

GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
Board Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2016

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists met Friday, October 28, 2016, 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
William F. Doverspike, Ph.D.
Melton Strozier Jr., Ph.D.
Donald S. Meck, Ph.D.
Judy Grammer, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Linsey Brookins, Board Support Specialist

Assistant Attorney General:

Reagan Dean, AAG (Via telephone)

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. Strozier 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, receive the AAG and Cognizant (complaints) reports, conduct investigative interviews, review the prior meeting executive session minutes and deliberate on applications. Voting in favor of the motion were Sauls, Campbell, Meck, Strozier, Grammer, and Doverspike.

At the conclusion of the mornings Executive Session on October 28, 2016, 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.

Board Administered Oral Exams:

- A.A.
- K.B.
- M.J.
- J.J.
- C.M.

Recommendation:

Passed; issue license
Passed; issue license
Passed; issue license
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Passed; issue license

Full Board Administered Oral Exam:

- Z.F.

Recommendation:

Passed; issue license

Dr. Strozier motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations on all oral examination candidates. None opposed, motion carried.

Applications:

- K.B.
- T.H.
- K.H.
- J.M.
- B.M.
- J.R.
- T.S.

Recommendation:

Approve to begin exams
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Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations on all applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant/Complaints Report:

- **Recommend for Closure: No additional action required:**
PSYC160044, PSYC160050, PSYC160052, PSYC160053, PSYC160054, PSYC170006, and PSYC170015
- **Recommend Pending receipt of additional information:**
PSYC140022, PSYC160046, PSYC160051, PSYC170011, PSYC170013, PSYC170014
- **Recommend to refer to AG's Office:**
None
- **Recommend Referral to Investigations:**
PSYC170008
- **Recommend for Interview:**
None

Investigative Interviews Conducted:

- PSYC160046
- PSYC160051

Recommendation:

Pending receipt of additional information
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Dr. Strozier motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations of the Cognizant on all complaints presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Attorney General's Report:

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

Board Orders:

- J.W.

Recommendation:

Accept signed Board Consent Order; ED to sign by express permission of Board President, submitting for docketing and mail out.

Dr. Meck motioned, Dr. Strozier seconded, and the Board voted to accept the signed C.O. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Appearances:

- G. Miller
- A. Touam

Recommendation:

Release Probation status
Cancelled Appearance

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation to release the license probation status of G. Miller imposed by his Public Board Order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Meeting Executive Session Minutes:

- September 23, 2016
- October 12, 2016 C.C.
- October 17, 2016 C.C.

Recommendation:

Accept as presented
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Dr. Campbell motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded and the Board voted to approve the September 23, 2016 Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Strozier motioned, Dr. Meck seconded and the Board voted to approve the October 12, 2016 Conference Call Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Meck motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded and the Board voted to approve the October 17, 2016 Conference Call Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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Dr. Strozier motioned, Dr. Meck seconded and the Board voted to approve the September 23, 2016 Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Campbell motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded and the Board voted to approve the October 12, 2016 conference call Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Campebell motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded and the Board voted to approve the October 17, 2016 conference call Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Schroeder, I. – RE CE Hours Countable

Board Response: It is the Board's opinion that it is reasonable to conclude that each Peer Group Consultation session could have a duration of between one and two hours (which could include one-and-one-half hour sessions), as long as one has a minimum of 10 CE credits from this area and a maximum of 20 CE credits from this area.

- Soety, E. – Supervision of Licensee/Psychological Testing (This item was a late agenda item added by Board members for discussion)

Board Response: Board members Meck and Doverspike to draft a response referring individual to the laws and rules of the Board, in addition to the laws and rules of the Georgia Composite Board. Draft to be sent to Executive Director Zimmerman for dissemination.

GPA Liaison Report:

- Dr. Michael Rose provided the Board with GPA updates.
- Michael Johns, President of GPA, requested to meet with the Board during a future scheduled meeting date – Executive Director to arrange, contact Dr. Johns.

Board Rules Discussion: (Ongoing Discussion)

- 510-9-.01 Temporary License
- 510-9-.04 License for Volunteer Service

(The Board continued to table discussion of the above referenced rules to a future meeting date)

Application Ratify List:

Issue Date: 9/23/16 – 10/26/16

PS-T001000	Ericka Stephanie Stricklin-Parker	Psychology
PS-T001001	Anna Monica Agoston	Psychology
PSY004047	David Vincent Abbott	Psychology
PSY004048	Wanda Jane Collins	Psychology
PSY004049	Madeline Nissa Altabe	Psychology
PSY004050	Amy Lee Gambow	Psychology
PSY004051	Sandra Moore Goulding	Psychology
PSY004052	Mercedes Marie Kamerman	Psychology
PSY004053	Amanda Marie Perkins	Psychology
PSY004054	Katherine Reggie Werner	Psychology

Dr. Strozier motioned, Dr. Meck seconded, and the Board voted to approve the ratification list as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

The Board met by Conference Call on October 12, 2016 and again October 17, 2016 to prepare a response to a Petition to appeal a Board rule. The following correspondence was sent in response to the Petition filed:

October 18, 2016

Peter D. Coffman, Esquire
J.A. Schneider, Esquire
Thompson Hine, LLP
Two Alliance Center
3560 Lenox Road NE, Ste. 1600
Atlanta, Georgia 30326

RE: Fielding Graduate University's Petition for Repeal of the Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists Rule 510-2-.04(4)(a)

Dear Mr. Coffman, Mr. Schneider,

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists denied the petition request filed for the repeal of Board rule 510-2-.04(4)(a). The rationale for the Board requirement of a one-year residency is that it has been

shown by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) to be an essential component in meeting the standards of training for practicing psychologists. Outcome data on individual and program performance has shown that the one-year residency experience is essential to maintenance of the standard of training for psychologists.

ASPPB is the alliance of state, territorial and provincial agencies responsible for the licensure and certification of psychologists throughout the United States and Canada. The psychology boards of all fifty states of the United States and District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam and all ten provinces of Canada are members of ASPPB. The Mission of ASPPB is to support its member jurisdictions in fulfilling their goal of advancing public protection by:

1. Offering exemplary examination and credentialing programs; and,
2. Providing state of the art programs and services to all our stakeholders; and,
3. Serving as the source for the most current and accurate information about the regulation of psychologists; and,
4. Contributing to the critical consumer protection perspective in the ongoing development of the profession.

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists has integrated into its rules and regulations the educational requirements outlined in the ASPPB Model Act for Psychologists, which includes the minimal standards required by The American Psychological Association Commission on Accreditation and the residency requirements as outlined in the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) laws and rules.

Of significance to the request to eliminate our rule is ASPPB's adopted educational requirements for licensure: "an applicant for licensure as a psychologist must possess a doctoral degree from a psychology training program, as defined in this act and the rules and regulations of this board. The doctoral program may include distance education, but a minimum of one continuous year (as defined in the rules and regulations of this board) of the program shall consist of a residency. Programs that use physical presence (as defined in the rules and regulations of this board), including face-to-face contact for durations of less than one continuous year (e.g. multiple long weekends and/or summer intensive sessions) or that use video conferencing or other electronic means as a substitute for physical presence at the institution in order to meet the residency requirement are deemed not to be acceptable for licensure."

In addition, we are one of 44 states and provinces that accept the ASPPB Certificate of Professional Qualification in Psychology (CPQ) for mobility purposes. The CPQ is based upon standards established by the ASPPB Mobility Committee and endorsed by the ASPPB Board of Directors. The CPQ is a means by which a doctoral level licensed psychologists can easily demonstrate to another psychology board (one that has not licensed them originally) that he or she has met ASPPB recommended standards for licensure which include specific requirements relative to his or her educational background, supervised experience, and performance on the EPPP (required examination for all licensees in all states).

Residency at the education institution is required and defined as follows: "Residency means physical presence, in person, at an educational institution or training facility in a manner that facilitates acculturation in the profession, the full participation and integration of the individual in the educational, and training experience and includes faculty and student interaction.

Training models that rely exclusively on physical presence for periods of less than one continuous year (e.g., multiple long weekends and/or summer intensive sessions), or that use video teleconferencing or other electronic means as a substitute for any part of the minimum requirement for physical presence at the institution are not acceptable as applied to the Mobility Program requirements.” Thus, if the board does not require residency as defined by ASPPB, many of our licensees will be denied mobility because the lack of residency will make them ineligible for the CPQ.

In summary, requiring a residency is not to restrict, but rather to increase mobility for our licensees and licensees in other states wanting to come into the state of Georgia. All public and private institutions, as well as out of state institutions with campuses located in Georgia, meet the residency requirements.

In being appointed members of the Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists, our duty is to protect Georgia’s citizens and to make decisions that are in the best interests of people in Georgia, and not to protect the interests of a particular school or organizational entity.

Sincerely,

THE GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

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There being no further business, Dr. Strozier motioned, Ms. Grammer seconded and the Board voted to adjourn today’s meeting at 2:36 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Brookins, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

MARSHA B. SAULS, Ph.D.

Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director Healthcare 1

These minutes were approved on: **November 18, 2016**