GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS Board Meeting Minutes * March 27, 2020

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists met via teleconference Friday, March 27, 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)

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Assistant Attorney General:

Bryon Thernes, 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)

JoAnn Macke, Ph.D.
Steven Weinstein, Ph.D.
Kate Warner, Emory University
Gayle Spears, Executive Director, GPA
Sara Florence, Ph.D.

Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Doverspike 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 March 27, 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.

Applications:

B.J. L.S. D.K. K.M. S.P. H.O. C.E. J.F. M.M. A.L.

Recommendation:

Approved-Begin Exams

•	R.S.	Approved-Begin Exams
•	C.M.	Approved-Begin Exams
•	C.S.	Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
•	A.B.	Approved-Begin Exams
•	D.G.	Approved-Begin Exams
•	S.S.	Approved-Begin Exams
•	K.C.	Approved-Begin Exams
•	L.G.	Approved-Begin Exams
•	M.B.	Approved-Begin Exams
•	C.C.	Approved-Begin Exams

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

<u>Cognizant – Complaint Report/Recommendations;</u>

Pending Additional Information:

PSYC200043

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

Attorney General's Report:

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

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: Recommendation:

• February 21, 2020 Approve as Presented

Dr. Campbell motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to approve the February 21, 2020 Board executive session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Meeting Minutes:

Recommendation:

February 21, 2020 Approve as Presented
 March 20, 2020 Conference Call Approve as Presented

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to approve the February 21, 2020 and march 20, 2020 Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Misc. Discussion Items:

- Psychology Board Guidance Statement- Final Version Board Discussion Only
- Emergency Rule Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, the Board discussed and created an emergency rule that outlines the waiving of in-person requirements for supervision for practicum students, interns or post-doctoral fellows. The Board scheduled an additional conference call for Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. to adopt the proposed rule and send it to the Governor's office for approval.

• Oral Exams – The Board agreed to conduct future Oral Exams via video conference (ZOOM) for the duration of the State of Emergency only. Dr. Campbell was designated by the Board to administer these Oral Exams for the Board between meetings, the results to be voted on during the upcoming meetings.

Correspondence:

- JoAnna Max RE CE's Response formerly provided
- GPAGS Questions Refer to Emergency Rule Change
- New HHS Guidance Board Information Only
- Letter to Governors *Board Information Only*
- GPA Temporary Change to CE Rules Response formerly provided

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Smith 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:

Recommendation:

• M. Collins – Rule 510-8-.01

Grant

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

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 2/21/2020 - 3/24/2020

license No	Licensee	Profession name
PS-T001072	Daniel Tomas Pardo	Psychology
PSY004375	Kathryn Guy Birch	Psychology
PSY004376	Stacy Lynn Carmichael	Psychology
PSY004377	Christine Elizabeth Mason	Psychology
PSY004378	Eckart Werther	Psychology
PSY004379	Liza Amanda Weber	Psychology
PSY004380	Eduardo Octavio Vargas Lora	Psychology

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

GPA Liaison Report:

Dr. Gayle Spears, Executive Director of GPA, provided updates on GPA to the Board.

There being no further business for discussion, Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded and the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

MARSHA SAULS, Ph.D. BRIG ZIMMERMAN

President Executive Director Healthcare 1

Minutes approved on: April 24, 2020