

# TENNESSEE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

## MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 16, 2023

TIME: 9:00am

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Fleming, Ph.D, Chair  
Alicia Victory  
Tyler Overstreet, Sr.PE  
Timothy Arentsen  
Neelam Jain, Ph.D  
Amy Nicholson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Douglas, Ph.D  
Jennifer Winfree, Consumer Member  
Deborah Carter, Ph.D  
Catherine Terry

STAFF PRESENT: Candyce Wilson, Board Director  
Dale Hill, Board Administrator II  
Elta Breen, Associate General Counsel

Ms. Candyce Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A roll call vote was conducted, and a quorum was present. The meeting was turned over to Board Chair, Dr. Mark Fleming.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Dr. Fleming called for nominations for board chair. Mr. Tyler Overstreet nominated and motioned Dr. Fleming to be the chair and Dr. Alicia Victory as vice chair. Dr. Timothy Arentsen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Overstreet requested to add composition of this board on the next agenda is possible.

### **APPLICATION REVIEW**

**James Bender** – the board reviewed Dr. Bender’s application due to attending a non-APA/ASPPB doctoral program. Dr. Victory presented the side-by-side information from her review. The board discussed the side-by-side and noted the completed internship was APA accredited. Mr. Overstreet motioned to approve the side-by-side and approve the application for licensure. Dr. Timothy Arentsen seconded the motion and it passed.

**Elizabeth Shmikler** - the Board reviewed her application file because Dr. Shmikler has not completed a one-year internship of no less than 1900 hours in psychology per TCA 63-11-208(d)(1)(A). Dr. Victory presented the results of her review. The board questioned the applicant, and the consensus of the board is that a waiver of the required hours may be permitted. Dr. Neelam Jain motioned to allow the 1811 hours and Mr. Overstreet seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The board discussed handling circumstances where applicants faced difficulties completing their hours during covid on a case-by-case basis.

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES**

The board reviewed the last meeting minutes. Mr. Overstreet motioned to ratify the meeting minutes with a noted correction. Dr. Victory seconded the motion and it passed.

**OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS**

Mr. Roger Knowlton presented the Investigations report for opened and closed complaints for the year 2022 and current complaints for 2023 for psychologists, psychological examiners, and certified psychological assistants.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ms. Keeonya Love presented the financial report for the total expenditures. As of July thru December 2022 there was \$168,166.67 and so far for 2023 there is \$201,548.02. Ms. Love presented additional information on total allocated expenditures, total expenditures, board fee revenue and cumulative carryover for this time period. The board asked questions on the fee reduction. Ms. Breen explained that the rule changes, which include the fee reduction, are currently in process.

**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REPORT**

As of March 15, 2023

Psychologists	PE/SPE	CPA
Active Licensees - 1475	Active Licensees - 256	Certified -67

LICENSING STATUS SINCE LAST MEETING

Psychologists	PE/SPE	CPA
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Application in Process	20	Application in Process	0	Application in Process	3
New Licensed	12	Upgrade to SPE	0	New Licensed	1
Renew	42	Renew	11	Renew	1
Online	0	Online	0	Online	0
Retired	5	Retired	4	Retired	0
Expired	9	Expired	4	Expired	0
Reinstated-Expired	1	Reinstated-Expired	0	Reinstated-Expired	0
Reinstated-Retired	2	Reinstated-Retired	0	Reinstated-Retired	0

**2023 BOARD MEETING DATES:**

- September 14, 2023
- December 12, 2023

**OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL**

Ms. Elta Breen reported that as of March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 there are:

- 1. Litigation Matters:**
  - There are two (2) Consent Orders
  - There are no Agreed Orders
  - There are four (3) open cases in OGC
- 2. Legislation:**
  - None
- 3. Rules:**
  - None

**SUMMARY OF CURRENTLY MONITORED PROVIDERS**

Ms. Elta Breen presented the March 2023 Disciplinary Report.

The total number of psychologists being monitored for discipline is 11.

The total number on reprimand is 3 with terms. \$6,272.42 fines and fees

The total number on probation is 2 with terms. \$3,964.92 fines and fees

The total number on suspension is 2 with terms. \$10,666.76 fines and fees (AG's Office is collecting)

The total number unlicensed is 1 with terms. \$69,315.81 fines and fees (AG's Office is collecting)

The total number that has had their license revoked or surrendered is 3. \$6,983.29 fines and fees (Collections)

Ms. Breen also went over the conflict-of-interest policy

**FARB UPDATE**

Ms. Breen presented a report about the FARB conference she attended and offered information she learned on what other state boards do.

**DISCUSS AND RATIFY/DENY LICENSED AND REINSTATED PSYCHOLOGISTS**

**Newly Licensed Psychologist - 10**

License Number	Names
3925	Austell, Andre
2805	Beck, Joy Elizabeth
3809	Hayes, Dean
3859	Holt Natalie, Rose
3923	James, Ryan Nicole
3956	Laurent, Richard Dr.
3839	McNicholas, Patrick
3908	Scott, Michael John
3940	Sutcliffe, Julie Half
3265	Thompson, Julia Elizabeth

A motion was made to ratify the newly licensed Psychologists by Mr. Overstreet. The motion was seconded by Dr. Victory and it passed.

**Newly Licensed Psychological Provisional – 8**

3528	Arrindell, Adrienne Hadley
3928	Beaton, Christina
3943	Bhatt, Nisha K
3961	Clements, Alyssa
3937	Copple, Macy Ann
3957	Love, Sylvia
3952	Schroeder, Carl
3936	Shoaff, Mary Elizabeth

A motion was made to ratify the newly licensed Psychological Provisionals by Dr. Victory. The motion was seconded by Mr. Overstreet and it passed.

**Newly Licensed Psychological Assistants – 1**

145	Mott, Emily
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A motion was made to ratify the newly licensed Psychological Assistants by Mr. Overstreet. The motion was seconded by Dr. Arentsen and it passed.

**Reinstated Licensees – 3**

1764	Blackmon, Terry Lynn
3944	Hamrick, Lauren
3265	Thompson, Julia Elizabeth

A motion was made to ratify the Reinstated Licensees by Dr. Arentsen. The motion was seconded by Mr. Overstreet and it passed.

### **Ratify Newly Licensed Behavior Analyst and Newly licensed Assistant Behavior Analyst**

The board reviewed the list ratified by the Behavior Analyst Committee at their February meeting. A motion was made to ratify the newly licensed and reinstated LAB and the LABA's by Dr. Victory. Dr. Arentsen seconded the motion and it passed.

### **CE BROKER PRESENTATION**

Ms. Marcia Mann provided a presentation on CE Broker. Ms. Mann provided information on CE Broker and what it can offer the licensees of this Board. Ms. Mann talked how many boards they work with. There was discussion with the board on how to move forward with licensees utilizing CE Broker.

### **DISCUSSION ON CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDITS**

There was a discussion on how audits closed with no action prior to 2019, 2020 and 2021 will be sent a letter about closure.

### **UPDATE FROM TPA**

Dr. Pam Auble presented before the board. She discussed two (2) legislative bills about senior psychological examiners and the year of internship hours to be removed from the statute. Additionally, there are changes to come with the EPPP as of 2026.

### **DISCIPLINARY ORDER(S)**

#### **Consent Order(s)**

**Amy Moon** – Ms. Breen presented this consent order. Respondent has been licensed since January 3, 2020, and the license currently expires May 31, 2023. Respondent worked on a lapsed license for twelve (12) months from June 2021 to May 2022. The facts stipulated are grounds for discipline. Respondent's license, number 3541, is to be reprimanded effective the date of entry of this order. Respondent shall pay ten (10) type C civil penalties for a total of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Respondent shall pay all actual and reasonable costs of the case not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). Mr. Overstreet motioned to accept the order. Dr. Arensten seconded the motion and it passed.

**David Rankin** – Ms. Breen presented this consent order. Respondent is licensed as a senior psychological examiner with license number 11126. From approximately 1997-2019, Respondent provided individual and group therapy to sex offenders. The order outlines some of Respondents behaviors during interactions and coordination with probation officers and offenders. This order lists additional stipulated facts and concludes with stating that since January 2020, Respondent has been self-employed as a therapist at a counseling center. Respondent is aware he cannot engage in sex offender evaluation or treatment for the Tennessee Sex Offender Treatment Board, but he may treat patients for sexual behavior in response to referrals for juveniles or adults not in the probation system. The facts stipulated

are grounds for discipline. This order shall place Respondents license on probation for a period of two (2) years. This order outlines the terms of the probation and information on Respondents ability to petition the board for an order of compliance after two (2) years. Respondent shall pay four (4) type B civil penalties for a total of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Respondent shall pay all actual and reasonable costs of this case not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). Mr. Overstreet motioned to approve this order. Dr. Victory seconded the motion and it passed.

Mr. Overstreet motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Victory seconded the motion and it passed.