant's qualifying coursework in her doctoral program with clarification of where transfer courses were completed, and for Board Staff to address matters discussed in Executive Session. Review response(s) and new documentation related to newly issued licensure in other jurisdictions. Updated status: *Candidate for Licensure*.

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 an individual, at 11:51 a.m., for approximately 9 minutes, to return at 12:00 p.m. Seconded by Carlton. The motion passed unanimously.

Members of the public attending virtually were placed in the online waiting room at 11:51 a.m.

Motion by Wisely for the Board to exit Executive Session and return to a regular meeting at 11:57 a.m. Seconded by Terrell. The motion passed unanimously.

Members of the public participating virtually were admitted back into the virtual meeting room at 11:57 a.m.

Motion by Cook to issue a license (2440) to Dr. Parrish. Seconded by Terrell. Motion passed unanimously.

- 6) SULKOWSKI, Michael Lee – PSE Candidate (Wisely & Terrell) Specialization School. Previously reviewed by Berland & Wisely. Application tabled at the January 2024 meeting, withdrawn by applicant in December 2024. Review request that the Board amend the January 2024 Minutes.

Han recommended that the Board move into Executive Session to protect the good name and character of an individual. Motion by Terrell for the Board to move into Executive Session to discuss the good name and character of an individual, at 11:59 a.m., for approximately 15 minutes, to return at 12:15 p.m. Seconded by Wisely. The motion passed unanimously.

Members of the public attending virtually were placed in the online waiting room at 11:59 a.m.

Motion by Wisely for the Board to exit Executive Session and return to a regular meeting at 12:06 p.m. Seconded by Terrell. The motion passed unanimously.

Members of the public participating virtually were admitted back into the virtual meeting room at 12:06 p.m.

Motion by Wisely to amend the January 2024 minutes so that the Motion states, "...to table the application and request additional clarification from applicant regarding information provided in the application." Seconded by Terrell. Motion passed unanimously.

SCORE REVIEW:

Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP), &/or the Professional Standards Exam (PSE), &/or Licenses Issued since the July 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).

<i>NAME of Applicant / Licensee</i>	<i>Degree</i>	<i>Application Level</i>	<i>EPPP Passed?</i>	<i>PSE Passed?</i>	<i>License Number</i>	<i>Date of Licensure</i>	<i>Area of Specialization</i>
THELEN, Sabrina Zina	Psy.D.	Psychologist	Yes (in MI)	Yes	2431	7/17/25	Clinical
FALLIGANT, John Michael	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes (in MD)	Yes	2432	7/28/25	Clinical
JAMES, Alicia Shanti	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2433	7/29/25	Clinical
BATTLE, Chelsi Shavaun	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2434	8/1/25	Counseling
TRAVIS, Alicia Christine	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes (in CO)	Yes	2435	8/11/25	Clinical
ABRAM, Breanna Renee	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes (in AR)	Yes	2436	8/12/25	Clinical
WOOD, Meghan Elizabeth	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2437	8/28/25	Counseling
SOMERS, Jennifer Anne	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2438	9/5/25	Clinical
JENNINGS, Dana Sheniqua	Ph.D., Ed.S.	Psychologist	No; Must Reapply	-	-	-	Counseling
ARAUJO RABELLO, Luane	M.Ed.	Psychological Technician	Yes	-	-	-	N/A
GRIGGS, Marque Vashawn	Ph.D.	Psychologist	No; May Sit Again	Yes	-	-	Counseling

RICE, Wanda Jeanette	Ph.D.	Psychologist	No; May Sit Again	No; May Sit Again	-	-	School
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COMPLAINTS:

Against Licensed Psychologists

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| Old | 19) 24-008 – On-going investigation |
| 1) 20-007 – On-going investigation | 20) 24-010 – On-going investigation |
| 2) 20-008 – On-going investigation | 21) 24-011 – On-going investigation |
| 3) 20-009 – On-going investigation | 22) 24-012 – On-going investigation |
| 4) 21-004 – On-going investigation | 23) 24-013 – On-going investigation |
| 5) 21-007 – On-going investigation | 24) 24-014 – On-going investigation |
| 6) 21-012 – On-going investigation | 25) 24-015 – On-going investigation |
| 7) 21-013 – On-going investigation | 26) 24-016 – On-going investigation |
| 8) 22-004 – On-going investigation | 27) 25-001 – On-going investigation |
| 9) 22-007 – On-going investigation | 28) 25-002 – On-going investigation |
| 10) 22-012 – On-going investigation | 29) 25-003 – On-going investigation |
| 11) 23-001 – On-going investigation | 30) 25-004 - On-going investigation |
| 12) 23-002 – On-going investigation | 31) 25-005 - On-going investigation |
| 13) 23-004 – On-going investigation | 32) 25-006 - On-going investigation |
| 14) 23-006 – On-going investigation | 33) 25-007 – On-going investigation |
| 15) 23-007 – On-going investigation | 34) 25-008 – On-going investigation |
| 16) 24-002 – On-going investigation | 35) 25-009 – On-going investigation |
| 17) 24-003 – On-going investigation | 36) 25-010 – On-going investigation |
| 18) 24-007 – 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) Meeting – Locations, dates, and reminders for attendance:
 - a. 65th Annual Meeting, October 22 - 26, 2025 – St. Louis, Missouri. Carlton, Han, Ledbetter, Rall, and Wisely are attending. This is an annual meeting of the Delegates; Alabama’s delegate will be voting on a proposed revision to the ASPPB Bylaws on October 23, 2025. ASPPB is offering preparation in a virtual meeting to walk through the proposed Annual Meeting Standing Rules, which will guide procedures and discussions. Virtual meeting will take place on October 1st at 1:00 p.m. E.D.T. Rall will participate and provide an update afterwards to Carlton, who will be the Board’s voting delegate that the Annual meeting. BARC meeting to be held on October 22, 2025; Rall assumed Chair position in August 2025.

- 2) PSYPACT Meetings:
 - a. Commission Mid-Year Meeting, Zoom Teleconference – July 14, 2025. Rall attended.
 - b. Annual Commission Meeting, In-Person, Tucson, AZ – November 16–17, 2025. Rall will be attending; ASPPB and the Commission to cover travel expenses.
- 3) Mickey Sizemore, Vets4Vets Foundation, Inc., Guntersville, AL – Board reviewed evidence of potential unlicensed practice in July 2025. Cease-and-desist letter issued with request for response within ten (10) days of service. Review response and VA correspondence. Board will continue to monitor Sizemore’s web presence.
- 4) Professional Standards Exam (PSE) Automation. Discussion of ongoing project.
- 5) Professional Will for Continuity of Care. Discussion about best practices & a potential Rule. Previously, Rall suggested capturing In Case of Emergency information in the current license renewal cycle – ongoing. Cook recommended posting APA’s guidance for Professional Wills at the Board’s website, and posting a document related to Records Retention guidelines. Cook recommended that Board Staff contact the Trust. Ongoing project.
- 6) Additions to Application documents:
 - a. Expungement language – In progress with Han and Rall. Ongoing project.
 - b. For applicants who are not residents of Alabama, the reason for seeking licensure. Previous discussion on adding language to Applications inquiring why non-residents are seeking licensure in Alabama. In progress with Han and Rall; ongoing.
- 7) Emergency Contact Information in the Annual Renewal Form. A new collection of data in the license renewal process. Rall and Ledbetter provided an update; ongoing project.
- 8) Alabama Psychological Association, 2025 Annual Convention, August 22–24, 2025, Hampton Inn and Suites, Orange Beach, Alabama. Rall attended and presented on Sunday, August 24. At the Awards Banquet on Saturday, August 23, Ms. Rall was presented with the *Distinguished Legislative Achievement Award*, given to “an Alabama State or Federal Legislator, Grassroots Activist or APA Staff Member who has demonstrated significant commitment to issues of importance to psychology, mental health, or human service legislation.”
- 9) Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)
 - a. Bylaws Listening Session via Zoom – Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. EST. Rall attended.
 - b. Notices from BOD. Rall provided an update on her candidacy for a Member-At-Large position, which she withdrawn to maintain focus on current state and national responsibilities and current committee activities and tasks.
- 10) Alabama Examiners of Public Accounts – The Board received an official release from Sunset Reporting requirements per letter dated September 3, 2025, from Dixie B. Thomas, Director of Operational Audits, Examiners of Public Accounts.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) FY2025 3rd Quarter Performance – Board reviewed, had no questions or comments.
- 2) Operations Plan for FY2026 – Board reviewed, had no questions or comments.

Terrell left the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

- 3) Susan Nettles Han – New Contract for Legal Services. Review terms and conditions. Motion by Carlton to continue with Ms. Han and enter a new contract with an adjustment to accommodate increased travel expenses. Seconded by Ackerson. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) Virtual EPPP Town Hall Meeting for Students and License/Certificate Candidates – September 18, 2025, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. EST. Via Zoom; individual registration required. Rall encouraged Board participation.
- 5) Psychology Board’s website featured in ASPPB’s monthly *Insights and Advocacy* – Top story for August, 2025: <https://asppb.net/insights-advocacy/setting-the-standard-ten-asppb-jurisdictions-leading-the-way-in-user-friendly-psychology-licensure-websites/> Board reviewed the piece.
- 6) The Centre for Data and Analysis on Psychology Licensure® – Fifth Edition of ASPPB InFocus® is now available. ASPPB annual report presenting key insights into licensure trends across the psychology profession: <https://asppbcentre.org/>. Cook advised that the APA Center for Workforce Studies is also a helpful site.

Conclusion of Meeting & Adjournment

Motion by Cook to adjourn the meeting at 1:09 p.m. Seconded by Carlton. The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 14, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela D. Ledbetter, Recorder
Executive Assistant



Dale Wisely, Ph.D.
Vice-Chair