

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2013**

The Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists met Friday, December 20, 2013, at the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Members Present:

Marsha B. Sauls, Ph.D., Chair
Linda F. Campbell, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Donald S. Meck, Ph.D.
William F. Doverspike, Ph.D.
Judy Grammer, Consumer Member

Members Absent:

A. Melton Strozier Jr., Ph.D.

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist

Assistant Attorney General:

Reagan Dean, AAG (via teleconference)

Guests:

Dr. Barbara Calhoun – GPA Liaison

Dr. Sauls, Chair, established that a quorum was present and declared the meeting open at 9:10 a.m. Board members assisted with the Oral Exams in Building B from 9:11 a.m. until 11:54 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented

GPA Liaison Report:

Dr. Calhoun inquired about the presentation to the House Study Committee regarding administrative procedures. Videos of the House Study Committee meetings, including the presentations by various Licensing Boards, are available online at:

<http://www.house.ga.gov/Committees/en-US/ProfessionalLicensingBoards.aspx>.

Dr. Calhoun reported that study was done in Pennsylvania that showed association non-members were more than three times more likely to receive complaints. She asked what information was available for GPA to compare membership with complaints. It was suggested that GPA could view Public Board Orders posted on the Licensing Boards website against their membership list.

Appearance:

- D. Smith – cancelled.

PLUS Program Discussion – ASPPB:

The Board established July 1, 2014 as the target date for implementation of the PLUS Program. This date is the first day of the 2015 State Fiscal Year and would allow time for notification of the application process changes to be disseminated to applicants, general public.

There was discussion on whether applicants complete documentation with ASPPB or the Board first. The Board members stated that they wanted the applicants to initiate the application process in the Board office followed by a referral to ASPPB for data collection on behalf of the Board.

Rules Discussion:

The Board is in the process of reviewing rules that will need to have changes to coincide with the use of the ASPPB PLUS (Professional Licensing Universal System) Program. The following rules are under review: Rule 510-2-.01 Application for Licensure, Rule 510-3-.01 Application Process: Forms, Fees and Deadlines, and Rule 510-3-.02 Qualifications of Applicants.

Correspondence:

- Butryn, M. – CEU Course Approval

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Coding and Billing Summit Education Course. None opposed, motion carried.

- Thomason, B. – Request for temporary license

The Board was presented the correspondence from B. Thomason.

Minutes: November 22, 2013

Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the November 22, 2013 meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List:

- Patton, Lauren – PSY003745

Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to approve the ratification of license PSY003745 administratively issued to Lauren Patton. None opposed, motion carried.

Petition(s) for Waiver/Variance:

- Copeland, Edna D. – 510-7-.02 and 510-8-.02
 - Recommendation: Approve
- Scheinfield, Rachel – 510-2-.04(1)
 - Recommendation: Pending receipt of additional information

Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations for Petitions of Waiver/Variance submitted as indicated above. None opposed, motion carried.

2014 Meeting Date Schedule:

January 24, 2014	8:30 a.m.
February 21, 2014	8:30 a.m.
March 21, 2014	8:30 a.m.
April 25, 2014	8:30 a.m.
May 23, 2014	8:30 a.m.
June 27, 2014	8:30 a.m.

July 25, 2014	8:30 a.m.
August 22, 2014	8:30 a.m.
September 26, 2014	8:30 a.m.
October 24, 2014	8:30 a.m.
November 21, 2014	8:30 a.m.
December 19, 2014	8:30 a.m.

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to accept the proposed meeting dates for calendar year 2014. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session:

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the 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, Campbell, Doverspike and Grammer.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, December 20, 2013, Dr. Sauls 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. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on Applications for Licensure by Examination and Endorsement. None opposed, motion carried.

Licensure by Examination:

S. D.
B. K.
C. R.
R. W.

Recommendations

Approved to sit for exams
Approved to sit for exams
Pending receipt of additional information
Approved to sit for exams

Licensure by Endorsement:

P. A.
E. F.
D. P.
J. R.
A. S.

Approved to sit for exams
Approved to sit for exams

Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on Oral Examinations. None opposed, motion carried.

Oral Examinations:

Bearss, Karen
Brown, Rashida
Burke, Ellinor

Approved for licensure
Approved for licensure
Approved for licensure

Davis, Lindsey	Approved for licensure
Heckman, Bernadette	Approved for licensure
Ioannou, Ioannis	Approved for licensure
E. J.	Pending oral exam
Kemer, Linda	Approved for licensure
Moore, Kristen	Approved for licensure
Rainey, Quaneecia	Approved for licensure
Sil, Soumitri	Approved for licensure
Smeenge, Susan Jean. Z.	Approved for licensure
Treankler, Arial	Approved for licensure

Assistant Attorney General's Report:

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

Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General's report as presented and to authorize the release of information obtained in case PSYC130037 to the Georgia Medicaid Fraud Unit. None opposed, motion carried.

Mrs. Grammer motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded and the Board voted for the Executive Director to sign by express permission of the Chair, and docket, any board orders received between meetings for cases PSYC130041, PSYC140002 and PSYC140012

Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to refer case PSYC140012 back to the Attorney General's Office; initial decision stands. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant/Enforcement Report: Dr. Meck updated the Board on the status of all open complaint cases.

Recommend Closure:

- PSYC090048, PSYC130012, PSYC130032, PSYC140009, PSYC140013, and PSYC140016

Previously closed cases-New information-Remain closed, No new action:

- PSYC120031 and PSYC130051

Other Discussion:

- PSYC130052, PSYC140002 and PSYC140015

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

Executive Session Minutes: November 22, 2013

Dr. Campbell motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes of the November 22, 2013 meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business, Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 2:12 p.m. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by:
Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist HC-1
Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC-1

DR. MARSHA B. SAULS, PH.D.
Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN
Executive Director Healthcare 1

These minutes were approved on: January 24, 2014