

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

DATE: September 9, 2021

TIME: 9:00 a.m., CDT

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Douglas, PhD, Chair
Rebecca Joslin Staab, Ed.D., PhD.
Peter Beddow, PhD
Deborah Carter, PhD.
J. Dale Alden, PhD.
John Tyler Overstreet, Sr.PE

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Fleming, PhD
H.R. Anderson, Sr.PE
Neelam Jain, PhD
Jennifer Winfree, Consumer Member

STAFF PRESENT: Diana Hunley, Board Director
Lisa Williams, Board Administrator
Jessica Turner, Associate General Counsel

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present. The administrative staff introduced themselves. Mr. Overstreet was welcomed as the newest member of the board.

Rulemaking Hearing on Telepsychology

Jessica Turner served as the moderator for the rulemaking hearing on telepsychology. The rulemaking hearing was taking place pursuant to TN Annotated Code section 4-5-204. The purpose of the rulemaking hearing was to solicit comments on rules proposed by the board to add new rule number 1180-02-.27 pursuant to T.C.A. 4-5-204. She read the new rule headed Telepsychology into the record. She called for any comments and Dr. Douglas responded that the board had no comments at that time. Dr. Douglas called for a motion to approve the rules that were read into the record. Mr. Overstreet made a motion to approve the rules as they were read into the record, seconded by Dr. Alden and the motion carried.

Review/Approve Minutes

Upon review of the June 10, 2021 minutes, Dr. Carter made a motion, seconded by Dr. Staab to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Investigative Reports

Ms. Courtney Lilly, Assistant Disciplinary Coordinator with the Office of Investigations, presented the summary of currently monitored practitioners. She stated investigations was monitoring seven psychologists and psychological examiners. Currently being monitored were two licensees under board order reprimand, one under probation, two under suspension, one under revoked status and one for unlicensed practice. Investigations for psychologists for the year 2021 received and opened twenty-two new complaints. Of those twenty-two complaints, one was for substance abuse, one for sexual misconduct, one regarding criminal charges, two for unlicensed practice, nine regarding unprofessional conduct, two for lapsed licensed, one regarding mental or physical impairment, one regarding prescribing to a friend or family, three for practice outside of the investigative scope and one regarding COVID-19. Investigations closed a total of twenty-two complaints. Of those complaints, four were closed and sent to the office of general counsel for formal discipline, thirteen were closed with no action and five were closed with a letter of warning. There are currently twenty-three open complaints being reviewed. Investigations for psychological examiners for the year 2021 received and opened three complaints. Of those three complaints, one was regarding unlicensed practice, one for unprofessional conduct and one for practice outside of the investigative scope. Investigations closed a total of two complaints, and they were both closed with no action. There are currently five open complaints that are being investigated or reviewed. Investigations for psychological assistants for the year 2021 has received and opened one new complaint regarding unlicensed practice. Investigations has closed a total of zero complaints and there is currently one open complaint.

Financial Fee Reduction Report

Alicia Grice, Fiscal Director for the Division of Health Licensure and Regulation, stated she was present to have a discussion concerning fee reductions and to answer any questions the board might have. She re-stated the fiscal position, recommending that the board reduce their fees which would allow the board to run in the red for a period of time to reduce the carryover balance. After discussion including survey information from Dr. Pamela Auble, TPA (Tennessee Psychological Association) representative which presented the voice of the constituents, the board made the decision to reduce the fees. A motion was made by Mr. Overstreet to reduce the carryover balance by choosing option four which lowers new application fees to zero dollars, lowers the renewal fee for psychologists and psychological examiners to twenty dollars and ten dollars for psychological assistants, seconded by Dr. Alden. The motion carried. The board was reminded that the required ten-dollar regulatory fee would still have to be paid by the applicant.

Office of General Counsel

Ms. Turner, Office of General Counsel, stated that there are no consent orders, no agreed orders and there are six open cases in OGC currently. She reminded the board of the conflict-of-interest policies. On June 16, 2021, the review committee went before government operations for the continuing education rules with Dr. Alden in attendance and these rules have a July 6, 2021 effective date. She also stated that the Behavior Analyst Committee went before Government Operations with continuing education rules which initially had been stayed and now approved and they now have an early August effective date.

Administrative Report

Diana Hunley stated there are currently 1,469 licensed Psychologists, 300 licensed Psychological Examiners/Senior Psychological Examiners and 62 licensed Certified Psychological Assistants. There are currently 27 Psychologists applications in process, 16 newly licensed and 157 renewals. There were 7 retired, 8 expired and 1 reinstated expired license. There are currently 0 Psychological Examiners/Senior Psychological Examiners applications in process and 37 renewals. There were 3 retired, 3 expired and 0 reinstated licenses. There are currently 3 Certified Psychological Assistant application in process, 1 newly licensed, 6 renewed and 3 expired licenses. Ms. Hunley reminded the Board members to sign their per diem and travel claims. She also stated the next scheduled Board Meeting is December 2, 2021. The dates scheduled for 2022 are March 17, June 9, September 9 and December 15. Dr. Beddow mentioned the September date in 2022 questioning if it should be September 8. The board administrators stated they would confirm the date.

Discuss and Ratify/Deny Newly Licensed and Reinstated Psychologists

Newly Licensed

Dr. Alden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Overstreet to ratify the following newly licensed Psychologists:

Psychologists

Accaria Philip	Gibbs Jason	Rustum Amer
Araya Abby M	Hachtel Joanna	Schoonover Ciera Eden
Bartlett Kristine L	Johnson Rachel	Schwartzman Jessica
Bourg Amanda	Kelsey Matthew	Terry Douglas P
Domangue	Lewis Bess Summerlin	Whitley Marisa L.
Galleher Gay	Rochette Amber Denae	

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

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

Psychological Assistants:

Cawood Marketa

Dr. Alden made a motion, seconded by Dr. Staab to ratify the following reinstated licensee:

Reinstated Licensee

Bishop Geraldine L

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

Discuss and Ratify/Deny Newly Licensed and Reinstated Behavior Analysts

Newly Licensed from February 19 to May 12, 2021

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

Behavior Analysts

Afariogun Meta Rukiya-Rivers	Henderson Ashley L	Paulish Haley M
Allen Mary H	Humphrey-Dell Kathleen Elise	Pickel Krista
Bernaldo Monica	Isbill Stephanie	Ramey Carmen L
Browning Anna Katherine	James Jasmine Breanna	Robertson Karlee
Burress Shannon Marie	James Jessica	Sanford Morgan
Chambers Abigail	Kokx Megan	Sheardown Megan
Cheek Tori D	Lewis Kelcie	Sherrill Morgan
Cowan Brandee Lee	Lykke Kathy M	Smallwood Kyra J
Danis Makenzie	Macdonald Margaret J	Sproles Kristin Danielle
Dickinson Robert	Mcallister Elizabeth	Taylor Andrea Lynnette
Duncan Jenna M	Mccall Morgan Blair	Vernon Sarah
Eberhart Hannah	Mccarty Meghan L	Weeden Tiffanie
Edwards Carla W	Merritt Jill	Wesnofske Rachael
Edwards Samantha	Niven Danielle	Zinnanti Mary Jo
Fusco Jessica	Noel Naomi	Kennedy Krystal
Goforth Brandi Marie	Oliver Taylor	Quinn Patrick Charles
Gonzalez Cathryn Donna	Papa Kendall T	
Green Lisa	Paranczak Jessica L	

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

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

Assistant Behavior Analysts:

_Allen Ashley

Dr. Staab made a motion, seconded by Dr. Carter to ratify the following reinstated licensee:

Reinstated Licensee

Kee Stephen Brian
Woods Reanne H.

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

Newly Licensed from May 13 to August 18, 2021

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

Behavior Analysts

Agent Kaylee	Evers Erica Kaylee	Lowe Kasey
Alston Jamesa Yvette	Ferguson Kendall E	Magee Erin E
Blackwell Chelsea J	Flowers Nia Jamese	Marshall Stephanie
Broussard Stacy	Forde Kylee E	Mitchell Meghan
Byers Josilyn	Gaskins Kelly G	Morales Adriana
Coates Keli	Grillo Jamie S	Nadler Devorah
Cox Victoria S	Hasselman Maeve	Nelson Taylor E
Drysdale Ashley	Kramer Andrea M	Reynolds Ra'Shai O
Echan Matthew	Lambert Lillyen	Sanchez Sonia
Edington Chevy	Liskey Carly	

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

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

Assistant Behavior Analysts:

Kwekel Samuel

Dr. Alden made a motion, seconded by Mr. Overstreet to ratify the following reinstated licensee:

Reinstated Licensee:

Ghatan Bitu
Hood Janna

Long Kyle R.
Pullum Megan Ruth

Sullivan Wendy D.

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

Correspondence

Diana Hunley stated that the board received correspondence concerning the request for a person to act as PSYPACT Commissioner representing Tennessee. The board discussed a possible person to serve in this position and it was the board decision to table this until the December 2, 2021 meeting. Dr. Auble will provide possible names for commissioner at the December meeting. Dr. Alden has volunteered to act as commissioner until a person is named at the December meeting.

Tennessee Colleague Assistance Foundation

Dr. Brian Wind, TCAF Executive Director, was not able to attend the board meeting, but did provide a letter and report which were reviewed by the board members.

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Mr. Overstreet to nominate Dr. Mark Fleming as chair pending his acceptance at the next board meeting, seconded by Dr. Staab. The motion carried.

A nomination was made for Dr. Carter to be vice chair which she accepted. A motion was made for Dr. Deborah Carter as vice chair by Mr. Overstreet, seconded by Dr. Staab. The motion Carried.

With no other Board business to discuss Dr. Beddow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Overstreet to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board of Examiners in Psychology on this the 2nd day of December, 2021.