

GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes * October 22, 2021

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists met via teleconference/ZOOM Friday, October 22, 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
Scott C. Smith, Psy.D.
William F. Doverspike, Ph.D.
Emily Burton, Ph.D.
George Bratcher, Consumer Member

Members Absent:

Linda F. Campbell, Ph.D. – Vice-President

Assistant Attorney General:

Max Changus, AAG
(standing in for B. Cohen)

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

Dr. Marsha Sauls, President, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Agenda: Approve with additional items:

2022 Psychology Board Meeting Dates:

(All meeting dates are on Friday's, beginning at 8:30 a.m. – via ZOOM)

- January 21, 2022
- February 25, 2022
- March 25, 2022
- April 22, 2022
- May 27, 2022
- June 24, 2022
- July 22, 2022
- August 26, 2022
- September 23, 2022
- October 21, 2022
- November 18, 2022
- December 16, 2022

Georgia Psychological Association - Liaison Report:

Dr. Gayle Spears, Ph.D., provided updates on upcoming GPA activities and an update on GPA's concerns with HB 412 and the creation of the Georgia Behavior Analyst Licensing Board. Board member Campbell had drafted the following letter of concerns and feedback to the proposed bill. The Board unanimously voted to make the correspondence part of the meeting record.



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RE: Statement – HB 412 Creation of the Georgia Behavior Analyst Licensing Board

The Board of Examiners of Psychology is offering the following opinion on the licensure of Behavioral Analysis because as the HB412 proposal for Behavioral Analysis licensure is now written, it essentially encompasses the practice of psychology. Our strong opinion and request is that the scope of practice for this license type be narrowed significantly to reflect the training and preparation reflected in their curriculum and the degree program.

The definition of Applied Behavioral Analysis is the practice of applying principles of learning theory in a systematic way to modify behavior. The practice is used most extensively in special education and the treatment of autism spectrum disorder. The degree prepares graduates to work specifically in special education and with autism.

The curriculums for a Masters in Behavioral Analysis and the Doctoral degree in Psychology are listed below.

Most importantly, in viewing both programs, the behavioral analysis program is four semesters compared to three years and a yearlong internship at an external site for a doctorate in psychology. The curriculum for Behavioral Analysis is very specific and focused only on autism training. The doctoral degree in psychology is wide ranging in the knowledge and skills training areas that prepares psychologists to provide a variety of psychological services to adults, adolescents, and children. Behavioral Analysis prepares individuals to treat autism and aggressive behaviors in children.

- For example, in proposed O.C.G.A. 43-7A-2(a)(1) there are no boundaries to define the scope of practice to limit the population for which Behavior Analyst are trained to treat, which is a very narrow population (e.g. Autism).

These contrasting characteristics are emphasized here because the proposed scope of practice for behavioral analysts essentially includes the scope of practice of psychology without the training and experience earned through a doctoral degree in psychology.

Behavioral Analysis (Masters)

Seminar in Autism Spectrum
Practicum in Applied Beh. Analysis
Applied Interventions
Advanced Beh. Analysis
Severe Aggressive Behavior
Beh. Methods of Instructions
Single Case Research Design
Practicum in Applied Beh. Methods

Psychology (Doctoral)

Theories of Psychology
Research Methods
History and Systems
Clinical Practicum
Foundations of Psychology
Adv. Psychodiagnosis
Adv. Multicultural Counseling
Assessment

Methods of Research in Education
Ethics in Applied Beh. Analysis
Practicum in Applied Beh. Analysis
Master's Thesis
Practicum
Philosophical Underpinnings

Clinical Practicum
Research
Applied Analysis of Variance
Adv. Health Psychology
Clinical Practicum-3 semesters
Assessment Practicum-3 semesters
Human Development
Cognition and Affect
Research
Social Psychology
Ethics
Supervision
Neuroscience
Consultation
Calendar Year Internship at accredited
site

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Dr. Doverspike motioned, Mr. Bratcher seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the correspondence from Dr. Campbell as presented to be the Board public position in this matter. None opposed, motion carried.

Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:

- A. Krentzel – Rule 510-2-.04

Recommendation:

Grant

Mr. Bratcher motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition request for A. Krentzel as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- D. Woodsfellow – CE Consultation Group - *Psychologists can count Ongoing Peer Group Consultation for up to 20 hours per biennium if all the requirements are met under Rule 510-8-.02 (3) (b). The Psychology Board cannot provide opinions regarding continuing education for those licensed under other Boards.*

Dr. Burton motioned, Mr. Bratcher seconded, and the Board voted to approve for Board Staff to respond as directed to correspondences listed above. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Rules Discussion:

- 510-2-.05 Internship and Postdoctoral Supervised Work Experience

Dr. Burton motioned, Mr. Bratcher seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommended revised rule amendments and additions for 510-2-.05 Internship and Postdoctoral Supervised Work Experience, and to refer the proposed amended rule to the Attorney General's office for a Memo of Statutory

Authority, and to post publicly the proposed rule for the minimum thirty days, with a public rule hearing to follow as soon thereafter. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 9/25/2021 - 10/20/2021

license No.	Licensee	Profession name
PSY004544	Christina Nicole Radmer	Psychology
PSY004545	Vincent M Fitch	Psychology
PSY004546	Elizabeth Mary Lachapelle	Psychology
PSY004547	Tiesha Simona Nelson	Psychology
PSY004548	Megan Lee Porter Staats	Psychology
PSY004549	George Reter Johnstone	Psychology
PSY004550	Kristine Marie Rodriguez Perez	Psychology
PSY004551	Stacey Maria Touhy	Psychology
PSY004552	Emily Christine Malugen	Psychology
PSY004553	Negar Nazari	Psychology
PSY004554	Jill Nicole Dermeyer	Psychology
PSY004555	Xiaohui Yang	Psychology

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

Meeting Minutes:

- September 24, 2021 C.C./Zoom Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as Presented

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Mr. Bratcher seconded, and the Board voted to approve the September 24, 2021 Conference Call/Zoom Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Burton 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, Doverspike, Smith, Bratcher and Burton. No Board votes obtained during Executive Session.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on October 22, 2021, Dr. Sauls declared the meeting “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq, for the purpose of the review and discussion of a drafted response of the Boards concerns with HB412.

Please be advised that after obtaining a Board vote to enter into executive session, the Board then declared back into open to continue to discuss/review the Boards concerns with HB412 and their drafted letter response that was originally discussed at the beginning of the meeting. At the conclusion of the discussion in open session, they voted to enter back into executive session to review all items required for discussion in executive session.

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Bratcher seconded, and the Board voted to re-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 the review of 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, Doverspike, Smith, Bratcher and Burton.

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Applications:

- R.L.
- S.S.
- K.W.
- L.T.
- A.B.
- K.H.
- J.F.

Recommendation:

Approve to sit for exam
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Tabled, Pending receipt of additional information

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:

- E.K.
- J.A-C.
- D.L.
- K.H.
- C.S.
- G.G.
- P.K.
- A.C.

Recommendation:

Pass; Issue License
Pass; Pending receipt of additional information
Pass; Issue License
Pass; Issue License
Pass; Issue License
Pass; Issue License
Pass; Issue License
Pass; Issue License

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

Exec. Session Misc. Discussion Items:

- A.M.

Recommendation:

Grant Request

Dr. Burton motioned, Mr. Bratcher seconded, and the Board voted to grant the request received by A.M. pursuant to the Board Order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Attorney General’s Report:

Max Changus, AAG, sitting in for Betsy Cohen, provided a status report for Board review and discussion of the current cases open in the AG’s office.

Dr. Smith motioned, Mr. Bratcher seconded, and the Board voted to accept the ratification of a revised signed Private Board order for J.D. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Bratcher motioned, Dr. Doverspike 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: PSYC210041, PSYC220002

Recommend Peer Review: PSYC210042

Recommend Follow-up with Investigations: PSYC210034

Pending Receipt of Additional Information: PSYC220003, PSYC220007

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

Executive Session Meeting Minutes:

- September 24, 2021 C.C./ZOOM Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as Presented

Mr. Bratcher motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to approve the September 24, 2021 Conference Call/ZOOM Board executive session 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 11:30 a.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 **November 19, 2021**