

GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
Meeting Minutes –November 20, 2015

The Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists met Friday, November 20, 2015, at the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Members Present:

Linda F. Campbell, Ph.D – Vice-Chair
William F. Doverspike, Ph.D
Melton Strozier Jr., Ph.D.
Judy Grammer, Consumer Member

Absent:

Marsha B. Sauls, Ph.D., Chair
Donald S. Meck, Ph.D

Administrative Staff Present:

Mary Katherine Lindsey, BSS
Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Assistant Attorney General:

David Stubins, AAG (By Teleconference*)

Dr. Campbell, Vice- Chair, established that a quorum was present and declared the meeting open at 8:40 a.m.

**Announcement: Mr. David Stubins, AAG, is available to the Board today by teleconference, if needed, in place of Reagan Dean, Senior AAG, who is unavailable.*

Agenda: Approved as presented.

Executive Session:

Ms. Grammer motioned, Dr. Doverspike 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 administer the Board Oral Exams, review the prior meeting executive session minutes and deliberate on applications. Voting in favor of the motion were Campbell, Strozier, Grammer, and Doverspike.

Board Administered Oral Exams:

Recommendation:

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| • P. B. | Passed; issue license |
| • J. C. | Passed; issue license |
| • E. E. | Passed; issue license |
| • L. H. | Passed; issue license |
| • L. I. | Passed; issue license |
| • H. R. | Passed; issue license |
| • R. S. | Passed; issue license |
| • E. S. | Pending |
| • M. W. | Passed; issue license |

Applications:

Recommendation:

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| • L.H. | Approved to sit for exam |
| • B.L. | Approved to sit for exam |
| • T.S. | Approved to sit for exam |

- J.S. Approved to sit for exam
- J.P. Approved to sit for exam
- S.M. Approved to sit for exam

Executive Session Minutes:

Recommendation:

- October 23, 2015 Recommend approved as presented

At the conclusion of mornings Executive Session on Friday, November 20, 2015, Dr. Campbell 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.

Minutes:

- October 23, 2015

Dr. Strozier motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 23, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Petition for Waiver/Variance:

- Black, K. Rule 510-8-.02(b)

Dr. Strozier motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to deny the Petition for Rule Waiver for K. Black as recommended. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

Lesack, R. PSY003507, Inactive Request to practice in Georgia via telephone

Georgia license must be reinstated in order to practice in Georgia; not eligible for Permission for Limited Practice or a Temporary license. This had already been conveyed to the licensee, no further response required.

GPA Liaison Report:

Dr. Michael Rose gave the GPA association update.

- The Board provided Dr. Rose a letter of support signed by Board members for the proposed HB 395 to be introduced again during the upcoming 2016 legislative session.
- GPA received a grant of \$10 K from the APA for the proposed legislation, HB 395.

The Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists is requesting the **CLARIFICATION** of the existing Georgia Law requiring the use of psychological testing to be reserved to the practice of psychology for the following reasons.

- **Clarifying psychological testing in the Georgia Psychology Law** will enhance the ability of the Board to clarify the scope of practice to protect the public from unlicensed practice of psychology and assures that psychological testing is provided only by psychologists and physicians who have been trained appropriately.
 - **The Board needs this to be done in order to eliminate cost to the State of Georgia by reducing the administrative costs to the board and eliminate many of the court cases we have to engage in to continually define and clarify the use of psychological testing.**
- **Only licensed psychologists and physicians are deemed qualified under the Social Security Act** to administer and interpret *psychological tests* and *neuropsychological tests* independently (without supervision) for the purpose of diagnosing mental illness.
- **Medicare Part B and TRICARE provides coverage for psychological and neuropsychological tests only if administered or supervised by a licensed psychologist or physician.**
- **No other mental health professionals are authorized to utilize psychological testing as a diagnostic procedure under the Social Security Act.** Insurance reimbursement codes point out the established scope of practice with regard to psychological testing for psychologists: CPT code 96101: Psychological Testing (Psychologist or Physician) and CPT Code 96118: Neuropsychological Testing (Psychologist or Physician).
- Both psychological and neuropsychological tests are recognized as diagnostic procedures under the Social Security Act (see 1861 (s) (3)) and **payment is authorized under the Social Security Act (see 1842 (b)(2)(A)) when performed by either a licensed psychologist or physician.**
- **To make Georgia Law consistent with other State and Provincial Licensing Boards with regard to scope of practice for licensed psychologists to increase mobility and ease of licensure.**
 - The Association of State & Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) is a Nonprofit Corporation that serves as the primary source for the most current and accurate information about the regulation of psychologists for Psychology licensing boards. The Georgia Board is a member of this organization.
 - The ASPPB Model Act includes the following: **"The practice of psychology includes *psychological testing* and the evaluation or assessment of personal characteristics, such as intelligence, personality, cognitive, physical, and/or emotional abilities, skills, interests, aptitudes and neuropsychological functioning."**

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Application Ratify List- October 20- November 19, 2015:

License Number	Licensee	Profession
PSY003952	Bell, Christopher Michael	Psychology
PSY003953	Boston, Willa Lizzett	Psychology
PSY003954	Camp, Janet Liane	Psychology
PSY003955	Claiborne, Candice Nicole	Psychology
PSY003956	Cummings, Courtney Elyse	Psychology
PSY003957	Hoffman, Stacy Jo	Psychology
PSY003958	Mocco, Colleen	Psychology
PSY003959	Ngumba-Gatabaki, Eunice Wanjiru	Psychology
PSY003960	Petrova, Elena	Psychology
PSY003961	Allwood, Steven Vernon	Psychology
PSY003962	Sims, Marcuetta	Psychology

Dr. Strozier motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Application Ratify List as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Strozier motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on oral examination candidates. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Strozier motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations on all applications by exam, endorsement, and reinstatement. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded and the Board voted to approve the October 23, 2015 Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business, Dr. Strozier motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 12:31 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Mary Katherine Lindsey, BSS

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, ED

DR. MARSHA B. SAULS, Ph.D.

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Chair

Executive Director Healthcare 1

These minutes were approved on: **December 18, 2015**