

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
March 18, 2011**

The Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists held a meeting on Friday, March 18, 2011, at the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Members Present:

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

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Graham Barron, Assistant Attorney General (via conference call)
Dianne Patterson, Administrative Assistant
Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist

Dr. Sauls, President, established that a quorum was present and declared the meeting open at 8:55 a.m.

Agenda:

The agenda was approved as presented

Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Webb seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2011 meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Webb seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2011 Conference Call meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondences:

Correspondences received between scheduled Board meetings were reviewed and discussed.

- Dr. Audrey Owens, Dr. Janice Shieh, and Dr. Shital Gaitonde

Dr. Webb motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to allow the administrative staff to respond to all correspondences presented to the Board as directed. None opposed, motion carried.

Public Hearing:

A Board hearing was conducted with Dr. Judy Newton, PSY000914, before the Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. The Board voted to sanction the license of Dr. Newton.

Dr. Campbell motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board motioned that a decision be entered that the Board has carried its burden of proof as to the grounds alleged for sanctioning of Dr. Newton's license, and that the appropriate sanction is a public reprimand with one year of probation, \$500 fine and six hours of continuing education must be obtained in the area of Ethics. Once all stipulations have been completed, licensee can petition the Board for early release of probation. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Campbell motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to allow Mr. Donald Mundy, Assistant Director to sign the public reprimand in lieu of the Chair. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Director's Report:

1. Mr. Zimmerman reminded the Board, as of this date, there has been no change of plans to not conduct a Board meeting in the month of June, 2011. If plans change, members will be notified.
 - o The Board would like to extend their appreciation to Secretary of State, Brian Kemp for his acknowledgment indicating his awareness of how important the function of each licensure board is to the licensees and general public, as well as, to the Board members. In addition, the Board would like to encourage all legislators to maintain funding of the Office of Secretary of State's Professional Licensing Boards Division.

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Webb seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Director's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session:

Dr. Webb motioned, Dr. Campbell 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 Sauls, Campbell, Meck, Doverspike, Webb and Douglass.

Applications:

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

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| 1. A.A. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 2. C.A. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 3. J.D. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 4. G.E. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 5. K.F. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 6. T.K. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 7. M.L. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 8. R.L. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 9. K.L. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 10. D.O. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 11. A.P. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 12. M.S. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 13. M.W. | Pending the receipt of additional information |

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

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| 1. N.C. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 2. D.W. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 3. V.N. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 4. T.W. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 5. E.Z. | Pending the receipt of additional information |

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Webb seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for a limited practice permit. None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. Barth, Robert | Approved for limited practice permit |
| 2. Donahue, Angela | Approved for limited practice permit |
| 3. Mohandie, Kris | Approved for limited practice permit |

Dr. Webb motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants completing the Oral Examination. None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. Hands, Donald | Approved for licensure |
| 2. Hatch, Daniel | Approved for licensure |
| 3. Shearer, Russell | Approved for licensure |
| 4. Shewell, Justin | Approved for licensure |
| 5. Tomori, Rolake | Approved for licensure |

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants completing the Full Board Oral Examination. None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. M.S. | Denied, applicant failed to demonstrate a sufficient knowledge of the Georgia law and foundation for diagnosis. |
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Ratify List:

Dr. Campbell motioned, Dr. Meck 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
PSY003444	Hanna-Pladdy, Brenda	02-18-11
PSY003445	Kilts, Aaron James	02-18-11
PSY003446	Serdarevic, Mirsad	02-18-11
PSY003447	Donovan, Roxanne Angela	02-18-11
PSY003448	Thomas, Courtney James	02-18-11
PSY003449	Bruner, John Marshall	03-09-11

Temporary Psychologist

License No.	Licensee	Issue Date
PS-T000877	Vitacco, Michael John	03-14-11

Assistant Attorney General's Report:

Assistant Attorney General, Graham Barron provided the Board with a status report which included information on any cases referred for action.

Leroy Richardson, PSY002675-**Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to accept the signed public reprimand. In addition, the Board voted to allow Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director to sign the public reprimand in lieu of the Chair. None opposed, one recusal, motion carried.**

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on the Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, one recuse, motion carried.

Cognizant/Enforcement Report:

Dr. Meck updated the Board on the status of all open complaint cases.

Complaint cases pending the receipt of additional information:

- PSYC110030, PSYC110032, PSYC110033, PSYC110034, PSYC110039, PSYC110040, PSYC110042, PSYC110043, PSYC110044, and PSYC110045

Compliant cases closed; no additional information required:

- PSYC110024 and PSYC110041

Compliant cases referred to the Attorney General's Office:

- PSYC070051, PSYC110027 and PSYC110037

Complaint cases pending an investigative interview:

- PSYC110035, PSYC110036 and PSYC110045

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Webb seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Additional Business:

1. Nick Defilippis, PSY000536
 - a. **Dr. Webb motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to deny the open records request by the Sanders Law Firm. None opposed, motion carried.**

There being no further business, Dr. Campbell motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 3:38 p.m. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Marsha B. Sauls, Ph.D.
President

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