

GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes * June 25, 2021

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists met via teleconference/ZOOM Friday, June 25, 2021. The Board's Executive Director hosted the meeting from 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.
George Bratcher, Consumer Member

Assistant Attorney General:

Raegan Dean, Esq., AAG
Tate Crymes, Intern

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist
Amanda Allen, Licensing Supervisor

Visitors Present: (Open Session)

Gayle Spears, Executive Director, GPA
Michael Rose, GPA Liaison
Becky Beaton-York, Ethics Chair, GPA
678-438-2616, Visitor

Dr. Marsha Sauls, President, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m.

Agenda: Approve as presented with no addition items

GPA Liaison Report:

Dr. Gayle Spears, Executive Director, provided updates on the GPA activities to the Board. The update included that Dr. Michael Rose will be stepping down as the GPA liaison for the Board. The Board would like to recognize Dr. Rose for all his hard work and diligence of serving as the GPA liaison for the Board for 6 wonderful years.

Meeting Minutes:

- May 21, 2021 C.C./Zoom Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Dr. Campbell motioned, Dr. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to approve the May 21, 2021 Conference Call/Zoom Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Misc. Discussion Items:

- **New EPPP Exam Part II Update – B. Zimmerman:** Currently, 12 individuals have taken Part II of the EPPP exam in Georgia, which included 4 passing scores and 8 failing scores. Those failing the new Part II during this “beta” phase of testing will be offered a re-take of the exam at no charge. The minimum passing score for Part II of the exam is 500, same for Part I.
 - Applicants for licensure by Endorsement that have taken and passed the original EPPP (Part I) for their current licensure on or before October 31, 2020, will not be required by the GA Board to take and pass the new Part II for licensure in Georgia.
 - Those licensed in other states or jurisdictions on or after November 1, 2020 that do not require part II of the EPPP exam for licensure, will be required to take and pass Part II of the EPPP exam in order to be considered for licensure in Georgia.

Correspondence:

- **K. Phillips** – RE Supervision by NON-GA Board License – *Pending additional information.*
- **Governor Kemp** – Exec. Order - State of Emergency **06.22.21.01** – The State of Emergency enacted by Executive Order 04.08.20.05 will expire on Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 12:00 A.M.
The Board’s Emergency Rule, 510-2-0.1-.05 In Person Supervision of Practicum Students, Interns or Post-Doctoral Fellows will remain in effect for 120 days, set to expire October 28, 2021.
Governor Kemp – Executive Order **06.22.21.02** – *The Executive Order 05.28.21.02 Empowering a Health Georgia will also expire on Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 12:00 A.M.*
The Board Guidance Statement – Continuing Education Hours: *This is a guidance statement put out by the Board, it is not an emergency rule approved by the Governor. The Boards practice act gives the Board authority to enact such guidelines. The current guidance statement provided by the Board will continue to be in effect to allow online CE hours to be accepted by the Board until December 31, 2021. After such date, CE hours will be subject to all requirements of Board rule 510-8 Continuing Education Requirements.*
- **C. Bradley** – RE CE Rule Clarification – *Peer Group Consultation (Board Rule 510-8-.02(3)(b)) does not have to be an American Psychological Association Approved Sponsor of Continuing Education.*
- **K. Berto** – RE Supervision - *Supervision can be provided by psychologist who holds an active and clear license in the jurisdiction in which the supervised work experience is being supervised and in which the supervision is taking place. The post-doctoral supervisor who is supervising the work for which services are being billed is the person who is providing the supervision. Bills to third party payers should accurately identify the person who is providing the service and the person who is providing the supervision of the services, although this requirement may also be further defined by the contract that the post-doctoral supervisor has with third party managed care organizations (see Rule 510-4-.02 (6)(f))*
- **M. Marti** – RE Telehealth Across State Lines – *The Board is not authorized to provide legal advise and recommend seeking your own legal counsel for further guidance, along with your liability insurance company.*
- **Dr. Paziak** – RE Practicing Telehealth to GA clients while in another state - *Pursuant to Rule 510.5-07 (2), it is correct that a Georgia licensed psychologist does not have to be physically in Georgia to conduct a telehealth therapy session. Although the Georgia Board cannot comment on another jurisdiction’s laws, rules, or regulations, a psychologist holding an active and clear Georgia license may provide services to clients in Georgia. See Rule 510-5-.07 (2) (Practicing via Electronic Transmission), which “applies to both psychologists who are licensed in Georgia and to other psychologists residing elsewhere who are providing psychological services to clients/patient in Georgia.”*

Dr. Campbell 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.

Board Rules Discussion:

- 510-8 CE Requirements
- 510-5-.02 Definitions
- 510-2-.05 Internship and Postdoctoral Supervised Work Experience
- 510-10-.01 Individuals

Following a brief discussion of the proposed rule changes, the Board tabled any further discussion until their next scheduled meeting, July 30, 2021. ED Zimmerman will e-mail copies of the proposed rule changes to the members and post any feedback from members he receives.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 5/21/2021 - 6/25/2021

license No	Licensee	Profession
PS-T001085	Tracy Dawn Guiou	Psychology
PSY004496	Vanessa Dominique Watorek	Psychology
PSY004497	Mitchell R Slutzky	Psychology
PSY004498	Derek Chakos	Psychology
PSY004499	Julie Anne Gersch	Psychology
PSY004500	Gail Nia Kemp	Psychology
PSY004501	Sherri Christine Skibinski	Psychology
PSY004502	Benjamin J. Edner	Psychology

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

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

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on June 25, 2021, 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.

Attorney General’s Report: Raegan Dean, Esq., AAG

A status report was provided for Board review and discussion of the current cases open in the AG’s office.

Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendation for M.B. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations for J.S. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Cognizant – Complaint Report/Recommendations:

Recommend Closure: PSYC210029, PSYC210038, PSYC210040, PSYC210043 and PSYC210046

Referrals to Investigations - Pending: PSYC190054, PSYC210034, PSYC210035, PSYC210037, PSYC210041

Recommend Refer to AG’s Office: PSYC190011

Recommend Pending Receipt of Additional Information: PSYC190054, PSYC200010/PSYC200029 (Companion Cases), PSYC210007, PSYC210016, PSYC210028, PSYC210031, PSYC210039, PSYC210042, PSYC210047

Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to refer PSYC190011 to the AG's office. None opposed, one recusal, W. Doverspike, motion carried.

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

Applications:

- H.L.
- E.J.Y.
- T.P.
- J.L.
- J.G.
- K.P.
- K.R.
- S.J.
- J.D.

Recommendation:

Tabled, Pending receipt of additional information
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Approve to sit for exam
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Mr. Bratcher motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations on all applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Administered Oral Exams:

- M.S.
- K.H.
- S.J.
- K.A.
- M.M.
- C.H.
- S.J.

Recommendation:

Pass; Pending Form G
Pass; Pending Form G
Pass; Issue License
Pass; Issue License
Pass; Pending Form G
Pass; Pending Form G
Pass; Pending additional review/information

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

PLB Legal Section – ADA Accommodation Requests:

- June Memo

Recommendation:

Approve

Dr. Smith motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to approve the ratification of the PLB Legal Section Accommodations as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Meeting Minutes:

- May 21, 2021 C.C./ZOOM Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as Presented

Dr. Campbell motioned, Mr. Bratcher seconded, and the Board voted to approve the May 21, 2021 Conference Call/ZOOM Board executive session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business for discussion, Dr. Smith motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 4:33 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 **July 30, 2021**