

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2014**

The Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists met Friday, April 25, 2014, at the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

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

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Chrissy Lewis, CCSI-LA

Assistant Attorney General:

Reagan Dean, AAG

Following the PLB office fire alarm being activated, and the evacuation of the building, Dr. Sauls, Chair, established that a quorum was present and declared the meeting open at 9:24 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented

Board Chair Report:

Dr. Sauls reported to the Board various discussion items from the recent ASPPB annual meeting attended by Board members Sauls, Meck, Campbell and Strozier. The discussion included the portability of licenses between states and how the competency of applicants is really measured to practice in the field of psychology in Georgia.

All licensed Board members will present information to the attendees of the upcoming Georgia Psychological Association meeting May 1st through the 4th. Topics to include, but not limited to, continuing education hours, lapsed licenses and the PLUS program to be implemented soon.

In addition, Dr. Sauls presented the Board with the following written plan regarding the Board and the facilitation of its meetings:

In discussion with Mr Zimmerman and the Psychology Board members, it has been decided that we will work together to increase the efficiency, accuracy, consistency of our licensing and disciplinary processes, as well as ensure that all board members are available to participate in all of the important functions of the board. Therefore as a board we would like to implement several processes for all future board meetings:

First, we will define some of the functions of the board that are necessary and important in the licensing process for Psychologists.

Oral exams are a significant and important step in the licensure of psychologists. It is therefore important for the integrity and continuity of the oral exam that only board members conduct or administer the oral exams.

Investigative interviews are also extremely important and it is imperative that at least two board members participate in those meetings. It is important for the person being interviewed to know that the decision making process that occurs regarding their case is a board collaborative decision made by psychologists. It is our goal to carry out board disciplinary quickly but with accuracy and consistency. Disciplinary decisions made between meetings of the board have at times resulted in some confusion so we will address procedures to streamline this process.

To address oral exams and investigative interviews we recommend the following procedures be incorporated:

1. Investigative interviews cannot be scheduled during the time oral exams are held.
2. The current process of requesting psychologists who are not on the board to conduct or administer the oral exams will be stopped. Oral exams are to be scheduled 3 per time slot every ½ hour from 9am to 11:30am. This allows for 18 time slots for exams. Exams should be scheduled with the 9:00am slot first, the 9:30am slot second and so on so that when the exams are over ALL board members are available to participate in the other important parts of the meeting. Only if there were over 18 oral exams scheduled for any meeting would we consider a non-Board member to assist with the oral exam administration.

With the Secretary of State's Office wanting board matters to proceed as expediently as possible, it will be helpful to define what decisions can be made between meetings with or without board input, and the decision trees acceptable to use to make those decisions. This is important because some seemingly simple decisions, especially in the area of discipline, may be complicated or become complicated or even compromised if begun in a confusing or inappropriate way. As a board, we will, as soon as possible, develop and put in place a list of procedures, disciplinary or otherwise, the board would want to be begun or decided between meetings and a formula to use to carry them out.

With the implementing of these procedures the board will then be able to look forward to more efficiency with a streamlined meeting and between meeting operation that will reduce confusion while also creating a meeting where ALL members are available at the same time to attend to all board matters.

Executive Session:

Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the motion carried for the Board to enter into Executive Session at 10:33 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, Meck, Doverspike, Strozier and Grammer.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, April 25, 2014, Dr. Sauls declared the meeting to be “open” at 12:30 p.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/Complaint/Enforcement Report:

Recommend for Closure:

- PSYC120065, PSYC140013, PSYC140025 and PSYC140026

Pending Receipt of Additional Information:

- PSYC130033, PSYC130052, PSYC140022 and PSYC140024

Investigative Interviews to be Scheduled:

- PSYC140015 – May 23, 2014 @ 1:00 p.m.
- PSYC140018 – May 23, 2014 @ 1:30 p.m.

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

Attorney General’s Report: A written status and activity report was provided for Board review.

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted to accept the public Board Order for Dr. Spencer Gelernter as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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

GPA – Liaison Report: Dr. Barbara Calhoon

- Reminded Board of upcoming GPA Annual Meeting May 1-4, 2014
- The GPA Executive Director, Kathy Garland, has resigned her position
- GPA is moving into new office space: 13 Corporate Blvd., NE Suite 220, Atlanta, GA 30329

Executive Session:

Dr. Meck motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the motion carried for the Board to enter into Executive Session at 1:06 p.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, Meck, Doverspike, Strozier and Grammer.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, April 25, 2014, Dr. Sauls declared the meeting to be “open” at 2:37 p.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.

Petition to Release Practice Restrictions (Private Consent Agreement)

Dr. Strozier motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the Board voted to approve the release of practice restrictions on D.M. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Strozier motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded and the Board voted J.V. had complied with the terms and conditions of the private order and that the order is terminated. None opposed, motion carried.

Applications:

NAME	TYPE	BOARD'S DECISION
1. R.C.	Exam	Approved to sit exams
2. A.C.	Exam	Pending
3. M.G.	Exam	Pending
4. A.M.	Exam	Approved to sit exams
5. M.M.	Exam	Approved to sit exams
6. S.P.	Exam	Approved to sit exams
7. B.R.	Exam	Pending
8. J.S.	Exam	Approved to sit exams
9. J.T.	Exam	Approved to sit exams
10. J.T.	Exam	Approved to sit exams
11. A.V.	Exam	Approved to sit exams
12. T.A.	Endorsement	Approved to sit exams
13. T.B-M	Endorsement	Approved to sit exams
14. R.B.	Endorsement	Approved to sit exams
15. J.B.	Endorsement	Approved to sit exams
16. R.K.III	Endorsement	Approved to sit exams
17. A.L.	Endorsement	Denied- non-APA school
18. D.M.	Endorsement	Approved to sit exams
19. M.M.	Endorsement	Approved to sit exams
20. E.P.	Endorsement	Approved to sit exams
21. B.R.	Endorsement	Approved to sit exams
22. D.T.	Contract Approval	Approved
23. S.J.	2 nd Board review-Exam	Pending –further review

Dr. Strozier motioned, Dr. Doverspike 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:

ORAL EXAMS		
Anderson, Elisabeth		Issue license
Barrow, Arlene		Issue license
Boykin, Evelyn		Issue license
Gantt, LaKeisha		Issue license
Lamis, Dorian		Issue license
Lewis, Kelly		Issue license
Lundy, Heather		Issue license
Nesbitt, Jacki		Issue license
S.S.		Passed-pending Form G
Spooner, Lauren		Issue license

Watts, Robin		Issue license
Weissglass, Cortney		Issue license

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

Executive Session Minutes:

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

Correspondence:

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

Minutes:

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

There being no further business, Dr. Doverspike motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded and the Board voted to adjourn today’s meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Minutes recorded, reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC-1

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

BRIG ZIMMERMAN
Executive Director Healthcare 1

These minutes were approved on: May 23, 2014