

GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes * August 27, 2021

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists met via teleconference/ZOOM Friday, August 27, 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:

Betsy Cohen, AAG

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Visitors Present: (Open Session)

Gayle Spears, Executive Director, GPA
Daniel Rogers, GPA
Anita Brown, Ph.D., GPA, DPA
Tara Pasha, Visitor
Rob Remar, Attorney
Ana Adelstein, Visitor

Dr. Marsha Sauls, President, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:44 a.m.

Agenda: Approve as presented with no additional items.

GPA Liaison Report:

Dr. Gayle Spears, Executive Director, provided updates on the GPA activities to the Board. The updated included the GPA's Annual Meeting and 75th anniversary celebration being held on April 30, 2022. Discussion continued with Daniel Rogers and Anita Brown with conversation regarding HB412 and SB315 proposal to create a new regulatory Board with the title of Georgia Behavioral Analyst Certification Board (BCAC) that provides licensure of individuals in the practice of applied behavior analysis. GPA will continue to include updates of the proposals during their monthly reports to the Board .

Correspondence:

- EPPP Survey – Dr. Sauls – *Board Information Only*
- R. Bryant – Delegation Questions Regarding Psychometrists - *An individual who does not hold a current license issued by the Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and does not fall within one of the exemptions set forth in OCGA Section 43-39-7 may not work under, be employed by, or provide psychological services under supervision unless a W-2 employee of the Supervisor or a W-2 employee of the training facility for which the Supervisor is a W-2 employee. Please see Subsections (a) through (g) of Rule 510-5-.06 (3) (Delegation to and Supervision of Supervisees of Psychological Services), with special attention to Subsections (e) and (f). In addition, if the employee is in a training program, then please see Subsection (g) which states, "When the delegation and supervision of psychological services is being conducted for training purposes towards licensure, psychologists must comply with the Rules regarding*

internships, fellowships and/or postdoctoral supervised work experience." See also Commentary from the Licensing Board (2009, 2013), as attached.

- M. Martin – VA and Out of State Licensee’s/1013’s – *The Board is not authorized to provide legal advice. Please seek your own legal counsel for further guidance.*
- ASPPB PSY PACT Rule Promulgation – *Board has posted this Notice of a Rule Hearing on their website*
- ASPPB – Sunset of PLUS Application Program – *Board Information Only. The Georgia Board falls under Track 2.*
- K. Berto – *The Board does not approve PDSWE locations/sites. Review the Board Rules. Any Supervisor for a PDSWE fellow must be able to bill for the supervised services in Georgia provided by the fellow, and therefore must be a Georgia Board licensee.*
- T. Miller – PDSWE Calculation of Telehealth hours – *Yes, due the recent rule changes and the Governor’s Executive Order, post-docs hours may be obtained remotely; however, the supervisor must be licensed in Georgia. Refer to Board Rule 510-5-.05(5).*
- D. Woodsfellow – Re Peer Groups - *Under Rule 510-8-.02 (3)(b), “the individual who is designated as the leader of the peer consultation group” must possess an active and clear Georgia license. In the context of this CE activity, a peer is considered to be someone who holds an active and clear Georgia license at the same level as the other members of the Peer Consultation Group. In the context of this CE activity, a peer can have equal or greater expertise than the other members of the Peer Consultation Group. Rule 510-8-.02 (3)(b) does not require or prohibit the charging of fees for this CE activity. Rule 510-8-.02 (3)(b) does not require that the leader be an American Psychological Association Approved Sponsor.” Under Rule 510-8-.02 (3)(b), a peer is not the same as a “peer reviewer.” Under Rule 510-8-.02 (2), “A psychologist who serves as a peer reviewer for the Board for an alleged violation of the laws or rules will earn 3 ethics CE credits for the current biennium if the completion of the review is acknowledged by the Board and if the review is submitted as a written report to the Board.”*

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.

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Campbell 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 an applicant and a supervisor interview, 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 August 27, 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.

Applicant Interviews Conducted:

- A.A. 10:00 a.m.
- J.D. 11:00 a.m.

Recommendation:

Close
Refer to AG’s office

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation for A.A. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Campbell motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to refer J.D. to the AG's office as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Applications:

- K.R.
- P.A.
- K.K.
- B.L.
- C.A.
- T.M-R.
- P.D.
- K.V.
- L.N.

- T.P.

Recommendation:

Approve to sit for exam
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Denied; does not meet licensure requirements as outlined in Board rule 510-2-.01 Application for Licensure
Pending; Schedule for Applicant Interview Next Meeting

Dr. Smith motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to deny the application of L.N. for failure to meet licensure requirements as outlined in the Board rule 510-2-.01 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Attorney General's Report: Betsy Cohen, Esq., AAG

- S.S. – Ratify docketed Public Order for Reinstatement
- M.B. – Approve request to obtain supervision via telehealth

Mr. Bratcher motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the docketed public consent order for reinstatement for S.S. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Smith motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted approve the request from M.B.to obtain the required supervision via telehealth due to COVID-19 restrictions as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Cognizant – Complaint Report/Recommendations:

➤ **Investigative Interviews Conducted - (08/20/2021):**

- PSYC210042 – Refer to Peer Review
- PSYC210048 – Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information

Recommend Remain Closed: PSYC210047

Recommend Referral to AG's Office: PSYC200029 & PSYC220010

Pending Receipt of Additional Information: PSYC220002

Dr. Campbell motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to refer PSYC200029 and PSYC220010 to the AG’s office for a Public Consent Order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Board Administered Oral Exams:

- T.G.
- O.S.
- J.F.
- E.G.
- A.W.
- B.J.
- O.O.
- C.B.
- J.G.
- T.M.
- C.S.
- C.Z.
- H.S.
- R.W.
- M.K.
- E.A.
- B.P.

Recommendation:

- Pass; Issue License
- Pass; Issue License
- Pass; Pending Form G
- Pass; Pending Form G
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Mr. Bratcher motioned, Dr. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations on all oral examination candidates. None opposed, motion carried.

Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:

- E. LaChapele – Rule 510-2-.06

Recommendation:

No longer necessary; withdrawn

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 7/31/2021 - 8/26/2021

license No	Licensee	Profession name
PSY004507	Abigail Helbling Feder	Psychology
PSY004508	Katya Christine Fernandez	Psychology
PSY004509	Katie Frances Slusher-Farr	Psychology
PSY004510	Jenna Lauren Tomalski	Psychology
PSY004511	Kirsten Scheil Railey	Psychology
PSY004512	Houman Austin Jerani	Psychology
PSY004513	Shelby McCoy Byrd	Psychology
PSY004514	Heather Andrea Page	Psychology
PSY004515	Christina Anne Bancroft	Psychology
PSY004516	Mark Douglas Taracuk	Psychology

PSY004517	Adrian Kunemund	Psychology
PSY004518	Oluwaseyi Ololade Amosu	Psychology
PSY004519	Kristin Leigh Hathaway	Psychology
PSY004520	Charlotte Kristen Bayer	Psychology
PSY004521	Megan Ryan Schmidt	Psychology
PSY004522	Jenna Rose Seward	Psychology
PSY004523	Michael William Massengale	Psychology
PSY004524	Sara A Florence	Psychology
PSY004525	Curtis Noble Hooks	Psychology

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

Meeting Minutes:

- July 30, 2021 C.C./Zoom Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Bratcher seconded, and the Board voted to approve the July 30, 2021 Conference Call/Zoom Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Meeting Minutes:

- July 30, 2021 C.C./ZOOM Board Meeting
- August 20, 2021 C.C./ZOOM Inv. Int. Cmte

Recommendation:

Approve as Presented
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Mr. Bratcher motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to approve the July 30, 2021 Conference Call/ZOOM Board executive session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Bratcher motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 20, 2021 Conference Call/ZOOM Board executive session Investigative Interview committee meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business for discussion, Mr. Bratcher motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:08 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 **September 24, 2021**