

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY
MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: September 10, 2020

TIME: 9:00 a.m., CDT

LOCATION: Health Related Boards
Webex
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Todd. Moore, Ph.D., Chair
Mark Fleming, Ph.D., Vice-Chair
Rebecca Joslin Staab, Ed.D., Ph.D.
Connie Mazza, SPE
J. Dale Alden, Ph.D.
H.R. Anderson, SPE
Amanda Spiess, LBA

**BOARD MEMBER JOINED
MEETING AT 10:10 AM:** Deborah Carter, Ph.D.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Douglas, Ph.D.
Jennifer Winfree, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT: Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Lisa Williams, Board Administrator
Paetria Morgan, Associate General Counsel

Due to gathering restrictions imposed by the Covid – 19 virus, it was necessary to conduct this meeting virtually. Ms. Wilkins read the required script into the record, noting all votes must be conducted by roll call. Ms. Wilkins called a roll call vote to establish a quorum. All members were present with the exception of Dr. Douglas, Ms. Winfree and Dr. Carter who joined the meeting at 10:10 AM. Another preliminary vote was taken to establish all members were able to hear each other and that they had received meeting documents prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Fleming seconded by Dr. Staab to proceed with the meeting electronically. A roll call vote was taken all voted in favor; the motion carried. The meeting was turned over to Dr. Moore, Chair.

Dr. Todd Moore, Chair, called the Webex meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Review/Approve Minutes

Upon review of the June 11, 2020 minutes, Dr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Dr. Staab, to approve the minutes. A roll call vote was conducted and all were in favor. The motion carried.

Investigative Reports

Ms. Lori Leonard, Disciplinary Coordinator, Office of Investigations, presented the summary of currently monitored practitioners with one person with an unlicensed practice, two under reprimand, two under probation, two under suspension and one revocation. She presented the investigative report for psychological assistants. In the year 2020, investigations received and opened zero new complaints and they have none open at this time. For psychological examiners, investigations received and opened three new complaints. Of those three complaints, one was falsification of records and two were unprofessional conduct. One complaint was closed with insufficient evidence to formally discipline. They currently have three complaints open and are being investigated or reviewed at this time. For the psychologists so far in the year 2020, investigations has received and opened seventeen new complaints. Of those seventeen complaints, one was regarding action in another state, ten were regarding unprofessional conduct, one for violation of order, one criminal conviction, one continuing education violation and three complaints outside the investigative scope of practice. Investigations has closed thirteen complaints. Two complaints were closed with insufficient evidence to formally discipline, four were closed and sent to the Office of General Counsel for formal discipline and seven were closed with no action. Currently there are eighteen open complaints that are being investigated and or reviewed at this time.

Office of General Counsel

Ms. Morgan stated concerning litigation matters there are no consent orders, no agreed orders and there are three open cases in OGC currently and no appeals in chancery court. She briefly reviewed the conflict of interest policies. There will be a continuing education rulemaking hearing at the December 3, 2020 meeting. The continuing education and telepsychology rules are in internal review.

Legislative Report

James Held, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Health, presented three bills that were passed by the general assembly in 2020.

[Public Chapter 594](#)

This act was the Department of Health's Licensure Accountability Act. The bill allows all health related boards to take action against a licensee that has been disciplined by another state for any acts or omissions that would constitute grounds for discipline in Tennessee. The law also expands available emergency actions, allowing actions beyond simply a summary suspension. Finally, the act establishes that the notification of law changes to health practitioners

can be satisfied by the online posting of law changes by the respective boards. Notice must be maintained online for at least 2 years following the change.

This act took effect March 20, 2020.

Public Chapter 738

This act prohibits a governmental entity from authorizing destruction of public records if the governmental entity knows the records are subject to a pending public record request. Prior to authorizing destruction of public records an entity must contact the public record request coordinator to ensure the records are not subject to any pending public record requests. Records may still be disposed of in accordance with an established records retention schedule/policy as part of an ordinary course of business as long as the records custodian is without knowledge the records are subject to a pending request.

This act took effect on June 22, 2020.

The third bill Mr. Held mentioned concerned the telehealth legislation under Title 63 which allows all health related professionals to practice telehealth under Title 63.

Administrative Report

Ms. Lisa Williams stated there are currently 1,462 licensed Psychologists, 333 licensed Psychological Examiners/Senior Psychological Examiners and 69 licensed Certified Psychological Assistants. There are currently 32 Psychologists applications in process, 29 newly licensed and 49 renewals. There were 5 retired, 0 expired and 0 reinstated expired license. There are currently 0 Psychological Examiners/Senior Psychological Examiners applications in process and 0 renewals. There is 2 retired, 0 expired and 0 reinstated licenses. There is currently 1 Certified Psychological Assistant application in process, 1 newly licensed, 0 renewed, 0 retired, 0 expired and 0 reinstated licenses. Ms. Williams reminded the Board members to sign their per diem claims. She also stated the next scheduled Board Meeting is December 3, 2020 and the dates scheduled for 2021 are March 18, 2021, June 10, 2021, September 9, 2021 and December 2, 2021.

Ms. Wilkins discussed the ASPPB (Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards) 60th Annual Meeting being held as a virtual seminar on October 16 and 17, 2020. She invited anyone on the board that wanted to attend the virtual conference to contact the board administrative staff.

Discuss and Ratify/Deny Newly Licensed and Reinstated Psychologists

Newly Licensed

Dr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Dr. Staab to ratify the following newly licensed Psychologists:

Psychologists

Ali Jeanelle	Light Sharee
Bettis Alexandra H.	Marsh Kathryn Leigh
Bishop Jennifer L	Martinez Lindsay
Bitting Amanda Rice	Nicole
Blevins Brianne J.	Mason Jennifer S
Boone Shannon	Milo Maria
Brinen Aaron	Myers Sarah K.
Capretto Jessica J.	Nauroth Daisy
Dhima Kaltra	Rodriguez Yolanda
Diperna Daniel R	Shanahan Rebecca
Foster Tori E.	Sharp Katianne M
Frazer Andrew L	Streufert Brindi
Heitzer Andrew	Szymkowicz Sarah M
Howard Ruth	Vohs Alexandra Marie
Kroin Loretta E	Woodrum Emily

A roll call vote was conducted and all were in favor. The motion carried.

Dr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Dr. Staab to ratify the following newly licensed Certified Psychological Assistant:

Certified Psychological Assisant

Baker Mary Beth

A roll call vote was conducted and all were in favor. The motion carried.

Discuss and Ratify/Deny Newly Licensed Behavior Analysts

Newly Licensed

Dr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Dr. Staab to ratify the following newly licensed Behavior Analysts:

Behavior Analysts

Bancroft Allison J.	Guarino Emily E.
Bentley Julie K	Harlan Erin E.
Coffman Kellie	Harris Kayla Elaine
Delucenay Anna M.	Heidary Parisa
Douglas Emilie A	Householder Stephanie R.
Easterly Holly Elizabeth	Kretzer James
Edmonds Marisa Margaret	Lake Bethany
Eighmie Loren	Malik Ochoa Denise Heather
Glaze Stephanie	Martini Alexandra

Mccooy Morgan L
Mckenzie Colleen
Morgan-Brown Darnethia
Muncy Jennifer R
Purslow Deanna M
Rice Leanne
Roe Michelle Anne
Rubinstein Jessica E

Ruf Ashley
Seay Torris R.
Selvaraj Rekha
Swindell Jeffrey N
Tirado Aubrey E
Vega Amber N.
Weaver Savana C

A roll call vote was conducted and all were in favor. The motion carried.

Dr. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Dr. Staab to ratify the following newly licensed Assistant Behavior Analysts:

Assistant Behavior Analysts
Weeden Tiffanie R

A roll call vote was conducted and all were in favor. The motion carried.

Tennessee Psychological Association

Dr. Pam Auble, TPA representative, spoke concerning continuing education, the pandemic, online CE's and in person CE's. She spoke of her concern for acquiring in person CE's in 2020 and in 2021. She referenced the executive order 50 suspending the in person CE's, but pointed out the uncertainty of how long this exemption from in person CE's would continue. Dr. Auble asked the board for a policy to be posted on the psychology website addressing CE exemptions. Ms. Morgan stated that there is a policy on continuing education on the board of examiner's website from the commissioner of health. She pointed out that the majority of the boards were dealing with the same issue of the in person CE's. The commissioner through the authority from the governor issued a policy on CE's that essentially suspended the live in person CE's for the remainder of the year. She stated that the action TPA is asking the board to do has already been done with the policy that is already on the website.

File Review

Dr. Fleming stated that the only limitation per the TN state rules and regulations in the file of **Chastity Chartier** who is seeking licensure was for her internship documentation of 1841 hours as opposed to the 1900 required hours. He acknowledged the letter received from Dr. Chartier with the experience and training she has had prior to the start of her official internship of one thousand unofficial hours. Discussion followed concerning an official letter from her supervisor for the unofficial hours, Ms. Morgan referencing statute 63-11-208 giving the board discretionary authority to allow the applicant's experience to count and the board's authority to waive the rules for the remaining hours. Dr. Fleming made a motion to accept Dr. Chartier's 1841 hours of internship as opposed to the 1900 required hours based on her 4 years of

experience as a licensed psychologist, seconded by Mr. Anderson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Discuss Other Board Business

Dr. Fleming will be on military duty for a year and will be back the end of 2021.

Election of Officers

Ms. Mazza nominated and made the motion for Susan Douglas as Chair. Ms. Morgan suggested that it would be prudent to have the person accept the nomination. The election of the chair is tabled until a response is received from Dr. Douglas. Dr. Moore nominated and made the motion for Connie Mazza as Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Anderson. Ms. Mazza accepted the nomination. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

With no other Board business to discuss Dr. Anderson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fleming to adjourn at 10:34 a.m. A roll call vote was conducted and all were in favor. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board of Examiners in Psychology on this the 3rd day of December, 2020.