



# ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

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## **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.

## **BOARD MEMBERS**

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# BOARD CHAIR ADDRESS

*Michael A. Carlton, Ph.D.*

Greetings from the Board! I would like to extend sincere appreciation to Alabama licensees for your service. It has been an honor to serve on the Board for the past five years. For 62 years, our mission has remained clear: protecting public health by ensuring psychology professionals deliver safe, competent, and ethical care.

Collaboration between voting Board members and executive staff reminds me of the proverb: "If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together." The Board's commitment to service is stronger than ever.

Reflecting on my career, early curiosity about learning and human development led me to psychology - a decision affirmed through my every professional experience. Serving on the Board has been a highlight and the pinnacle of that journey.

Amid acute and growing mental health needs, Alabama adopted PSYPACT in 2021 to expand access to care across jurisdictional lines. Today, 44 jurisdictions participate in PSYPACT. The Board's Executive Director, Lori Rall, serves as Alabama's PSYPACT Commissioner and is in her second term as Vice-Chair of its Executive Board. She is the Chair of PSYPACT's Public Relations and Training Committee and ASPPB's Board Administrators and Registrars Committee. Ms. Rall serves as a member of ASPPB's Long-Range Planning Committee and its task force addressing Master's-level practice. In addition to accomplished and unwavering service locally, Ms. Ledbetter serves on the ASPPB's Meetings Planning Committee.

ASPPB is preparing to release an evolved version of the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) by 2027. To remain attune to this, and myriad other practice and regulatory matters, Board members and staff attended ASPPB's 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, engaging in discussions on exam updates, supervision, interjurisdictional issues, and model legislation.

Recent Alabama legislation impacting psychology includes SB138 (Act 2025-388) reducing licensure restrictions, and HB 267 / SB58 / SB101 (Act 2025-455) adjusting age of consent for mental health services from 14 to 16, with exceptions. Alabama also joined the Interstate Compact of School Psychologists (ICSP) to improved licensure portability for licensed School Psychologists. Look for more information about ICSP in Alabama in 2026.

Board meetings occur the first Friday of odd-numbered months and are open to the public - visit our website for details.

Finally, I thank my colleagues for their dedication: Kimberly S. Ackerson, Ph.D., ABPP, Edwin W. Cook, III, Ph.D., Marilyn Ann Cornish, Ph.D., Carmen Douglas, SHRM,-SCP SPHR, Candace D. Lewis, M.S., C. Jeffrey Terrell, Ph.D., ABPP, and Dale Wisely, Ph.D.; outgoing Chair, Nancy W. Berland, Ph.D.; and staff - Lori Rall, Executive Director, Angie Ledbetter, Executive Assistant, and Susan Nettles Han, Legal Counsel - for their dedication, guidance, and inspiration.

Respectfully,

*Michael A. Carlton, Ph.D.*

Board Chair, 2025

# HONORING EXCELLENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY REGULATION

In October 2025, the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) recognized leaders in psychology regulation during its 65th Annual Meeting of Delegates in St. Louis, Missouri. Lori Rall, Executive Director of the Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology, was the recipient of ASPPB's **Ming Fisher Board Administrator / Registrar Award**.

Since assuming her role in 2011, Ms. Rall has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to ethical, efficient, and respectful regulation. She has overseen the licensure of every psychologist and psychological technician in Alabama during her tenure, while maintaining a strong focus on service to applicants and licensees. Ms. Rall currently serves as Chair of the ASPPB Board Administrators and Registrars Committee, having previously served as Vice Chair, and is frequently invited by the Alabama Psychological Association (aPA) to address matters impacting professional practice and regulation. ASPPB bestowed this honor in recognition of her exceptional leadership, dedication, and service to psychology licensing and regulation.



*Lori Rall, Executive Director*



*Susan Han, Lori Rall, Angie Ledbetter, and Michael Carlton, Ph.D.*

Also in 2025, the aPA recognized Ms. Rall at its Annual Convention in Orange Beach, Alabama, presenting her with the **Distinguished Legislative Achievement Award**. This award honors individuals who have demonstrated significant commitment to advancing legislation affecting psychology, mental health, and human services.

Ms. Rall represents the Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology with excellence, giving Alabama a strong and respected voice on the national stage. We are proud of her many accomplishments and grateful for her leadership and ongoing service to the profession.



# IN MEMORIAM

In 2025, we mourned the loss of five remarkable psychologists whose dedication, scholarship, and service left a lasting imprint on the field of psychology and on the many lives they touched.

Each of these individuals contributed meaningfully to the advancement of psychology through their clinical work, research, teaching, mentorship, and service. Their efforts shaped minds, strengthened systems of care, and inspired generations of psychologists to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, ethics, and compassion.



*Robert A. Babcock, Ph.D.*



*Layne D. Bennion, Ph.D.*



*Avi Madan-Swain, Ph.D.*



*David E. Eakin, Ph.D.*



*John R. Goff, Ph.D.*

As we reflect on their lives and careers, we honor not only their accomplishments but also the humanity they brought to their work.

Though they are no longer with us, their influence endures—in the knowledge they shared, the communities they served, and the values they modeled. We carry their legacy forward as we continue to ask deeper questions, build stronger communities, and advance the science and practice of psychology in the service of others.

# LICENSES ISSUED MARCH 1, 2025 - DECEMBER 31, 2025

Licensure Date	License No.	Licensee Name	Location	Specialization
03/03/2025	2414	Raines III, Phil, Psy.D.	Lawrenceville, GA	Clinical
03/14/2025	2415	Bohon Ostomel, Cara Maureen, Ph.D.	Carlsbad, CA	Clinical
03/14/2025	2416	Charles, Norma Jane, Psy.D.	Montgomery, AL	Clinical
03/17/2025	2417	Cornelius-Reece, Tara Lynne, Ph.D.	Allendale, MI	Clinical
03/28/2025	2418	King, Kathryn Prendergast, Ph.D.	Birmingham, AL	Clinical
05/02/2025	2419	Paige, Jennifer Martin, Psy.D.	Pensacola, FL	Clinical
05/23/2025	2420	Yon, Adriana Nicole, Ph.D.	Tuscaloosa, AL	Clinical/Neuropsychology
05/28/2025	2421	Howard, Taylor Nocera, Ph.D.	Auburn, AL	Counseling
05/30/2025	2422	Rojas, Francisco, Psy.D.	San Antonio, TX	Clinical
06/04/2025	2423	Paralkar, Urvi Pradeep, Ph.D.	Silver Spring, MD	Counseling
06/11/2025	2424	Clark, Martin John, M.A.	Northport, AL	Technician
06/17/2025	2425	Jens, Ashley Bockting, Psy.D.	Tuscaloosa, AL	Clinical
06/18/2025	2426	Aita, Stephen Louis, Ph.D.	Mobile, AL	Clinical/Counseling
06/20/2025	2427	Barker-Kamps, Malcolm Carel, Ph.D.	Birmingham, AL	Clinical
06/30/2025	2428	Fiorenzo, Isabella Maria, Ph.D.	Auburn, AL	Clinical
07/11/2025	2429	Noffsinger-Frazier, Nicole Aimee, Ph.D.	Huntsville, AL	Counseling
07/11/2025	2430	Palensky, Jodi Elizabeth Johnson, Ph.D.	Omaha, NE	Counseling
07/17/2025	2431	Thelen, Sabrina Zina, Psy.D.	Birmingham, AL	Clinical
07/28/2025	2432	Falligant, John Michael, Ph.D.	Auburn, AL	Clinical
07/29/2025	2433	James, Alicia Shanti, Ph.D.	Birmingham, AL	Clinical
08/01/2025	2434	Battle, Chelsi Shavaun, Ph.D.	Auburn, AL	Counseling
08/11/2025	2435	Travis, Alicia Christine, Ph.D.	Birmingham, AL	Clinical
08/12/2025	2436	Abram, Breanna Renee, Ph.D.	Fayetteville, AR	Clinical
08/28/2025	2437	Wood, Meghan Elizabeth, Ph.D.	Tuscaloosa, AL	Counseling
09/05/2025	2438	Somers, Jennifer Anne, Ph.D.	Auburn, AL	Clinical
09/12/2025	2439	Han, Kyong Ran, Ph.D.	Chipley, FL	Clinical
09/12/2025	2440	Parrish, Mary LaTrice, Ph.D.	New Orleans, LA	Clinical
11/12/2025	2441	Trapani, Julie Ann, Ph.D.	Birmingham, AL	Clinical/Neuropsychology
11/13/2025	2442	Richard, Mercedes Gremillion, Ph.D.	Pineville, LA	Counseling
11/14/2025	2443	Bulls, Hailey Waddell, Ph.D.	Birmingham, AL	Clinical
11/21/2025	2444	Pusey, Kimberly Lauren, Ph.D.	Nashville, TN	Clinical/Counseling
11/24/2025	2445	Mealer, Cynthia Ziegler, Ph.D.	Huntsville, AL	Clinical
12/12/2025	2446	Pan, Minqi, Ph.D.	Tuscaloosa, AL	Clinical
12/30/2025	2447	Wells, Michael Ryan, Psy.D.	Auburn, AL	Clinical

The **Licensee Portal** is open year-round for licensees to update profile information (public and personal addresses and phone numbers) and to record continuing education (CE) activities. CE is accrued annually from October 1 through September 30. Psychologists are required to complete twenty (20) CE hours per year, and psychological technicians are required to complete ten (10) CE hours per year.

# VOLUNTARY NON-RENEWALS FOR LICENSURE YEAR 2026

License No.	Licensee Name	Location
181	Burkhart, Barry R., Ph.D.	Auburn, AL
235	Heath, Barbara H, Ph.D.	Scottsboro, AL
290	Anderson, Gerald K., Ph.D.	Vestavia Hills, AL
306	Hart, Jerry L., Ph.D.	Tuscaloosa, AL
312	Jones, Rosemary Wool, Ph.D.	Montgomery, AL
374	Menyhert, Andrea L., Ph.D.	Daphne, AL
419	Beidleman, William B., Ph.D.	Homewood, AL
464	Novack, Thomas A., Ph.D.	Birmingham, AL
501	Hammonds, T. Michael, Ph.D.	Birmingham, AL
529	Hinton, Donald E., Ph.D.	Hattiesburg, MS
544	Edwards, Pauline E., Ph.D.	Decatur, GA
638	Terrell, Jr., Dudley J., Ph.D.	Hope Hull, AL
837	Ross, Linda C., Psy.D.	Honolulu, HI
963	Rohling, Martin L., Ph.D.	Charlotte, NC
1086	McNeil, Jeffrey A., Ph.D.	Raeford, NC
1186	Johnson, Shannon Jill, Ph.D.	Anacortes, WA
1190	Kovac, Stacey House, Ph.D.	Cary, NC
1207	Martin, Jill Jenine, Ph.D.	Pensacola, FL
1224	Ross, Dana, Ph.D.	Maylene, AL
1275	Dorritie, Mary T., Ph.D.	Pittsburgh, PA
1333	Allison, Stephanie Patricia, Ph.D.	Lorton, VA
1361	Dinehart, Jared Micah, Ph.D.	San Tan Valley, AZ
1506	Kenton, S. Joshua, Psy.D.	Bonsall, CA
1510	Johnson, Leigh Gossick, Ph.D.	Alexandria, VA
1751	McDaniel, Dawn Delfin, Ph.D.	Atlanta, GA
2066	Sokal, Brad Harris, Ph.D.	Gardendale, AL
2241	Lucas, Colby Newton, Ph.D.	Rochester, MN
2330	Berry, April Tashay, Ph.D.	Semmes, AL
2368	Manierski, Megan Elizabeth, Psy.D.	Auburn, AL
2391	Wojnas, Katarzyna, Psy.D.	Charlotte, NC
2393	Santiago, Jonathan David, Ph.D.	Wasilla, AK

When retiring, a licensee must still complete the Board's annual License Renewal Notice in full. This includes answering all required information and questions, providing current contact information, indicating that you wish to retire the Alabama License, and signing and dating the form. This annual notice serves as the Board's formal request for information, and we take the conclusion of licensure very seriously. A brief message such as "I've retired" does not fulfill your responsibility to communicate fully with the Board.

# VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE

## ELECTRONIC VERIFICATION



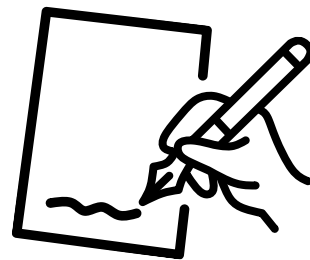
You, or any credentialing unit, may access at our website the status of your Psychologist license with the State of Alabama. This verification service provides current data extracted by the Board from its own database. The data on this website is provided by and controlled entirely by the Board and therefore constitutes a Primary Source Verification of licensure status as authentic as a direct inquiry to the Board.

**There is no fee for this type of online verification service.**

## WRITTEN VERIFICATION

This verification includes the same data provided through the online verification system with the addition of the licensee's applicable exam(s) score(s). Verification will be emailed and/or mailed from the Board to the licensee and/or other third party as requested.

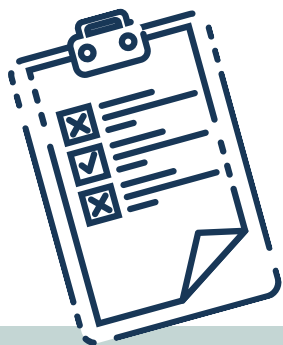
**The fee for written verification of licensure by the Board is \$10.00.**



## STATE-TO-STATE VERIFICATION

This verification includes the completion of other jurisdiction / state specific form(s) by the Alabama Board. Completed form(s) will be emailed and/or mailed from the Board to the other State as requested.

**The fee for state-to-state form(s) verification of licensure is \$50.00.**



*Details regarding these and other fees are available on our website. The Board does not accept credit or debit card payments. Please remit payment by check or money order payable to the Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology and mail to 100 N Union St Ste 880, Montgomery, AL 36104. Upon receipt of payment, verification will be issued to the designated contact using your selected delivery method.*

## THE IMPORTANCE OF A PROFESSIONAL WILL

A professional will outlines a psychologist's plan for closing a practice in the event of illness, incapacity, or death, including how patients will be notified, records protected, and referrals handled. The American Psychological Association (APA) Ethics Code calls on psychologists to make reasonable plans for continuity of care when services are interrupted, and a professional will is an effective way to meet this obligation. Having a clear plan helps prevent patient abandonment, protects confidentiality, and relieves family members or colleagues of uncertainty during an already difficult time. Psychologists may work with attorneys, trusted colleagues, or specialized services to prepare a professional will and designate a qualified practice executor.

*See APA Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct, Standard 3.12 (Interruption of Psychological Services).*



# Alabama

## BY THE NUMBERS

**Total Licensees 1,166**

1,143 Psychologists

23 Psychological

Technicians

1,047 Active Licensees

81 Inactive Licensees

38 Lapsed Licensees

58% In-State

42% Out-of-State

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Board meets on the 2nd Friday in  
January, March, May, July,  
September and November.

Meetings take place at the Board Office.  
Notices of regularly-scheduled and  
emergency meetings are published at the  
Secretary of State's website at:

<https://openmeetings.alabama.gov>.



### UPCOMING BOARD MEETING DATES

**JANUARY 9, 2026**

**MARCH 13, 2026**

**MAY 8, 2026**

**JULY 10, 2026**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2026**

**NOVEMBER 13, 2026**

## FEE SCHEDULE



\$400	Psychologist Application (Doctoral-level)
\$260	Psychological Technician Application (Master's-level)
\$600	EPPP Fee (payable to ASPPB upon admission)
\$50	PSE Fee (payable to Board upon admission)
\$280	Psychologist License Renewal & CE Fee (combined)
\$200	Psychological Technician Renewal & CE Fee (combined)
\$50	Inactive Status, Psychologist
\$35	Inactive Status, Psychological Technician
\$20	Monthly Penalty for Delinquent Renewal (late fee*)
\$50	Replacement of Licensure Certificate
\$25	Replacement of Annual Renewal Card
\$30	Bad Check Fee
\$25	Roster of Licensees
\$10	Copy of Rules & Regulations
\$0	Electronic Verification of Licensure
\$10	Written Verification of Licensure
\$50	State-to-State Verification of Licensure

*\*Late fees are cumulative, rules apply; contact us for more information.  
The Board does not process credit / debit cards. Checks, money orders, or cashier's  
checks should be made payable to the Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology.*



# COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS

State and federal laws govern the Board's investigative and publication processes for disciplinary and ethical matters. The Board prioritizes the pursuit of thorough, fair, productive, and positive outcomes for all investigative cases.

The Investigative Committee is comprised of a Board member, the Board's Executive Director, and Legal Counsel. To protect clients' private mental-health and medical information—and to safeguard the good name and character of both complainants and licensees—Committee reviews are not conducted during regular Board meetings. Investigative Committee meetings are held between regularly scheduled Board meetings.

When a complaint is investigated and determined to be without merit, both the licensee and the complainant are notified of a finding of no probable cause. A finding of no probable cause means that there is insufficient evidence to require the licensee to appear before the Board for a disciplinary hearing. Upon notification, the investigative file is closed. Complaints remain privileged and confidential unless the Committee finds probable cause.

If the Committee determines that probable cause for a disciplinary hearing exists, Board counsel files formal administrative charges, and a hearing is scheduled before the full Board to present evidence related to the complaint.

In accordance with the Alabama Open Records Act, the Board makes available public documents created when a disciplinary action is taken against a licensee. Information regarding disciplinary actions is available on the Board's website at [psychology.alabama.gov](https://psychology.alabama.gov) under the Consumers tab by selecting Board Actions – All. This list is updated as new actions are executed by the Board. Additional details may be obtained by submitting a Public Records request; there is no charge for requests related to disciplinary actions.

## **Status for Fiscal Year Ending 2025:**

Three (3) Complaints remain open for Fiscal Year 2020; four (4) Complaints remain open for Fiscal Year 2021; three (3) Complaints remain open for Fiscal Year 2022; five (5) Complaints remain open for Fiscal Year 2023; eleven (11) Complaints remain open for Fiscal Year 2024.

The Board received ten (10) Complaints in Fiscal Year 2025 against licensees; ten (10) remain open as ongoing investigations.

## **To date in Fiscal Year 2026:**

The Board has received one (1) Complaint against a licensee which remains open as an ongoing investigation.



# ALABAMA PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Advancing Minds, Transforming Lives

The Alabama Psychological Association (aPA), founded in 1950, is the state affiliate of the American Psychological Association (APA). Alabama psychologists affectionately refer to their organization as the "little aPA" to distinguish it from the "big APA." Incorporated in 1981, the Association exists to advance the science and professional practice of psychology, and to promote human welfare across the state. The aPA is committed to maintaining high professional standards and to providing the public with accurate information about psychology as both a science and a profession.

The Association's diverse membership includes Practitioners, Academicians and Non-Practitioners, Associate Members, and Affiliate (Student) Members - reflecting the full breadth of psychology in Alabama.

The aPA is your organization and the premier avenue for advancing the practice of psychology in Alabama. With multiple subcommittees and leadership opportunities available, there has never been a better time to get involved. Prospective members may even "try the aPA" for a year at a reduced cost. Visit us at [www.alapsych.org](http://www.alapsych.org) to learn more about membership and meet members of the Executive Council.

The aPA has an exciting 2026 planned! The year begins with the Mid-Winter Conference, ***LEAD THE CHANGE: Elevate Psychology - Your Voice - Your Impact - Your Future***, in Montgomery, Alabama, January 29-30, 2026, featuring advocacy-focused presentations and a visit to the Hill. Our Annual Conference will be held August 21-23, 2026, in Orange Beach, Alabama - offering excellent networking opportunities, continuing education credits, and even a chance to enjoy yoga on the beach. Members can also look forward to informal meet-ups held throughout the state. Building on the success of our 2025 PSYPACT® webinar, the Association also launched a pre-recorded Telepsychology Home Study online and plans to offer additional virtual PSYPACT® events in the future.

In addition, members enjoy free postings on the aPA Job Board - a valuable resource for sharing job openings, training sites, and available office space.

**Get involved, stay connected, and help lead the future of psychology in Alabama with the aPA.**