

GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2022

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

Members Absent:

George Bratcher, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present:

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

Assistant Attorney General:

Betsy Cohen, Esq., AAG
Elizabeth Simpson, Esq., AAG

Visitors Present: (Open Session)

Dr. Gayle Spears
Olivia Buckner, Nelson Mullins, LLP

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

Agenda: Approve with no additional items

Georgia Psychological Association - Liaison Report – Dr. Gayle Spears:

Dr. Spears provided updates on ongoing GPA activities and upcoming events. Questions raised by Dr. Spears required the Board enter executive session to discuss a memorandum regarding the Board's 2022 CE/Renewal guidance statement from the AG's office.

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to enter 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) @ 8:42 a.m. via ZOOM to receive the advice from the AG's office on their memorandum regarding extension of the Board's 2022 CE Renewal guidance statement to review and discuss the AG's advice regarding CE hours for the 2024 renewal cycle. Voting in favor were Board members Sauls, Campbell, Doverspike, Smith and Burton.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on October 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.

Following discussion, the Board informed Dr. Spears they would have to revisit this matter during the next meeting to allow time for the AG's office to review the matter again, see if there is anything the Board can do.

Georgia Psychological Association - Liaison Report – Dr. Gayle Spears, Cont'd:

Dr. Spears continued providing updates on ongoing GPA activities and upcoming events.

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to re-enter 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) at 9:42 a.m. via ZOOM to conduct the Board applicant interview. Voting in favor were Board members Sauls, Campbell, Doverspike, Smith and Burton.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on October 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.

Full Board Denied Appearance:

- W.B.

Recommendation:

Denial Stands

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to that the denial stands for the application for licensure of W.B. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Rules Discussion:

- 510-2-.01 Application for Licensure – *Refer back to AG*
- 510-2-.04 Education – *Finalize next scheduled meeting*
- 510-2-.05 Internship and Postdoctoral Supervised Work Experience – *Refer back to AG*
- 510-3-.02 Qualification of Applicants – *Approved*
- 510-5-.02 Definitions – *Finalize next scheduled meeting*
- 510-5-.06 Welfare of Clients & Other Professional Relationship – *Approved*
- 510-5-.07 Representation of Service – *Approved*
- 510-5-.10 Aiding Illegal Practice – *Refer to AG*
- 510-7-.02 Reinstatement of a Lapsed or Inactive Status License - *Finalize next scheduled meeting*
- 510-9-.04 License for Volunteer Service – *Approved*
- 510-10-.01 Individuals – *Refer back to AG*

Dr. Burton moved, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to refer the revised proposed changes to Board Rules 510-2-.01, 510-2-.05, 510-5-.10 and 510-10-.01 back to the AG’s office for a Memo of Statutory Authority and to post for the minimum thirty days for public view with a public rule hearing to be scheduled for the next available date following the public posting. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Burton moved, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to approve rule amendments to Board Rule 510-3-.02, 510-5-.06, 510-5-.07 and 510-9-.04 as presented and are to be posted for the minimum thirty days for public view with a public rule hearing to be scheduled for the next available date following the public posting. None opposed, motion carried.

Following discussion of 510-2-.04, 510-5-.02, and 510-7-.02, the Board will revisit these revisions during their next scheduled meeting.

Correspondence:

- PSYPACT Georgia 3rd Quarter Compliant Letter and Report – *Board Information Only*
- HB1013 – Additional Information – G. Dean, GPA – *Board Information Only*
- HB1013 Dept. and Agency Requirements – Nelson Mullins, LLP – *Board Information Only*
- M. Wierson – Request for Release from Probationary Status *Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information*

Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to table the request for M. Wierson pending receipt of additional information as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Petitions for Rule Waiver/Variance:

- S. Gennett – Rule 510-7-.02

Recommendation:

Deny; No proven hardship

Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition for S. Gennett for failure to demonstrate a substantial hardship as required. None opposed, motion carried.

Meeting Minutes:

- September 23, 2022 C.C./Zoom Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as Amended

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to approve the September 23, 2022 Conference Call/Zoom Board meeting minutes as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 9/23/2022 - 10/16/2022

license No	Licensee	Profession name
PS-P000285	Kayla BreAnne Phillips	Psychology
PS-T001106	Kristin Annette Niel	Psychology
PSY004639	Desiree Spring Howell	Psychology
PSY004640	Katherine Alvord Fox	Psychology
PSY004641	Jessica Lynn Saurman	Psychology
PSY004642	Geoffrey David Goodman	Psychology
PSY004643	Susan Jean Jacob	Psychology
PSY004644	Zachary Brenner Taber	Psychology
PSY004645	Summer Blaze Bottini	Psychology
PSY004646	Alexandra Elizabeth Savela	Psychology
PSY004647	Renee Lorraine Lopez	Psychology
PSY004648	Chassity Angeny-Showalter	Psychology
PSY004649	Christy Ling Hom	Psychology
PSY004650	Mikle Don South	Psychology
PSY004651	Laura Kathryn Ellison	Psychology
PSY004652	James Cox Kennedy, Jr	Psychology

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

Dr. Doverspike motioned, Dr. Campbell seconded, and the Board voted to enter 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 and Burton.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on October 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.

Attorney General’s Report:

Betsy Cohen, Esq., AAG and Elizabeth Simpson, AG provided a status report for Board review and discussion.

Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Doverspike seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the previous referral of J.S. to the AG’s office as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Cognizant – Complaint Report:

- **Recommend Closure:** PSYC210016, PSYC220008, PSYC220021, PSYC220025, PSYC220034 and PSYC230001(Remain Closed)
- **Recommend Referral to Peer Reviewer:** PSYC220017, PSYC220030
- **Pending Receipt of Additional Information:** PSYC210037, PSYC220014 (Investigations), PSYC220024, PSYC220027, PSYC220032, PSYC220038 (Investigations), PSYC230002, PSYC230004, PSYC230006, PSYC230007, PSYC230009
- **Pending Board Cognizant Review:** PSYC210042, PSYC220007, PSYC220026

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

Board Administered Oral Exams:

- E.L.
- A.S.
- C.S.
- C.B.
- V.J.
- A.H.
- B.S.
- A.J.A.
- V.G.

Recommendation:

Passed – Issue License
Passed – Issue License
Passed – Pending Verification of PDSWE - Issue
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Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations on all oral examination candidates. None opposed, motion carried.

Applications:

- A.M.
- K.N.
- T.C.
- N.U.
- B.C.

Recommendation:

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| • Z.E. | Approve to sit for exam(s) |
| • N.P. | Approve to sit for exam(s) |
| • S. H G. | Approve to sit for exam(s) |
| • M.A. | Approve to sit for exam(s) |
| • J.H. | Approve to sit for exam(s) |
| • D.K. | Approve to sit for exam(s) |
| • K.R. | Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information |

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

Executive Session Correspondence:

- L.H. – RE Education

Recommendation:

Refer to Board Rules; Seek Legal Counsel

Executive Session Meeting Minutes:

- September 23, 2022 C.C./ZOOM Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to approve the September 23, 2022 ZOOM Executive Session Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed, and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

MARSHA SAULS, Ph.D.

President

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Executive Director Healthcare 1

Minutes approved on: **November 18, 2022**