

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
February 24, 2012**

The Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists held a meeting on Friday, February 24, 2012, at the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Members Present:

Marsha Sauls, Ph.D., President
William F. Doverspike, Ph.D.
Donald S. Meck, Ph.D.
Carol Webb, Ph.D.
Judy Grammer, Consumer Member

Board Members Absent:

Linda F. Campbell, Ph.D., Vice President

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Graham Barron, Assistant Attorney General
Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist
Shondra Chester, Licensure Analyst (oral examinations only)
Serena Gadson, Licensure Supervisor (oral examinations only)

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

Agenda:

The agenda was approved as presented

Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2012, meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondences:

Correspondence(s) received between scheduled Board meetings were reviewed and discussed.

- Dr. Amy Estergren-Amlicke, Dr. Caroline Simpson, Dr. Robert Breyer and Dr. James Holmes

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Meck 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.

Petition for Variance/Waiver Request:

- Dr. Normal Bertel, Goodyear, AZ- Rule 510-3-.02 Qualification of Applicants; Licensure by Endorsement

Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition for variance/waiver request. Insufficient evidence provided to prove hardship. None opposed, motion carried.

Chair Report:

Dr. Sauls discussed briefly with the Board the proposed legislation (SB 445) by Secretary of State Brian Kemp with regard to the Professional Licensing Board’s division office staff and the various Boards Practice Acts (O.C.G.A. title 43) administratively served by this office. The Board agreed for Dr. Sauls to draft a response on behalf of the Board, to include the Board’s willingness to work with the staff of this office in any way to reduce the processing time and streamlining of applications.

The Board would like it acknowledged that the Call Center worked more efficiently, accurately and with a quicker response time when staff were assigned directly to the Board to assist callers with questions.

(Note: Prior to the meetings end a public announcement from Secretary Kemp was presented to the Board that the proposed legislation/bill had been withdrawn by the Secretary).

Executive Director’s Report:

No report presented

Executive Session:

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Webb 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, Webb, Doverspike, Meck and Grammer

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, February 24, 2012, Dr. Saul’s declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

Applications:

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.

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

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.

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| 1. E.A. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 2. N.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 3. J.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 4. S.H. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 5. D.L. | Approved to sit for exam |

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

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| 1. S.A.D. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 2. C.H.S. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 3. M.S.M. | Pending applicant interview |

Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Meck 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. Boyd, Stephanie | Approved for licensure |
| 2. Klin, Ami | Approved for licensure |
| 3. Noirthington, Stephanie | Approved for licensure |
| 4. Papazoglou, Aimilia | Approved for licensure |
| 5. Sowles, Cathie | Approved for licensure |
| 6. Spencer, Katherine | Approved for licensure |
| 7. Styperek, Nicole | Approved for licensure |
| 8. Thrasher, Sherry | Approved for licensure |
| 9. Wright, Gary | Approved for licensure |

Dr. Webb motioned, Dr. Meck 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. F.C. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 2. Rivas, Riccardo | Approved for licensure |

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.

- Tannenbaum, Libby, PSY002710

Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to accept the signed public reprimand with fine. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Cognizant/Enforcement Report:

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

Complaint cases closed referred to another state Board or Entity for processing:

- PSYC120022- Case recommended for closure and referral to the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers, and Marriage & Family Therapists
- PSYC120038- Case recommended for closure and referral to the Georgia Composite Medical Board

Complaint cases closed; no additional action required:

- PSYC120008 (Dr. Webb is recused from this case)

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the Board voted to close the case. No additional information is required. None opposed, motion carried.

Complaint cases closed; no additional action required:

- PSYC120015, PSYC120016, PSYC120021, PSYC120033 and PSYC120039

Complaint cases pending:

- PSYC120013, PSYC120018, PSYC120019, PSYC120023, PSYC120024, PSYC120029, PSYC120030, PSYC120031, PSYC120032, PSYC120034, PSYC120036, PSYC120037

Complaint cases referred to/Pending with AG's Office:

- PSYC070051, PSYC090029, PSYC090048, PSYC100028, PSYC110025 and PSYC120025

Complaint Cases referred to Investigations:

- PSYC120035

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

There being no further business, Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 2:09 p.m. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Dr. Marsha B. Sauls, Ph.D.

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These minutes were approved on: 03-23-2012