

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of

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

January 9, 2026

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 (Via Zoom)
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)
Ellen L. Spence, Ph.D. – AL Psychological Association Liaison (In Person)

Opening by Carlton: The time is 9:03 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 Minutes from November 14, 2025. Motion by Wisely to accept minutes as written. Seconded by Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

REVIEW OF NEW APPLICANTS:

Psychologists

- 1) BRODBECK, Leah Ann – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Wisely & Cornish) Specialization Clinical.

Terrell joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Motion by Wisely to admit Dr. Brodbeck to the EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Cornish. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2) SAWYERS, Paulina Sophia – Licensure Candidate (Ackerson & Lewis) Specialization Clinical. Motion by Ackerson to grant a license (2449) to Dr. Sawyers. Seconded by Lewis. Terrell abstained. The motion passed.
- 3) STROWD, Jacqueline Ruth – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Cook & Terrell) Specialization Counseling. Motion by Cook to admit Dr. Strowd to the EPPP & PSE. Seconded by Terrell. The motion passed unanimously.

PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED APPLICANTS:

- 1) CORREA, Jorge – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Terrell & Cook) Specialization Clinical & Counseling. Application tabled due to material inconsistencies and requested additional information about education and training with a 14-day calendar response request. The applicant requested to formally withdraw the application on November 15, 2025. Review.

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 9:18 a.m., for approximately 15 minutes, to return at 9:35 a.m. Seconded by Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

Spence left the meeting room at 9:18 a.m.

Motion by Wisely for the Board to exit Executive Session and return to a regular meeting at 9:41 a.m. Seconded by Douglas. The motion passed unanimously.

Spence returned to the meeting room at 9:42 a.m.

Motion by Cook to report to ASPPB and National Practitioners Databank, request Rall and Han to investigate and pursue other appropriate remedies, and report back to the Board. Seconded by Wisely. The motion passed unanimously.

SCORE REVIEW:

Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP), &/or the Professional Standards Exam (PSE), &/or Licenses Issued since the November 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
GRIGGS, Marque Vashawn	Ph.D.	Psychologist	No; Must Reapply	Yes	-	-	Counseling
PUSEY, Kimberly Lauren	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes (in FL)	Yes	2444	11/21/2025	Clinical and Counseling
MEALER, Cynthia Ziegler	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes (in TN)	Yes	2445	11/24/2025	Clinical
GEARY, Caitlin Margaret	Psy.D.	Psychologist	No; May Sit Again	Yes	-	-	Clinical
PAN, Minqi	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes (in CA)	Yes	2446	12/12/2025	Clinical
WELLS, Michael Ryan	Psy.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2447	12/30/2025	Clinical
PALKER-CORELL, Ann Marquerite	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Yes	2448	01/08/2026	Clinical
KILGORE, Jenna Katelyn	Ph.D.	Psychologist	Yes	-	-	-	Clinical
DAVIS, Aja Dana Louise	Psy.D.	Psychologist	Yes	Scheduled 1/30/26	-	-	Clinical
ACEVEDO VERGARA, Maria Jose		Psychological Technician	Scheduled 2/20/26	Yes			N/A

COMPLAINTS:

Against Licensed Psychologists

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

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| 14) 23-006 – On-going investigation | 26) 25-002 – On-going investigation |
| 15) 23-007 – On-going investigation | 27) 25-003 – On-going investigation |
| 16) 24-002 – On-going investigation | 28) 25-004 – On-going investigation |
| 17) 24-003 – On-going investigation | 29) 25-005 – On-going investigation |
| 18) 24-007 – On-going investigation | 30) 25-006 – On-going investigation |
| 19) 24-008 – On-going investigation | 31) 25-007 – On-going investigation |
| 20) 24-011 – On-going investigation | 32) 25-008 – No Probable Cause |
| 21) 24-013 – On-going investigation | 33) 25-009 – On-going investigation |
| 22) 24-014 – On-going investigation | 34) 25-010 – On-going investigation |
| 23) 24-015 – On-going investigation | <u>New</u> |
| 24) 24-016 – On-going investigation | 1) 26-001 - On-going investigation |
| 25) 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) PSYPACT Commission Annual Meeting, Tucson, AZ – November 16–17, 2025. Rall attended. Rall provided a summary of meeting details. Matters discussed: finances, by-laws, rules and polices; training and public relations; planned mid-year meeting; vote for new executive leadership; directory of participants is live (16,000 participating psychologists); AL licensees with authorizations in 2025--APIT 103 & TAP 12; currently 43 participating states and jurisdictions; current legislation for adoption in MA.
- 2) PSYPACT Third Quarter 2025 Compliance Report. Review. All areas are in compliance for 3rd Quarter 2025.
- 3) School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact – **Act Number 2025-2027**, codified as Article 6 School Psychologist Interstate Licensure, Ala. Code §34-26-100 to 34-26-112. Update provided by Rall. A Commissioner and a Delegate have been appointed by the Department of Education. Email correspondence to the Council of State Governments (CSG) with no responses, and in checking CSG’s website, it was discovered that two individuals from the Department of Education had been appointed. Rall had a recent meeting with two individuals from CSG that Janet Orwig, Executive Director of PSYPACT, facilitated. Rall explained to CSG that the School Psychology Compact is codified under the Psychology Board, and the Psychology Board should be the appropriate body to appoint Commissioners. The Psychology Board has not heard from the Department of Education. Rall spoke with bill sponsors, the Department of Defense, and CSG last year and was assured that they wanted the Psychology Board to oversee this compact. The two individuals appointed as Commissioners are employees of the Department of Education who work on certifying teaching certificates. The compact addresses public-facing roster and investigations. Rall advised CSG of nine (9) other jurisdictions that have Psychology Boards that oversee licensure of school psychologists. There is a January Commission meeting that AL may not be able to attend due to this conflict. Potential for joint committees between the two agencies. Rall and Han will continue to gather

information.

- 4) Professional Standards Exam (PSE) Automation. Discussion of ongoing project. Motion by Carlton to establish a Committee for the PSE project. Seconded by Douglas. The Motion passed unanimously. Cook, Wisely, and Cornish volunteered for the Committee.
- 5) CPM II – Ledbetter and Rall beginning Year 2 of AUM’s Certified Public Manager Program. Classes began on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, to be completed on October 15, 2026.
- 6) Proposal to hold an additional, retreat-style public Board meeting, in concurrence with the Alabama Open Meetings Act, to address long-term agency goals and strategic priorities. Location: Auburn University Montgomery, AUM Center for Continuing Education & Community Engagement. No consensus reached for a meeting date & time in February. Discussion. Meeting scheduled for March 13, 2026, following the regular Board meeting.

The Board took a break from 10:25 a.m. to 10:44 a.m. Douglas left the meeting during the break.

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 10:45 a.m., for approximately 10 minutes, to return at 10:55 a.m. Seconded by Wisely. The motion passed unanimously.

Spence left the meeting room at 10:45 a.m.

Motion by Cook for the Board to exit Executive Session and return to a regular meeting at 11:28 a.m. Seconded by Wisely. The motion passed unanimously.

Spence returned to the meeting room at 11:29 a.m.

PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED APPLICANTS (Revisited):

1. CORREA, Jorge – EPPP & PSE Candidate (Terrell & Cook) Specialization Clinical & Counseling.

Motion by Cook regarding Item 1 of ***PREVIOUSLY REVIEWED APPLICANTS***, CORREA, Jorge to send a letter, with a 30-day notice, to Dr. Correa of the Board’s decision to report inconsistencies and irregularities identified in the application file to the ASPPB, National Practitioners Databank, and other entities as deemed appropriate, and consistent with the applicant’s request for withdrawal, the Board is closing the application file. Seconded by Carlton. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Sheila Marie Marsh, ALC – Complaint referral from the Alabama Attorney General’s Office. Expired Associate Licensed Counselor, potentially referring to herself as a Clinical Psychologist, and providing services without a license. Review.

Han recommended that the Board move into Executive Session to protect the good name and character of an individual. Motion by Wisely for the Board to move into Executive Session to discuss the good name and character of an individual, at 11:31 a.m., for approximately 15 minutes, to return at 11:45 a.m. Seconded by Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

Spence left the meeting room at 11:31 a.m.

Motion by Cook for the Board to exit Executive Session and return to a regular meeting at 11:53 a.m. Seconded by Carlton. The motion passed unanimously.

Spence returned to the meeting room at 11:53 a.m.

Motion by Wisely to table the complaint to collect additional information. Seconded by Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

- 2) Alabama Legislative Session, 2026 – Proposed, pre-filed legislation with significant impact:
 - a. HB46 – Relating to abortion. Review. Wisely recommended that this information be provided to the Alabama Psychological Association (aPA). Spence to share with aPA.
 - b. HB100 – Relating to background checks and establishing the Alabama Rap Back Program. Review.
- 3) Alabama Psychological Association – 2026 Mid-Winter Conference: *Lead the Change, Elevate Psychology, Your Voice – Your Impact – Your Future*, January 29-30, 2026, at the Conference Center at Troy State, Montgomery, in Montgomery. Rall to provide an update from and on behalf of the Board on Friday, January 30, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 4) State Travel Mileage Rate for 2026 – Effective January 1, 2026, the mileage rate paid to persons traveling in privately owned vehicles on official business for the Board increased to 72.5 cents per mile, from 70 cents per mile.
- 5) Board Newsletter 2026 – Published January 5, 2026
- 6) Vote on new Board Leadership. Motion by Carlton for Wisely to serve as Chair of the Board. Seconded by Cook. Wisely abstained. The motion passed. Motion by Carlton for Terrell to serve as Vice-Chair of the Board. Seconded by Wisely. Terrell abstained. The motion passed.

Conclusion of Meeting & Adjournment

Motion by Carlton to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Seconded by Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: March 13, 2026

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela D. Ledbetter, Recorder
Executive Assistant



Michael A. Carlton, Ph.D.
Chair