

GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2022

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists met via teleconference/ZOOM Friday, January 21, 2022. 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
Anita Brown, Ph.D., GPA DPA
Dr. Dug, Visitor
Kyle Raque, Visitor
David Cantor, Visitor
Cynthia Messina, Visitor
Marjorie Blum, Visitor
Iphone, Visitor

Dr. Marsha Sauls, President, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:54 a.m.

Agenda: Approve with no additional items

Georgia Psychological Association - Liaison Report:

Dr. Gayle Spears, Ph.D., provided updates on upcoming GPA activities. Dr. Anita Brown with GPA also provided updates and discussion regarding legislation issues with HB884.

Board Discussion – 2022 Renewal Cycle Guidance Statement - Amended

The Board received several inquiries regarding amending the currently posted Guidance statement for the 2022 Renewal Cycle and allow all CE's to be obtained online due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. After discussion, the Board voted to allow all CE hours obtained for the 2022 renewal cycle, to be completed asynchronously or synchronously. However, the CE hours must continue to meet the requirements in Board rule 510-8, apart from in-person hours being waived.

“Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, notwithstanding any other rule or provision of law, and pursuant to O.C.G.A § 43-39-15, the requirements of in person attendance or participation for obtainment of continuing education hours for the 2022 renewal cycle are hereby waived as follows:

Continuing education hours may be obtained online from approved sponsors through webinars, SKYPE, ZOOM or other electronic means and will be counted for the 2022 renewal cycle.

For the purposes of a Continuing Education Hours audit by the Board at renewal, the CE Hours Report form must be submitted along with your certificates of obtainment of the hours to the Board for the audit.

Continuing Education Hours for the reactivation or reinstatement of a lapsed or revoked license also may be obtained online as stated above for applications received on or before December 31, 2022.”

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to accept the amendments to the above GA Board of Examiners of Psychologists Guidance Statement for the 2022 Renewal Cycle as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- K. Raque – 2022 Online CE Hours - *Refer to the above amended Board Guidance Statement regarding in-person CE’s posted on the Boards website.*
- M. Vazquez – Supervisor Clinical CE hours through Teletherapy - *Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information*
- K. Maul – Respecialization Programs - *The Georgia Psychology Board does not provide pre-approval or pre-review of eligibility for licensure. Any respecialization program would have meet the minimum Georgia standards, including but not limited to the requirements that it be an APA-accredited training program that meets the minimum physical residency requirement (or equivalent).*
- N. Hendrix – CHOA and Online CE Hours - *Refer to the above amended Board Guidance Statement regarding in-person CE’s posted on the Boards website.*
- GPA – 2022 Online CE Hours – *Refer to the above amended Board Guidance Statement regarding in-person CE’s posted on the Boards website.*
- W. Doverspike – Agenda Item – December 18, 2021 - *RE Online CE Hours – I support the Board of Examiners of Licensed Psychologists (Board) approval of the continuance of the Boards Guidance Statement - Continuing Education Hours” (originally approved by the Board on January 22, 2021) through the biennium ending December 31, 2022.*

Dr. Smith motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to approve for Board Staff to respond as directed to the correspondence listed above. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Rules Discussion:

- Rule 510-2-.06 Application Time Limit

Recommendation:

Tabled for discussion next meeting

Dr. Campbell also requested Board Rule 510-02-.04 Education be brought back before the Board again next meeting for discussion.

Meeting Minutes:

- December 17, 2021 C.C./Zoom Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as Presented

Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to approve the December 17, 2021 Conference Call/Zoom Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 12/17/2021 - 1/20/2022

license No	Licensee
PS-T001088	Scott Allen Messner
PS-T001089	Lauren Zimmerman Thomas
PSY004571	Kayci Lynne Vickers
PSY004572	Brandon Michael Landry

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

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 review 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 January 21, 2022, 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:

- K.G.
- P.F.
- E.S.
- K.N.
- M.C.
- A.T.
- A.P.

Recommendation:

Pass; Issue License
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Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations on all oral examination candidates. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant – Complaint Report/Recommendations:

Investigative Interview Conducted (01/19/2022):

PSYC210035 – Refer to Investigations to obtain additional evidence

Recommend Closure: PSYC210039

Pending Investigations Report: PSYC220012

Recommend Referral to AG’s Office: PSYC220008

Pending Receipt of Additional Information: PSYC220007, PSYC220011

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

Attorney General’s Report:

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

- COMP190054 – Board’s recommendation stands

Dr. Smith motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted their original recommendation stands. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Applications:

- G.M.
- T.C.
- H.B.
- Y.A.
- C.W.
- L.M.
- R.C.
- C.M.
- M.R-F.
- C.P.
- A.K.
- J.S.
- M.M.
- C.A-S.
- D.F.
- L.L.

Recommendation:

Tabled, Pending receipt of additional information
Approved for reinstatement
Approve to sit for exam
Approve to sit for exam
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Approve-Pending receipt of additional information
Refer to AG's office

Dr. Smith motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to refer L.L. to the AG's office. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Executive Session Meeting Minutes:

- December 17, 2021 C.C./ZOOM Board Meeting
- January 19, 2022 C.C./ZOOM Inv. Cmte Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as Presented
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Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to approve the December 17, 2021 Conference Call/ZOOM Board executive session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to approve the January 19, 2022 Investigative Committee 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 2:16 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

MARSHA SAULS, Ph.D.

President

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director Healthcare 1

Minutes approved on **February 25, 2022**