

GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
Conference Call/Webex Board Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2023

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists met via teleconference on Friday, November 17, 2023. The Board's Executive Director hosted the meeting remotely.

Members Present:

Linda F. Campbell, Ph.D. President (*left @ 12:00 p.m.)
Emily Burton, Ph.D. Vice-President
Robert T. Jones IV., Psy.D.
Javel Jackson, Psy.D
George Bratcher, Consumer Member
Colin Muething, Ph.D.

Assistant Attorney General:

Bryon Thernes, AAG

Visitors Present: (Open Session)

Gayle Spears, Ph.D., GPA
Christine Hook
Christy Jaffe
Dr. Dana Weinstein
Linda Radbill
Melissa Lang

Administrative Staff Present:

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

Dr. Linda Campbell, President, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

Agenda: Approve with no additional items

Georgia Psychological Association - Liaison Report:

Dr. Spears provided updates on ongoing GPA activities and upcoming events.

Petitions for Rule Waiver/Variance:

- M. Shanahan – Rule 510-8-.02
- C. Rose – Rule 510-2-.04

Recommendation:

Deny; No substantial hardship. Refer to amended Board Rule 510-8 CE
Tabled for discussion in executive session

Dr. Jackson motioned, Dr. Bratcher seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition request for M. Shanahan for failure to demonstrate a substantial hardship as required and refer to current Board Rule 510-8-.02* CE Requirements. None opposed, motion carried.

**Note: Changes to the Board CE Rule 510-8-.02 now allows CE's to be complete online, rendering the petition as unnecessary.*

Meeting Minutes:

- October 20, 2023 C.C./Webex Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Dr. Jones motioned, Dr. Muething seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 20, 2023 Conference Call Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 10/20/2023 - 11/16/2023

License No.	Licensee
PS-P000289	Hina Batool
PS-P000290	Kelly Jurae Banks
PS-T001135	Catherine Lucy Davis
PS-T001136	Alexandra Joy Scott
PS-T001137	Donald John Kearly, Jr
PS-T001138	Travis Gregory Morgan
PS-T001139	Roger Johannes deBeus
PS-T001140	Elizabeth Mae Anderson
PS-T001141	Danniella Ebeth Jones
PS-T001142	Cratissa Marie Schley
PSY004737	Stephanie Morgan Haft
PSY004738	Jan Erin Miller
PSY004739	Suzanne Nichole Hunting
PSY004740	Kathleen Nicole Edmier
PSY004741	Kelsi Michelle Nummerdor
PSY004742	Shannon Helm Hanaki
PSY004743	Gemariah Torda-Valencia Williams
PSY004744	Desiree Grace Frain
PSY004745	Erica James Young
PSY004746	Julie Rosemary Chrysoferidis
TOTAL:	20

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

Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Jones 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 full Board oral exams. Voting in favor were Board members Campbell, Burton, Bratcher, Jones, Muething and Jackson.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on October 20, 2023, Dr. Campbell 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 Appearance: 9:15 a.m.

- M.W.

Recommendation:

Rescind previous denial; Issue exam approval pending receipt of additional information

Dr. Jones motioned, Dr. Jackson seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the previous denial for M.W. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Jones motioned, Dr. Jackson seconded, and the Board voted to approve M.W. to sit for licensure examination(s) pending receipt of additional information as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Meeting Minutes:

- October 20, 2023 C.C. Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Dr. Jones motioned, Dr. Jackson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 20, 2023 Webex CC Executive Session Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

AG's Report: Bryon Thernes, Esq., AAG

A written status and activity report wasn't presented for Board discussion of the current cases and other matters open in the AG's office. An update on a request for advice was presented by Mr. Thernes, Esq.

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

Cognizant – Complaint Report:

➤ **Recommend Closure:** PSYC230017, PSYC230024, PSYC230039, PSYC230041, PSYC240007

➤ **Pending Receipt of Additional Information:** PSYC220030, PSYC230016, PSYC230025, PSYC230036
➤ PSYC230038, PSYC230040, PSYC230043, PSYC230044, PSYC230045, PSYC230046, PSYC240001, PSYC240003, PSYC240004, PSYC240005 and PSYC240006

Dr. Jones motioned, Mr. Bratcher seconded, the Board voted to approve all the recommendations of the Cognizant Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried

Petitions for Rule Waiver/Variance Cont'd: Recommendation:

- C. Rose – Rule 510-2-.04 Deny; No substantial hardship. Does not meet licensure requirements of Board Rule 510-2-.01(1)(a)

Dr. Jones motioned, Dr. Jackson seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition request for C. Rose for failure to demonstrate a substantial hardship as required. None opposed, motion carried.

Applications:

- J.O.
- B.G.S.
- K.P.
- H.G.
- C.H. *C.M. Recused*

Recommendation:

- Approve to sit for exam(s)
- Approve to sit for exam(s)
- Pending Board Review
- Approve to sit for exam(s)
- Assigned to another Board member for review; will make Recommendations next scheduled Board meeting.
- Approve to sit for exam(s)
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- Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
- Denied – does not meet licensure requirements as outlined in Board Rule 510-2-.01
- Denied – does not meet licensure requirements as outlined in Board Rule 510-2-.05

Dr. Jones motioned, Dr. Jackson seconded, and the Board voted to deny the application for licensure for K.A. for failure to meet licensure requirements as outlined in Board Rule 510-2-.01 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Jones motioned, Dr. Jackson seconded, and the Board voted to deny the application for licensure for A.F.M. for failure to meet licensure requirements as outlined in Board Rule 510-2-.05 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Board Administered Oral Exams:

- J.Q.O.
- H.B.
- M.J.
- S.H-B.
- C.A.
- E.R.
- A.H.
- R.D.
- E.L.

Recommendation:

Passed; Issue License
Passed; Issue License
Passed; Issue License
Passed; Issue License
Passed; Issue License
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Passed; Issue License
Passed; Issue License
Passed; Issue License

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

Board Rules Discussion:

- 510-2-.05 Internship and PDSWE – *Tabled for further review/discussion next meeting*
- 510-3-.01 Application Process – *Refer to AG’s office for MOA*
- 510-7-.02 Reinstatement - *Accept MOA - Vote to post for public view/comment*
- 510-8-.03 Reporting/Documentation – *Refer to AG’s office for MOA*
- 510-9-.04 Volunteer License – *Refer to AG’s office for MOA*

Dr. Muething moved, Mr. Bratcher seconded, and the Board voted to accept the AG’s MOA and post the proposed rule amendments for Board Rule 510-7-.02 Reinstatement for the minimum thirty days for public view with a public rule hearing to be scheduled for the next available date following the thirty-day public posting. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Campbell moved, Dr. Smith seconded, and the Board voted to refer the proposed changes to Board Rules 510-3-.01 Application Process, 510-8-.03 Reporting/Documentation and 510-9-.04 Licensure for Volunteer Service to the AGs for a Memo of Statutory Authority and to post the proposed rule amendments for the minimum thirty days for public view with a public rule hearing to be scheduled for the next available date following the thirty-day public posting. None opposed, motion carried.

2024 Board Meeting Dates: GA Board of Examiners of Psychologists

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

- January 19, 2024
- February 23, 2024
- March 22, 2024
- April 26, 2024
- May 24, 2024

- June 21, 2024
- July 26, 2024
- August 23, 2024
- September 27, 2024
- October 25, 2024
- November 22, 2024
- December 20, 2024

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed, and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

LINDA CAMPBELL, Ph.D.

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

President

Executive Director Healthcare 1

Minutes approved on: **January 19, 2024**

AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A.50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meetings to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A.50-14-4(b).

Comes now, **Dr. Linda Campbell**, the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On **November 17, 2023**, this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.
4. The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h).
5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:

SUBJECT DISCUSSED:	LEGAL AUTHORITY
Investigations including reports and deliberations	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-19(h)(2)&(4)
Applications	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-2-(k)(1)(2)
Exams (including questions, materials and deliberations)	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-2(k)(3)(4)
Attorney General's Report (certain matters of attorney/client privilege)	O.C.G.A. Sect. 50-14-2(1)
Investigative Interviews if part of disciplinary	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-19(4)
Probation Report (employer and self report)	
Probation Reports (medical information)	O.C.G.A. Sect. 50-18-72(G)(2)
Executive Session Minutes	O.C.G.A. Sect 50-14-4
Cognizant Member's Report	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-2(k)(4)
Voting	None (must be in open session)

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

PRESIDING OFFICER *Linda Campbell*

Sworn and subscribed before me this 30th day of April, 2023

Jennifer Ray Throckmorton
Notary Public

My commission expires: 7/24/2026

