

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
Meeting Minutes – May 24, 2013**

The Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists met Friday May 24, 2013, 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
Serena Gadson, Licensure Supervisor (oral exams)
Chrissy Lewis, Compliant Specialists
Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist
Stephanie Mason, Assistant Attorney General

Guests:

Representative Pat Gardner
Dr. Carol Webb
Dr. Pamela Collman

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

Agenda: Approved as presented

Executive Session:

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

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, May 24, 2013, 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.

Presentations:

Representative Pat Gardner presented Dr. Donald Meck with House Resolution 522 for work with the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Board (ASPPB) and the Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists. This Resolution recognizes Dr. Meck for the crucial role he has played in leadership, his high ideals, morals, and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and commends Dr. Don Meck for his efficient, effective, selfless, and devoted service to the State of Georgia.

Representative Pat Gardner presented Dr. Carol Webb with House Resolution 382 for her significant achievements in the field of psychology in Georgia, her years serving on the Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists and her work over the last five years with ASPPB, including her time serving as the President of ASPPB.

Correspondence:

E. Burke, Ph.D – Eligibility question regarding senior Psychologist distinction for licensure.

Board Response: Please refer to Rule 510-3-.02 Qualification of Applicants, (b) Senior Psychologist (a person who has been licensed for 10 or more years).

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted to authorize the administrative staff to respond to correspondence as directed. None opposed, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted to approve of the minutes from the April 26, 2013 meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Strozier motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes of the April 26, 2013 meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Rules Discussion:

- Rule 510-2-.01 Application for Licensure
- Rule 510-7-.02 Reinstatement
- Rule 510-8-.01 Continuing Education (CE) Requirements
- Rule 510-8-.02 Types of Continuing Education (CE)
- Rule 510-8-.03 Reporting/Documentation

Dr. Meck motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the Board to post the amendments for Rule 510-2-.01 Application for Licensure, Rule 510-7-.02 Reinstatement, Rule 510-8-.01 Continuing Education (CE) Requirements, Rule 510-8-.02 Types of Continuing Education (CE), and Rule 510-8-.03 Reporting/Documentation for the 30-day minimum requirement upon the receipt of the memo of authority from Graham Barron, AAG. None opposed, motion carried.

Miscellaneous Discussion Items:

- Supervision Approval – C. Madsen

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to approve Dr. L. Hilgert to provide supervision to Dr. C. Madsen pursuant to the public Board Order.

- Commentary from the Licensing Board for publication in *Georgia Psychologist*

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted to authorize submission of Commentary from the Board: Using Psychological Assistants and Psychometrists for publication in the Fall 2013 edition of *The Georgia Psychologist*. In addition, the Board recognized Dr. Bill Doverspike and his work on the commentary to be published.

- Dr. Pamela Collman addressed the Board regarding the continuing education rule changes. In addition, Dr. Collman expressed concern over the functions of child advocacy centers. Dr. Meck clarified that the role of advocacy centers was to conduct forensic interviews only and this did not constitute the practice of psychology. Since this did not fall under the practice of psychology, the Psychology Board had no authority to take action.

Applications:

Dr. Strozier motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on Applications for Licensure by Examination, Endorsement, and Contract Approval. None opposed, motion carried.

Application for Licensure by Examination:

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| 1. A.G. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 2. H.L. | Pending additional information |
| 3. J.R. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 4. L.S. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 5. C.S. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 6. M.W. | Approved to sit for exam |

Applications for Licensure by Endorsement:

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| 1. J.G. | Pending additional information |
| 2. L.G. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 3. B.G. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 4. I.I. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 5. M.L. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 6. K.R. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 7. L.S. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 8. M.S. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 9. R.W. | Approved to sit for exam |

Contract Changes:

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| 1. Tanner, Brandi | Contract approved |
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Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on applicants completing the Oral Examination. None opposed, motion carried.

Oral Examinations:

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| 1. Alexander, Ashley | Approved for licensure |
| 2. Bonner, Ian | Approved for licensure |
| 3. Bromley, Ryan | Approved for licensure |
| 4. Hill, Allison | Approved for licensure |
| 5. Holsten, Amy | Approved for licensure |
| 6. Segall, Matthew | Approved for licensure |
| 7. Wilson, Christina | Approved for licensure |

Assistant Attorney General's Report:

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

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

Non-Compliance with a Board Order – D. I. Zackrison Smith:

Dr. Strozier motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to authorize the Assistant Attorney General to proceed with the suspension of Dr. Zackrison-Smith’s professional license to practice until she has successfully completed and passed the jurisprudence exam and is in compliance with her Board Order.

Cognizant/Enforcement Report:

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

Investigative Interviews Conducted:

- PSYC130034/130035 – Investigative interview conducted; respondents are to provide additional information for Cognizant review.

Complaint cases closed; no additional action required:

- PSYC090029, PSYC100028, PSYC130027, PSYC130028, PSYC130043 and PSYC130049

Complaint cases pending the receipt of additional information:

- PSYC130047 and PSYC130048

Compliant cases referred to Investigations:

- PSYC130044 – issuance of a Cease & Desist Order.

Complaint cases pending an investigative interview:

- PSYC130045

Complaint cases referred to the AG’s Office:

- PSYC130046 – Issuance of a Cease & Desist Order
- PSYC130033 – Issuance of a Private Consent Agreement
- PSYC130042 – Pending voluntary surrender; refer case to District Attorney
- PSYC120061/120044/120054 – Issuance of a Public Consent Agreement

Dr. Strozier motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to refer the cases shown above to the Attorney General’s Office. None opposed, motion carried.

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

There being no further business, Dr. Strozier motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today’s meeting at 4:29 p.m. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by:

Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC-1

DR. MARSHA B. SAULS, PH.D.

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Chair

Executive Director Healthcare 1

These minutes were approved on: 06-21-2013