

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2012**

The Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists held a meeting on Friday, September 21, 2012, at the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Members Present:

Marsha B. Sauls, Ph.D., President
Linda F. Campbell, Ph.D., Vice President
A. Melton Strozier Jr., Ph.D.
Donald S. Meck, Ph.D.
William F. Doverspike, Ph.D.
Judy Grammer, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Graham Barron, Assistant Attorney General
Amanda M. Allen, Licensure Analyst
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: Approved as presented; No late agenda items added.

Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Meck motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the Board voted to approve of the minutes from the July 27, 2012, meeting as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes of the July 27, 2012 meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2012 meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Strozier motioned, Dr. Meck motioned and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes from the August 24, 2012 meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondences:

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

- Dr. Amy Potts

Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Strozier 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.

Executive Director's Report: No report presented

Public Rule Hearing: No guest attendees for the public rule hearing

- Rule 510-5-.08 Forensic Assessment

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS BOARD RULE CHAPTER 510-5, SUPPLEMENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT, RULE 510-5-08, FORENSIC ASSESSMENT

Purpose: The purpose of this rule amendment is to add a new paragraph regarding court ordered psychological custody evaluations

Main Features: The amended rule adds a new paragraph regarding the Boards stance on consideration of any potential disciplinary actions against a license professional psychologist as a result of allegations of failure to perform services.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS BOARD RULE CHAPTER 510-5, SUPPLEMENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT, RULE 510-5-08, FORENSIC ASSESSMENT

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

510-5-.08 Forensic Assessment.

(1) Psychologists' forensic assessment, recommendations, and reports are based on information and techniques (including personal interviews of the individual, when appropriate) sufficient to provide appropriate substantiation for his/her findings.

(2) Psychologists provide written or oral forensic reports or testimony of the psychological characteristics of an individual only after they have conducted an examination of the individual adequate to support his/her statements or conclusions.

Provided, however, that when, despite reasonable efforts, such an examination is not feasible, psychologists clarify the impact of his/her limited information on the reliability and validity of his/her reports and testimony, and they appropriately limit the nature and extent of his/her conclusions or recommendations.

(3) In forensic testimony and reports, psychologists testify truthfully, honestly, and candidly and, consistent with applicable legal procedures, describe fairly the basis for his/her testimony and conclusions.

(4) Whenever necessary, psychologists acknowledge the limits of his/her data or conclusions.

(5) In most circumstances, psychologists avoid performing multiple and potentially conflicting roles in forensic matters. When psychologists, may be called on to service in more than one role in a legal proceeding (for example, as consultant or expert for one party or for the court and as a fact witness) they clarify role expectations and the extent of confidentiality in advance to the extent feasible, and thereafter, as changes occur, in order to avoid compromising his/her professional judgment and objectivity, and in order to avoid misleading others regarding his/her role.

(6) When a judge authorizes an order for a psychologist to conduct a psychological custody evaluation of a family, the court appointed psychologist shall not be subject to disciplinary action resulting from any act or failure to act in the performance of his or her duties unless such act or failure to act was in bad faith (see O.C.G.A. § 19-9-3). The definition of “working in good faith” shall be based on compliance with the APA’s 2010 “Guidelines for Child Custody Evaluations in Family Law Proceedings.” Any Board filed complaint that alleges misconduct by a psychologist acting as a court-appointed custody expert must cite a specific breach of the APA’s guidelines before any action is taken against the psychologist.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-13 AND 50-13-3.

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the amendments to Rule 510-5-.08 Forensic Assessment as posted for the 30-day minimum requirement. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-13 AND 50-13-3.

Additionally, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-13 AND 50-13-3 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Psychology.

- Rule 510-5-.11 Reporting of Sanctions

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS BOARD RULE CHAPTER 510-5, SUPPLEMENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT, RULE 510-5-11, REPORTING OF SANCTIONS

Purpose: The purpose of this rule amendment is clarify the rule language to reflect Board’s intent to receive reports of all sanctions or disciplinary actions

Main Features: The amended rule removes the restrictive language “licensing” with regard to the actual intent of the Board rule on reporting of sanctions.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS BOARD RULE CHAPTER 510-5, SUPPLEMENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT, RULE 510-5-11, REPORTING OF SANCTIONS

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510-5-.11 Reporting of Sanctions.

A Psychologist shall report within thirty (30) days to the Board:

- (a) Any sanctions or disciplinary actions by any other lawful ~~licensing~~ authorities.
- (b) Any voluntary surrender of his/her license to practice psychology in another state.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-13 AND 50-13-3

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the amendments to Rule 510-5-.11 Reporting of Sanctions as posted for the 30-day minimum requirement. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-39-5, 43-39-6, 43-39-13 AND 50-13-3.

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Board Rules – Ongoing Agenda Item:

- Rule 510-8 Continuing Education Requirements

The Board is currently discussing possible revisions to Rule 510-8 Continuing Education Requirements. This will be an on-going discussion item.

- Rule 510-7-.02 Reinstatement

The Board is currently discussing possible revisions to Rule 510-7-.02 Reinstatement. This will be an on-going discussion item.

- Rule 510-7-.03 Inactive Status

The Board is currently discussing possible revisions to Rule 510-7-.03 Inactive Status. This will be an on-going discussion item.

Report to Board: Dr. D. Meck

Dr. Meck provided the Board with an overview of a recent conversation with Deputy Secretary of State Mr. Kelly Farr. Dr. Meck provided several ideas or “options” to Mr. Farr that the Board will consider (ongoing discussion) regarding how the members can assist the administrative staff, the licensees and applicants for licensure to navigate through the licensure process more expeditiously without compromising the integrity of the licensure requirements. The Board will continue its efforts in this area of discussion in future meetings.

GPA Liaison Report:

The GPA Liaison report was presented to the Board by Dr. Barbara Calhoon.

Petition for Variance/Waiver Requests:

- Henderson, Rayna: Rule 510-2-.01 Application for Licensure

Dr. Meck motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition for variance/waiver request due to insufficient evidence provided to prove hardship. Applicant must retake the EPPP examination at the doctoral level. None opposed, motion carried.

- Teion L. Wells Harrison, PS-T000896 Rule 510-2-.05 Internship and Postdoctoral Supervised Work Experience

Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to grant the variance/waiver request. None opposed, motion carried.

- Rozanna Tross: Rule 510-2-.04 Education

Dr. Strozier motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the Board voted to deny the variance/waiver request. None opposed, motion carried.

- Amy Holsten- Rule 510-2-.05 Internship and Postdoctoral Supervised Work Experience

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted to table the petition for waiver/variance request upon the receipt of additional information. None opposed, motion carried.

Compliance Request(s):

Dr. Stephen Mathis, PSY001598- Request to approve a licensed Supervisor presented to the Board.

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted to approve the supervisor selected by Dr. Mathis. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session:

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

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, September 21, 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. No Board votes were obtained during Executive Session.

Applications:

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on Applications for Licensure by Examination. None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. T.B. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 2. T.B. | Denied, does not meet the residency requirements |
| 3. M.G. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 4. C.M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 5. H.N. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 6. S.M. | Pending applicant appearance |
| 7. B.T. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 8. R.T. | Pending the receipt of additional information |

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on Applications for Licensure by Endorsement. None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. R.H. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 2. K.L. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 3. T.M. | Approved to sit for exam |

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on Applications for Licensure by Reinstatement. None opposed, motion carried.

1. P.W. Approved to sit for exam
2. S.M.M. Approved to sit for exam

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted accept the recommendations on applicants completing the Oral Examination. None opposed, motion carried.

1. Abrams, Ayanna Approved for licensure
2. Casey, Tabitha Approved for licensure
3. E.M. Applicant failed to appear for oral examination
4. Ragatz, Laurie Approved for licensure
5. Shufelt, Chelsea Approved for licensure
6. Valley, Cynthia Approved for licensure

Ratify List:

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

License No.	Licensee	Issue Date
PSY003578	Snead, Kara Elizabeth	7/25/2012
PSY003579	Whorley, Mysha Rai	7/25/2012
PSY003580	Slavin-Mulford, Jenelle Maria	7/30/2012
PSY003581	Howarth, Robyn Ann	7/30/2012
PSY003582	Seaton, Jessica Monique	7/30/2012
PSY003583	Allen, Katie Tart	7/30/2012
PSY003584	Hamilton, Scott Butler	7/30/2012
PSY003585	Barnes, Carolyn Patricia	7/30/2012
PSY003586	Rusinko, Holly Michelle	7/30/2012
PSY003587	Barnes, Erica Rae	7/30/2012
PSY003588	Manalo, Michael Jay	7/30/2012
PSY003589	Dvorscek, Michael John	7/30/2012
PSY003590	Aycock, Kristen Joy	7/30/2012
PSY003591	Register, Brandon Jeremy	7/31/2012
PSY003592	Doane, Nancy Jane K	7/31/2012
PSY003593	Gardner, Natasha Deanne	8/3/2012
PSY003594	Chason, Ashley Kaye	8/10/2012
PSY003595	West, Lindsey Michelle	8/16/2012
PSY003596	Richardson, John David	8/20/2012
PSY003597	Evans, Lance	8/27/2012
PSY003598	Garrison, Benjamin Stubbs	8/27/2012
PSY003599	Johnson, Jerrod Keith	8/27/2012
PSY003600	Brown, Jennifer Lynn	8/27/2012
PSY003601	Patton, Janet Klebek	8/27/2012
PSY003602	Gross, Jonathan Drew	8/27/2012
PSY003603	Hieger, Bradley Evan	8/27/2012
PSY003604	Lanier, David Dale	8/27/2012

PSY003605	Schoeke, Anja Jill	8/27/2012
PSY003606	Vierthaler, Juli Marie	8/27/2012
PSY003607	Pemberton, Eversley Devon	8/28/2012
PSY003608	Townsend, Nathan Andrew	9/4/2012
PSY003609	Berg, John Peder	9/4/2012
PSY003610	Baker, Natalie S	9/5/2012
PSY003611	Felker, Sydney Elizabeth	9/17/2012
PSY003612	Walker, David P	9/17/2012

Provisional Licensed Psychologist

License No.	Licensee	Issue Date
PS-P000224	Bivins-Smith, Dawna Maria	8/10/2012

Temporary Licensed Psychologist

License No.	Licensee	Issue Date
PS-T000913	Lai, Szu Ning	8/10/2012

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.

Dr. Strozier motioned, Ms. Grammer 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; no additional action required:

- PSYC130008

Complaint cases pending the receipt of additional information:

- PSYC120031, PSYC120043, PSYC120048, PSYC120060, PSYC120063, PSYC120064, PSYC130003, PSYC130005, PSYC130006, PSYC130010, PSYC130011, and PSYC130012
- PSYC120044-Dr. Meck is recused from this complaint case.
- PSYC120054-Dr. Meck is recused from this complaint case
- PSYC120061-Dr. Meck is recused from this complaint case

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

- PSYC070051, PSYC090029, PSYC090048, PSYC10028, PSYC120055, PSYC120065 and PSYC130009

Complaint Cases referred to Investigations:

- PSYC120029 and PSYC120035

Complaint cases pending an Investigative Interview:

- PSYC120056 and PSYC120062

Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant report as presented. None opposed, Dr. Meck recused on three complaints, motion carried.

Additional Business:

2012-2013 Board Officer Elections

- **Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted to re-elect Dr. Marsha B. Sauls as Board Chair. None opposed, motion carried.**
- **Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted to re-elect Dr. Linda Campbell as Vice-Chair. None opposed, motion carried.**

There being no further business, Dr. Meck motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 4:30 p.m. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda M. Allen, Licensure Analyst

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

MARSHA B. SAULS, PH.D.
Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN
Executive Director, HC1

These minutes were approved on: November 02, 2012