

GEORGIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
Conference Call/Webex Board Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2024

The Georgia Board of Examiners of Psychologists met via Webex on Friday, June 21, 2024.

Please Note: A committee of the Board met at 8:00 a.m., prior to the start of today’s scheduled full Board meeting, to conduct an Investigative Interview. The following members and staff were present for the committee meeting. The members will report their recommendations to the full Board during the Executive Session portion of the meeting to be conducted later today.

Investigative Interview Conducted: 8:00 a.m.

- PSYC230007

Dr. Campbell moved, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board committee voted to enter Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) and 43-1-2(k) to conduct an Investigative Interview.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Dr. Campbell declared the committee meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken in the closed session.

Board Members Present:

Linda F. Campbell, Ph.D. President
Emily Burton, Ph.D. Vice-President

Assistant Attorney General:

Michelle Sawyer, AAG

Administrative Staff Present:

Amanda Allen, Executive Director
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Full Board Meeting - 8:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Linda F. Campbell, Ph.D. President
Emily Burton, Ph.D. Vice-President
Javel Jackson, Psy.D
Colin Muething, Ph.D.

Members Absent:

Robert T. Jones IV., Psy.D
George Bratcher, Consumer Member

Assistant Attorney General:

Michelle Sawyer, AAG
Kareem McCulley, AAG
Giovanna Franchi Souza, AAG

Administrative Staff Present:

Amanda Allen, Executive Director
Jalaina Fuller, Licensing Supervisor
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist
Sarah Collett, Licensing Analyst

Visitors Present: (Open Session)

Gayle Spears, Ph.D., GPA
Candis McFalls
Madeline Altabe

Dr. Linda Campbell, Ph.D., President, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m.

Agenda: Approve with one late agenda item(s)

- Board Rules Discussion – 510-7-.02 Reinstatement – *Tabled for further review*

Georgia Psychological Association - Liaison Report:

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

Meeting Minutes: (Open Session)

- May 24, 2024 C.C./Webex Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Dr. Muething motioned, Dr. Jackson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the May 24, 2024 Conference Call Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- M. Altabe – Training/Supervision – *If the students are in training to become licensed psychologists, they must be supervised by a licensed psychologist. The supervisor(licensed psychologist) is responsible for signing off on the progress notes. A master’s level individual cannot supervise those in training.*
- C. McFalls – Exam Extension – *Request is unnecessary at this time, as applicant has already been provided a new exam approval letter*
- S. Macciocchi – CE Credits – *Please refer to Area 1 – Academic in Board Rule 510-8-.02 Types of CE*
- ASPPB Members – EPPP – *Board Information Only*

Dr. Muething motioned, Dr. Jackson seconded, and the Board voted to respond as directed to all correspondence as presented. None opposed, motion carried

Application Ratify List: Issued Date between: 5/24/2024 - 6/20/2024

License No	Licensee
PSY004789	Silvia Margarita Henriquez Gerken
PSY004790	Lindsey Beth Stone
PSY004791	Donald John Kearly, Jr
PSY004792	Jaclyn Alexis Evans
PSY004793	Nora Morgenstern Arkin
PSY004794	Kelsey Erin Largen
PSY004795	Sarah E Vanes
PSY004796	Natalie Marie Hellman
PSY004797	Brooke Elizabeth White
PSY004798	Rodney Trent Wilson
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Dr. Burton motioned, Dr. Muething seconded, and the Board voted to approve the ratification list as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

ADA Accommodation Ratification:

- Applicant 3151273

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Dr. Jackson motioned, Dr. Muething seconded, and the Board voted to approve the ratification of the ADA accommodation requests for the above applicants as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Rules Discussion: *Tabled for further review*

- 510-7-.02 Reinstatement

Dr. Muething motioned, Dr. Jackson 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, Muething and Jackson.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session on June 21, 2024, 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.

AG’s Report: Michelle Sawyer, Esq., AAG

A written and/or verbal status and activity report was presented for Board discussion of current cases and other matters open in the AG’s office.

- Rule 510-8-.03 Reporting/Documentation – *Accept MOA; Post for PRH as previously voted*
- Rule 510-9-.04 License for Volunteer Service – *Accept MOA: Post for PRH as previously voted*

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

Cognizant – Complaint Report:

➤ **Investigative Interview Conducted: 8:00 a.m.**

PSYC230007

Recommendation: Refer to AG’s office for a Public Consent Order, public reprimand, 18 months of monthly supervision (Board approved supervisor), submission of quarterly reports (supervisor), completion of 12 additional CE hours, (hours cannot be used towards any future renewal period), \$1000 fine.

➤ **Recommend Closure:** PSYC200043, PSYC210035, PSYC230027, PSYC230029, PSYC230036, PSYC230037, PSYC240014, PSYC240037, PSYC240038, and PSYC240039

➤ **Recommend Referral to AG’s Office:** PSYC210042, PSYC230007

➤ **Pending Receipt of Additional Information:** PSYC220030, PSYC240003, PSYC200043, PSYC240032, PSYC240033, PSYC240034, PSYC240035, PSYC240036, PSYC240003

➤ **Misc. Cognizant Items:**

PSYC220030

Recommendation: Rescind/withdraw previous referral of Voluntary Surrender order issued to respondent. Refer to AG’s office for an OMPE

Dr. Muething motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, the Board voted to refer PSYC240007 to the AG’s office for a Public Consent Order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Muething motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, the Board voted to refer PSYC210042 to the AG’s office for a Public Consent Order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Muething motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, the Board voted to rescind/withdraw the Voluntary Surrender order issued to PSYC230030 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Muething motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, the Board voted to refer PSYC220030 to the AG's office for OMPE as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Applications:

- N.M.
- C.P.
- S.A.
- M.F.
- M.E-P.

Recommendation:

Approve to sit for exam(s)
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Deny; does not meet licensure requirements as outlined in Board Rule 510-3-.02 Licensure by Endorsement

Dr. Muething motioned, Dr. Burton seconded, and the Board voted to deny the licensure application for M.E-P. for failure to meet licensure requirements as outlined in Board Rule 510-3 Licensure by Endorsement as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Muething 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:

- T.M.
- G.L.
- M.C.
- K.D.
- A.F.
- C.O.
- M.M.

Recommendation:

Passed; Issue License
Passed; Issue License
Passed; Issue License
Passed; Issue License
Passed; Issue License
Passed; Issue License
Passed; Pending verification of PDSWE

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

Misc. Discussion Items:

- Licensure Application Process – L. Campbell– *Board Discussion Only*

Executive Session Meeting Minutes:

- May 24, 2024 C.C. Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Dr. Muething motioned, Dr. Jackson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the May 24, 2024 Webex CC Executive Session Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed, and edited by:

Amanda Allen, Executive Director

LINDA CAMPBELL, Ph.D.

President

AMANDA ALLEN

Executive Director Healthcare 1

Minutes approved on: **July 26, 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 **June 21, 2024**, 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

with Express Permission
 Amanda Allen, Executive Director

Sworn and subscribed before me this 21st day of June, 2024

Deborah A. Horton
 Notary Public

My commission expires: JANUARY 18, 2025

