

GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Board Meeting Minutes * February 21, 2020

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists met Friday, February 21, 2020, at the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Members Present:

Marsha B. Sauls, Ph.D. – President
Linda F. Campbell, Ph.D. – Vice-President*
Scott C. Smith, Psy.D.
William F. Doverspike, Ph.D.
Emily Burton, Ph.D.

Members Absent/Vacant Seats:

Consumer Member (Vacant Seat)

* via teleconference

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Assistant Attorney General:

Betsy Cohen, Esq., A.A.G

Dr. Marsha Sauls, President, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Agenda: Approve as presented

Visitors Present: (Open Session)

Michael Rose, PhD., GPA Liaison
Anita Brown, PhD. Director of Professional Affairs, GPA
Peter Coffman, Esq., Fielding University

Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Smith seconded, and the Board voted 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 conduct oral exams, receive the Cognizant (complaint) reports, review the prior meetings executive session minutes and review/deliberate on applications. Voting in favor were Board members Sauls, Campbell, Doverspike, Smith and Burton.

At the conclusion of the mornings first Executive Session on February 21, 2020, Dr. Sauls declared the meeting “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No Board votes obtained during Executive Session.

Board Administered Oral Exams:

- S.C.
- C.M.
- E.W.
- E.A.
- E.V L.
- L.W.
- K.B.

Recommendation:

Pass; Issue License
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Pass; Issue License
Pass; Pending
Pass; Issue License
Pass; Issue License
Pass; Issue License

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

Applications:

- M.B.
- R.H.
- S.C.
- S.J.
- S.F.
- N.C.
- R.P.
- A.R.
- L.L.

Recommendation:

Approved-Begin Exams
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Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information

Dr. Campbell motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to refer S.J. to the AG’s office for a Board Order for reinstatement as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Campbell motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations on all applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant – Complaint Report/Recommendations:

➤ **Investigative Interviews Conducted:**

PSYC200011 – No Show 11:00 a.m.
PSYC200032 11:30 a.m.

GPA Liaison Report:

Dr. Michael Rose and Dr. Anita Brown provided updates on GPA to the Board.

Fielding University – Mr. Peter Coffman, Esq.

Mr. Coffman attended the meeting to see if the Board had any questions regarding a correspondence he had submitted to Director Zimmerman late last evening before today’s scheduled meeting, which the Board had not had time to review. The Board explained they would review the information he provided in conjunction with a review of the applications.

Dr. Smith motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to again 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 continue to discuss the Cognizant (Complaints) reports, AG’s report, executive session minutes. Voting in favor were Board members Sauls, Campbell, Doverspike, Smith and Burton.

At the conclusion of the afternoon Executive Session on February 21, 2020, Dr. Sauls declared the meeting “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No Board votes obtained during Executive Session.

Cognizant – Complaint Report/Recommendations (Cont.):

➤ **Recommend Closure:**

PSYC200008, PSYC200011, PSYC200017, PSYC200024, PSYC200030, PSYC200036

➤ **Recommend Referral to Investigations:**

PSYC200033 and PSYC200034

➤ **Recommend Investigative Interview:**

PSYC150003 & 150006, PSY190057, PSYC200032, PSYC200038

- **Pending Additional Information:**
PSYC150008, PSYC200033, PSYC200039, PSYC200040, PSYC200041, PSYC200042
- **Recommend Referral to AG's Office:**
PSYC200022

Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to approve all the recommendations of the Cognizant as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Attorney General's Report:

Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General, sitting in the Bryon Thernes, provided a status report, which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and /or requests for authority for proposed rules.

D.R. – Accept Signed Consent Order upon Receipt

Dr. Campbell motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to accept the signed Consent Order for D.R. upon receipt and in addition for the Boards Executive Director to sign the signed Consent Order received between meetings by express permission and to submit for docketing. None opposed; motion carried.

Dr. Campbell motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Assistant Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Meeting Minutes:

- January 24, 2020

Recommendation:

Approve as Presented

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to approve the January 24, 2020 Board executive session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Meeting Minutes:

- January 24, 2020

Recommendation:

Approve as Presented

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to approve the January 24, 2020 Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- R. Allen - RE Internship – *Refer to Board Rule 510-2-.05 (Internship and Postdoctoral Supervised Work Experience).*
- Dream - Teach Out Agreement The Chicago School of Professional Psychology – *Board Information Only*
- K Stanek - RE CE for Renewal – *Refer to Board Rules 510-8-.02 (Types of Continuing Education)*
- ASPPB - Questions RE CPQ Program - *The Georgia Board does not support "no equivalency standard regarding degree program, courses or residency. "The Georgia Board does support the requirement that a CPQ applicant's doctoral degree be from a program that was American Psychological Association (APA)/Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) accredited or Joint Designated at the time the degree was conferred, and the meeting of equivalency standards regarding degree program, courses, and residency.*

- GPA Upcoming Events – Gayle Spears – *Board Information Only*

Dr. Smith motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations on all correspondence as presented, and for administrative staff to respond accordingly. None opposed, motion carried.

Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:

- D. Lewis – Rule 510-2-.04 Education

Recommendation:

Grant

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Smith seconded and the Board voted grant the petition for D. Lewis as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 1/24/2020 - 2/20/2020

License No.	Licensee	Profession Name
PS-T001069	Geeta Kalkunte Aatre-Prashar	Psychology
PS-T001070	Matthew Joseph Breiding	Psychology
PS-T001071	Kayla Carrigan Balcom	Psychology
PSY004364	Alexis Constantin Pavlov	Psychology
PSY004365	Katie Anne Rider Munday	Psychology
PSY004366	Bethany L Griggs	Psychology
PSY004367	Dia Brannen Boutwell	Psychology
PSY004368	Myralys Calaf	Psychology
PSY004369	Alaina Samples Conner	Psychology
PSY004370	Geeta Kalkunte Aatre-Prashar	Psychology
PSY004371	Elie Natan Cohen	Psychology
PSY004372	April Erwin Nesin	Psychology
PSY004373	Rebecca Beth Leslie	Psychology
PSY004374	Alynda Mae Randolph	Psychology

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

There being no further business for discussion, Dr. Smith motioned, Dr. Burton seconded and the meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

MARSHA SAULS, Ph.D.

President

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director Healthcare 1

Minutes approved on: **March 27, 2020**