

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
Meeting Minutes – March 21, 2014**

The Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists met Friday, March 21, 2014, 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.
A. Melton Strozier Jr., Ph.D.
Judy Grammer, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist

Assistant Attorney General:

Reagan Dean, AAG

Dr. Sauls, Chair, established that a quorum was present and declared the meeting open at 8:51 a.m. Board members reviewed applications and assisted with the Oral Exams in Building B from 10:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented

Reappointment of Dr. Marsha Sauls:

The Board congratulated Dr. Marsha Sauls on her re-appointment to the Board. Dr. Sauls signed a new Oath of Office.

ASPPB Plus Program:

The Application Initiation Form was reviewed. Items of discussion regarding the form included:

- Adding a statement regarding the applicant being under the jurisdiction of the Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists upon submission of the Initiation Form.
- Re-wording question #3 of the background questions to read “Have you been subject to disciplinary action by any authority issuing a license in any jurisdiction?”
- Including a question regarding the physical presence of the applicant at the Educational Institution Graduate Program facility.

The form will be reviewed again at the April meeting.

Executive Session:

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the motion carried for the Board to enter into Executive Session at 9:12 a.m. 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, Strozier and Grammer.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, March 21, 2014, Dr. Sauls declared the meeting to be “open” at 9:52 a.m. 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.

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

Recommend for Closure:

- PSYC140002, PSYC140017, PSYC140018, PSYC140020, and PSYC140021

Pending Receipt of Additional Information:

- PSYC130052 and PSYC140022

Investigative Interviews conducted:

- PSYC140013 – Close with a letter of concern if conditions are met.
- PSYC140015 – Refer to investigations

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

Board Rules Discussion:

- 510-5-.08 Forensic Assessment

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(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 found in bad faith by the judge (see O.C.G.A. § 19-9-3). If found in bad faith by the judge the following is considered

by the Board in deciding whether or not a rule violation has occurred: 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; 43-1-15; 43-39-5; 43-39-6; and 43-39-13

Dr. Campbell motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the Board voted to refer the proposed amendments to rule 510-5-.08 to the Attorney General’s Office and to post upon receipt of a Memo of Statutory Authority for the minimum 30 day requirement. None Opposed, motion carried.

At its meeting on March 21, 2014, 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; 43-1-15; 43-39-5; 43-39-6; and 43-39-13.

Additionally, at its meeting March 21, 2014, 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; 43-1-15; 43-39-5; 43-39-6; and 43-39-13 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.

Executive Session:

Dr. Meck motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the motion carried for the Board to enter into Executive Session at 10:07 a.m. 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, Strozier and Grammer.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, March 21, 2014, Dr. Sauls declared the meeting to be “open” at 10:22 a.m. 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.

Attorney General’s Report:

A written status and activity report was provided for Board review.

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney’s General’s report. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Consent Agreement for Reinstatement for R. B., case PSYC140023 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Petition to Release Practice Restrictions (Private Consent Agreement)

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to approve the release of practice restrictions on J. V., case PSYC130041. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session:

Dr. Meck motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the motion carried for the Board to enter into Executive Session at 10:28 a.m. 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, Strozier and Grammer.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, March 21, 2014, Dr. Sauls declared the meeting to be “open” at 11:13 a.m. 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:

Application by Exam:

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| 1. J. H. | Approved to sit for exams |
| 2. O. M. | Approved to sit for exams |
| 3. N. P. | Approved pending receipt of additional information |
| 4. S. R. | Approved to sit for exams |
| 5. T. W. | Approved to sit for exams |

Application by Endorsement:

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| 1. S. C. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 2. P. G. | Pending receipt of additional information |
| 3. M. H. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 4. T. M. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 5. C. W. | Approved to sit for exam |

Application by Reinstatement:

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| 1. G. H. | Pending receipt of additional information |
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Post-Doctoral Contract:

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| 1. A. K. | Contract approved |
| 2. J. P. | Contract approved |
| 3. N. S. | Contract approved |
| 4. S. W. | Contract approved |

Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on applications by exam, endorsement, reinstatement and post-doctoral contracts. None opposed, motion carried.

Oral Examinations:

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| 1. Paziak, Ewa Halina | Approved for licensure |
| 2. Riddle, Janel | Approved for licensure |
| 3. Sharma, Leigh | Approved for licensure |
| 4. Slaughter, Christopher | Approved for licensure |
| 5. Straughn, Laura | Approved for licensure |

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on oral examinations. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session:

Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the motion carried for the Board to enter into Executive Session at 11:40 a.m. 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, Strozier and Grammer.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, March 21, 2014, Dr. Sauls declared the meeting to be "open" at 11:45 a.m. 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.

Executive Session Minutes:

Dr. Meck motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded and the Board voted to approve the February 21, 2014 Executive session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

GPA – Liaison Report: No report presented.

Petition(s) for Waiver or Variance:

- Giddens, James – 510-8-.01 (2)

Dr. Campbell motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Petition for Variance submitted by James Giddens. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Williams, M.: Post-Doc Supervision of Students
 - Refer to Board rule 510-2-.05 VIII(5)(a)(4).

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

Minutes:

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to approve the February 21, 2014 open session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List:

Psychologist

<i>License No.</i>	<i>Licensee</i>
PSY003765	Fogle, Emily Ann
PSY003766	Grange, Christina Michelle
PSY003767	Holtzman, Rochelle James
PSY003768	Hoskins, Laura Lee
PSY003769	Brooks, Christopher Michael

PSY003770 Tanner, Brandi L.

Temporary Psychologist

License No.	Licensee
PS-T000947	Partyka, David John
PS-T000948	Anderson, Elizabeth Louise

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application ratify list for applications administratively issued. None opposed, motion carried.

Appearance:

Dr. Joan Read, Director of Clinical Training of Fielding Graduate University appeared before the Board. Dr. Read presented information regarding the doctorate degree requirements in Clinical Psychology with suggested curriculum sequences and residency requirements for the Clinical Psychology program at Fielding.

At 12:05 p.m., a quorum of the Board was lost as Drs. Meck, Campbell and Doverspike were excused from the meeting due to other engagements. A sub-committee composed of Dr. Sauls, Dr. Strozier and Ms. Grammer remained.

Appearance:

Joan B. Read, Ph.D., Director of Clinical Training of Fielding Graduate University appeared before the sub-committee of the Board to discuss rule 510-2-.04(4)(a) regarding the requirement for residency being a continuous physical presence, in person, at the educational institution. Dr. Read provided information on the Fielding College Doctorate degree in Clinical Psychology with regards to degree requirements, suggested curriculum sequence and residency requirements. Dr. Read stated that the Fielding University program follows a different model than a traditional Psychology Doctorate degree program but does provide opportunities for faculty and students to meet face-to-face in a national session and regional weekend cluster meetings.

Dr. Sauls stated that she would present the information provided to the full Board at the April meeting. Dr. Sauls also asked Dr. Read if there was any way Fielding University could organize their program in a way that could help students seeking licensure in Georgia to meet the criteria for licensure in Georgia.

There being no further business, the sub-committee of the Board adjourn today's meeting at 1:30 p.m.

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: April 25, 2014