

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
June 19, 2009**

The Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists held a meeting on Friday, June 19, 2009 at the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Members Present:

Linda F. Campbell, Ph.D., President
Marsha B. Sauls, Ph.D., Vice-President
Carol Webb, Ph.D.
Donald S. Meck, Ph.D.
William F. Doverspike, Ph.D.
F. Karl Douglass, Consumer Member

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Graham Barron, Assistant Attorney General
Serena Gadson, Licensure Supervisor
Shondra Chester, Licensure Analyst
Dianne W. Patterson, Administrative Assistant
Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist

Administrative Staff Absent:

Dr. Campbell, President, established that a quorum was present and declared the meeting open at 9:00 a.m.

Board Hearing:

A Board Hearing was conducted on David W. Edwards before the State Board of Examiners of Psychologist. Respondent failed to appear before the Board as scheduled. A final decision was issued, Board Docket Number 2009-1677.

Dr. Webb motioned, Dr. Sauls seconded, and the Board voted to accept the final decision. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Rules

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS RULES,
CHAPTER 510-7-.02 REINSTATEMENT AND 510-7-.03 INACTIVE STATUS**

PURPOSE: The purpose of the proposed amendment is to define a timeframe for Reinstatement applications and specify the requirement of Continuing Education hours for Reactivation of Inactive Status licenses.

MAIN FEATURES: The main feature of the proposed amendment is the addition of language clearly defining the time frames applications are accepted for Reinstatement and to insert language regarding the requirement of continuing education hours and timeframe for obtaining the hours for the reactivation of an inactive status license.

**THE PROPOSED CHAPTER TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF
PSYCHOLOGISTS RULES, CHAPTER 510-7-.02 REINSTATEMENT AND 510-7-.03
INACTIVE STATUS**

NOTE: Underlined text is proposed to be added; lined through text is proposed to be deleted.

510-7-.02 Reinstatement. Amended.

(1) A license which has lapsed for failure to renew may be reinstated within one year, from the date the license lapsed, at the sole discretion of the Board, upon submission of an Application for Reinstatement, documentation of 40 hours of continuing education activities that were completed within two years of the date the application is received by the Board, and payment of a penalty fee as set by the Board (See Fee Schedule). Reinstatement after more than twelve (12) months following lapse of the license will require submission of a new application for licensure by examination waiver, documentation of 40 hours of continuing education activities that were completed within two calendar years of the date the application is received by the Board, and passage of both the Georgia Jurisprudence and Oral Examinations.

(2) For applicants holding a current license in another jurisdiction, a Georgia license which has been in lapsed status for one or more years may be reinstated, at the sole discretion of the Board, upon completion of the requirements set forth above, submission of an Information Verification Form, and passage of both the Georgia Jurisprudence and Oral Examinations.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-22, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-12, 43-39-13 and 43-39-15

510-7-.03 Inactive Status. Amended.

(1) A person must have a current Georgia psychology license to practice psychology in Georgia or to use the title "psychologist" in Georgia.

(a) A licensee who holds a current license, and who will not use the title "psychologist" in Georgia and will not practice psychology in Georgia, may apply for Inactive Status by completing an Application for Inactive Status and submitting the appropriate fee (see Fee Schedule) to the Board. A licensee may not use his or her license in the State of Georgia while that license is on Inactive Status.

(b) A licensee who wishes to reactivate an inactive license must submit to the Board an Application to Reactivate, documentation of 40 hours of continuing education activities that were completed within two calendar years of the date the application is received by the Board, and appropriate fee. See Fee Schedule. For the Board to approve reactivation, the licensee must also pass both the Georgia Jurisprudence and Oral Examinations.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-22, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-12, 43-39-13 and 43-39-15

The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this chapter does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed chapter cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-22, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-12, 43-39-13 and 43-39-15.

Additionally, at the meeting, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-22, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-12, 43-39-13 and 43-39-1 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this chapter will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of psychology.

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Webb seconded, and the Board voted to adopt Rule 510-7.02 and 510-7.03 Renewal/Reinstatement/Inactive License as posted. None opposed, motion carried.

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS RULES,
CHAPTER 510-8-.02 TYPES OF CONTINUING EDUCATION**

PURPOSE: The purpose of the proposed amendment is to clarify that continuing education hours of varied subject matter must be earned “in person”.

MAIN FEATURES: The main feature of the proposed amendment is the addition of language clearly defining that continuing education hours obtained in professional ethics, psychopharmacology and cultural diversity, of Areas I, III and IV, will only be accepted if earned by physically attending the training “in person”.

**THE PROPOSED CHAPTER TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF
PSYCHOLOGISTS RULES, CHAPTER 510-8-.02 TYPES OF CONTINUING EDUCATION**

NOTE: Underlined text is proposed to be added; lined through text is proposed to be deleted.

510-8-.02 Types of Continuing Education. Amended.

(1) Successful completion of the board examination of the American Board of Professional Psychology will satisfy all continuing education requirements in the biennium during which the examination is passed. Documentation from ABPP must be submitted to the Board.

(2) Continuing Education requirements may also be met through hours acquired in the following:

(a) **Professional Ethics.** A licensed psychologist must complete a minimum of three clock hours in professional ethics to renew his/her license each biennium. These hours must be earned in person through Areas I, III, or IV. The main focus of the program must be on the ethical principles involved. Hours concerned exclusively with legal, legislative, or malpractice issues will not fulfill the ethics requirement. Documentation must include date, title, location, sponsoring agency and hours. A psychologist who serves as a peer reviewer, the completion of which is acknowledged by the Board, for an alleged violation of the law or rules will also meet the three-hour ethics requirement for the current biennium if the review is submitted as a written report to the Board. A psychologist who serves on a subcommittee of the Board for oral examinations will also meet the three hour ethics requirement for the current biennium. A psychologist who serves as a member of the Ethics committee for the Georgia Psychological Association or as a Board member of the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists during the biennium will also meet the three-hour ethics requirement.

(b) **Psychopharmacology.** A licensed psychologist must complete a minimum of three hours in the area of Clinical Psychopharmacology to renew his/her license each biennium. I-O psychologists or Consulting psychologists who are not otherwise engaged in a health service practice are exempt from this requirement. Documentation must include date, title, location, sponsoring agency and hours. These hours must be earned in person through areas I, III, or IV.

(c) **Cultural Diversity.** All first time renewals must complete a minimum of three hours in the area of Cultural Diversity. Cultural Diversity courses will deal with issues that arise due to the differences between racial groups, gender, age, religions, lifestyles,

beliefs, physical capabilities, ethnicity, socio-economic, and subcultures. Documentation must include date, title, location, sponsoring agency and hours. These hours must be earned in person through areas I, III, or IV. This requirement may be satisfied by documentation on the graduate transcript of a specific course taken in cultural diversity while in graduate school.

(d) **Area I-Academic Courses and Professional Supervision.** This includes seminars and approved courses given by recognized universities, hospitals, and training institutions. It does not include courses the licensee teaches (see Area V). It may also include other courses of study, which follow the academic model, (i.e. continuity of subject matter, regularly scheduled attendance, and collateral readings). "Grand Rounds" in a hospital or professional school will qualify if there is continuity of subject matter on a single coherent topic over a series of dates, with a minimum of ten hours and collateral readings. A structured program of supervision will qualify if there are regularly scheduled supervision sessions (minimum of ten hours) and collateral readings. Document supervision with a list of dates attended, course description, location, and number of hours. If supervision credit is requested, a descriptive letter from the supervisor must be submitted. Each instructional or supervision hour qualifies for one hour of CE credit. A maximum of 20 hours is allowed in Area I biennially.

(e) **Area II-Conventions.** This area includes national, international, regional, and state associations of psychologists' annual meetings that are attended in person. Documentation must include the date, convention title, location, and hours. If other than a psychological convention is attended for credit, documentation must include a memo indicating relevance to professional growth and development as a psychologist. One convention day qualifies for three hours of CE credit with a maximum of 6 hours of CE credits per day (ex. One 3 hour workshop under Area III and 3 hours of general convention activities or 6 hours of workshops under Area III). A maximum of 20 hours is allowed in Area II biennially.

(f) **Area III-Workshops and Institutes.** This area includes workshops at conventions, hospitals, and training institutions. These must last a minimum of three hours, be attended in person, cover a professional issue or topic, and be made available to the psychological community in general. A "Grand Rounds" series shorter than that included under Area I will qualify if there is one professional issue or topic covered for a minimum of three hours in a continuous sequence of conferences. Each workshop hour qualifies for one hour of CE credit. Documentation must include an official certificate of attendance issued by the CE presenter/sponsoring organization and include date, title, location, and hours. A maximum of 20 hours is allowed in Area III biennially.

(g) **Area IV-APA or GPA Approved Continuing Education Programs.** A certificate of attendance provided by APA or GPA must be submitted to document dates attended, title, location, approving organization, and number of hours. Each instructional hour qualifies for one hour of CE credit. These programs must be attended in person. Documentation must include an official certificate of attendance issued by the CE presenter/sponsoring organization and include date, title, location, and hours. A maximum of 20 hours is allowed in Area IV biennially.

(h) **Area V-Self Instructional Activity.** This is a broadly defined area intended to accommodate any self-development activities, which are relevant to one's professional interests. This area includes use of audiotapes, videotapes, books, and journals. Credit is also given for conducting a workshop or academic course for the **first time**, for preparation of articles for publication for the **first time**, and non interactive online CE. Documentation is by a memo that justifies the credit claimed. Each hour of self instructional activity qualifies for one (1) hour of CE credit. A maximum of 10 hours is

allowed for the aforementioned activities.

An additional maximum of 6 hours credit is allowed for interactive online CE in real time which will allow a maximum of 16 hours total in Area V.

Non interactive online CE is defined as an activity in which the participant interacts only with the computer. (The course may have been recorded.)

Interactive CE is defined as an activity in which the participant interacts with a live person, who is the instructor, and may also interact with other participants through a computer either through audio or audio/video channels, in real time. Real time is defined as an activity in which both the instructor and participant are on the computer at the same time.

(i) **On line Continuing Education.** On line instruction qualifies as CE credit only under Area V.

The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this chapter does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed chapter cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-22, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-12, 43-39-13 and 43-39-15.

Additionally, at the meeting, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-22, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-12, 43-39-13 and 43-39-1 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this chapter will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of psychology.

Dr. Webb motioned, Dr. Sauls seconded, and the Board voted to adopt Rule 510-8.02 Types of Continuing Education as posted. None opposed, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Minutes from the April 17, 2009 meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Director's Report:

No report presented

Executive Session:

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and motion carried for the Board to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k) (1) (2), §43-1-2-(k) (3) (4), §50-14-2(1) and §43-1-2 (k) (4) to deliberate on applications, oral examinations, complaints, and to receive the Assistant Attorney General's and Cognizant reports. Voting in favor of the motion were Campbell, Sauls, Doverspike, Meck, and Douglass.

Applications (votes have already been keyed in)

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Examination. None opposed, motion carried.

Psychology by Examination

1. Breshears, Ryan

Approved for Exams

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| 2. M.V.C. | Denied |
| 3. Lewis, Kelly | Approved for Exams |
| 4. Mahoney, Vivianna | Approved for Exams |
| 5. Owusu, Dionne | Approved for Exams |
| 6. Rice, Catherine | Approved for Exams |
| 7. Talma, Mandy | Approved for Exams |
| 8. Thomas, Kaprice | Approved for Exams |

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Endorsement. None opposed, motion carried.

Request for Licensure by Endorsement:

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| 1. Caldeira, Nathilee | Approved for Exam |
| 2. Merritt, Judith | Approved for Exam |
| 3. Reams, Lula | Approved for Exam |
| 4. Stayton, William | Approved for Exam |

Request for Licensure by Endorsement-Temporary License

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| 1. Lightfoot, Tywanda | Approved for temp license and exam |
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Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicant applying for licensure by Reinstatement. None opposed, motion carried.

Request for Licensure by Reinstatement:

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| 1. Miller, Kesi | Approved for Exam |
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Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Sauls seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicant applying for licensure by Reinstatement with an ORAL Exam conducted by the full Board. None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. Kaplan, Eileen | Approved for Licensure |
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Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Reactivation. None opposed, motion carried.

Request for Licensure by Reactivation:

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| 1. Storms, Robert | Approved for reactivation |
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Dr. Doverspike motioned, Mr. Douglass seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Oral Examination. None opposed, motion carried.

Oral Exams:

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| 1. Cole, Spurgeon | Approved for Licensure |
| 2. Dill, Winston | Approved for Licensure |
| 3. Gordon, Tynessa | Approved for Licensure |
| 4. Hildreth, Christian | Approved for Licensure. |

5. Hollahan, Nadya	Approved for Licensure
6. Katenmeyer, Lynn	Approved for Licensure
7. Langlois, Allison	Approved for Licensure
8. Lee, Norman	Approved for Licensure
9. Lokken, Katrina	Approved for Licensure
10. Louck, Amy	Approved for Licensure
11. Massey, David	Approved for Licensure
12. Okazaki, Mimi	Approved for Licensure
13. Rowan, Kimberly	Approved for Licensure
14. Valentino, Amber	Approved for Licensure

Dr. Doverspike motioned, and Mr. Douglass seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the following applications approved between meetings determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

Licensed Psychologist

License No.	Licensee	Issue Date
PSY003270	Bethea, Angela Regan	4/17/2009
PSY003271	Cardenas, Leslie	4/17/2009
PSY003272	Pearman, Ann M.	4/17/2009
PSY003273	Ellis, Leslie E.	4/17/2009
PSY003274	Ellis, Mesha Lygia	4/17/2009
PSY003275	King, Glen David	4/17/2009
PSY003276	Jacobson, Steven Dean	4/21/2009

Provisional Psychologist

License No.	Licensee	Issue Date
PS-P000199	Bestwick, Jan M.	05/15/2009
PS-P000200	Baliles, Kimberly M.	06/03/2009

Assistant Attorney General's Report:

Assistant Attorney General, Mr. Graham Barron provided the Board with a status report.

Mr. Douglass motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on the Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, Dr. Webb recused herself from case 090048, motion carried.

Cognizant Report:

Closed Cases:

- PSYC070070, PSYC080020, and PSYC080021

Additional information required:

- PSYC090024, PSYC090047, PSYC090053, PSYC090054, PSYC090057, PSYC090058, PSYC090062, PSYC090063 and PSYC090064

Cases referred to Investigations

- PSYC090059

Investigative Interviews Scheduled

- PSYC090046, PSYC090052

Cases referred to the Attorney General's Office

- PSYC090036

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Sauls seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant report as presented. None opposed, Dr. Webb recused herself from case numbers 090046, and 090052, motion carried.

Enforcement Report:

No Enforcement Report Presented.

There being no further business, Mr. Douglass motioned, Dr. Sauls seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 4:08 p.m. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Linda Campbell, Ph.D.
President

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
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