

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

**DATE:** September 8, 2022

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m., CDT

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Fleming, PhD, Chair  
Deborah Carter, PhD.  
Tyler Overstreet, Sr.PE  
Alicia Victory  
Catherine Terry  
Timothy Arentsen  
Susan Douglas, PhD  
Neelam Jain, PhD

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Susan Douglas, PhD  
Neelam Jain, PhD  
Jennifer Winfree, Consumer Member

**STAFF PRESENT:** Diana Hunley, Board Director  
Lisa Williams, Board Administrator II  
Alta Breen, Associate General Counsel  
Jessica Turner, Senior Associate General Counsel

Ms. Hunley 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. Fleming.

**Review/Approve Minutes**

Upon review of the June 9, 2022 minutes, Mr. Overstreet made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Arentsen. The motion carried.

**PSYPACT**

Mark Green, Lobbyist for the Tennessee Psychological Association (TPA), expressed his appreciation to the board for endorsing PSYPACT (Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact) legislation. Mr. Green and Mr. Overstreet attended the Government Operations Meeting for the

one-year review of PSYPACT. PSYPACT was recommended for an eight-year extension. The bill must pass legislation next year.

### **Office of Investigations Report**

Dorsey Luther, Legal Review Coordinator for the Office of Investigations, presented the investigations report for opened and closed complaints for the year 2022 for the year to date for psychologists, psychological examiners and certified psychological assistants.

### **Office of General Counsel**

Ms. Breen, Office of General Counsel, stated that there are five consent orders, no agreed orders and there are five open cases in OGC currently. There is no legislation at this point and the only rule that has become effective since the last meeting was the telepsychology rule number 1180-02-.27. This rule becomes effective October 30, 2022. She read to the board the conflict-of-interest policies. The disciplinary coordinator OGC report was presented.

Ms. Breen presented the consent order of **Heather Hatcher-Demith**, certified psychological assistant, who worked on an expired license and without a supervisor for forty-five months. OGC called for the license to be reprimanded with probation for two years upon reinstatement during which time the licensee shall provide quarterly supervisory reports to the disciplinary coordinator with ten hours of continuing education regarding supervision as well as payment of 43 type C civil penalties. Mr. Overstreet made a motion to ratify and approve the consent order, seconded by Dr. Carter. The motion carried. Dr. Fleming abstained.

Ms. Breen presented the consent order of **John Thomas Hummer**, psychologist, who failed to meet an acceptable standard of clinical care. For seven patients during the course of about a year, he billed for assessments, evaluations or therapy without assessing these patients in person or visually. Additionally for two patients he submitted court documents recommending guardianship for wives with no direct or current assessments of the patients. OGC asks that the license be placed on probation for five years subject to certain conditions and payment of two type A civil penalties representing the two cases. Mr. Overstreet made a motion not to ratify and not to approve the consent order, seconded by Dr. Victory. The motion carried. Ms. Turner made the board aware that without a ratified order, the licensee is not reprimanded and not under supervision. The board's concern is not enough severity in the reprimand.

Ms. Turner presented the consent order of **Tracy Agostin**, psychologist, who did not obtain a custody or parenting agreement and relied on the statement of the mother as to who had legal custody to initiate treatment. Dr. Agostin admits to making an unprofessional statement. OGC stated the consent order is asking for a reprimand and two type B civil penalties. A motion was made by Dr. Victory to ratify the order, seconded by Mr. Overstreet. The motion carried.

Ms. Breen presented the consent order of **Shemicka Adams** who worked on an expired license for thirteen months. Mr. Overstreet made a motion to ratify the order to reprimand the license with payment of eleven civil penalties, seconded by Dr. Carter.

Ms. Breen presented the consent order of **April Easterwood-Wilson** who worked without a BACB (Behavior Analyst Certification Board) certification for eleven months. A motion was made by Mr. Overstreet to ratify the order to reprimand the license with revocation of the license and payment of eleven civil penalties, seconded by Dr. Victory.

**Administrative Report**

Ms. Williams presented the board administrator report.

**As of 9/1/2022**

<b>Psychologists</b>	<b>PE/SPE</b>	<b>CPA</b>
Active Licensees – 1476	Active Licensees – 277	Certified – 67

**LICENSING STATUS SINCE LAST MEETING**

<b>Psychologists</b>		<b>PE/SPE</b>		<b>CPA</b>	
Application in Process	28	Application in Process	0	Application in Process	3
New Licensed	11	Upgrade to SPE	0	New Licensed	2
Renew	181	Renew	30	Renew	7
Online	144	Online	17	Online	6
Retired	9	Retired	0	Retired	1
Expired	13	Expired	2	Expired	0
Reinstated-Retired	2	Reinstated-Retired	0	Reinstated-Retired	0
Reinstated-Expired	1	Reinstated- Expired	0	Reinstated- Expired	0

**Legislative Update**

Olivia Spears, Legislative Liaison with the Department of Health, presented legislative summaries of Public Chapters.

**Discuss and Ratify/Deny Newly Licensed and Reinstated Psychologists**

**Newly Licensed**

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

**Psychologists**

Broska Arlene M  
 Dixon Alexa Rey  
 Hibbler Lechey Sheree  
 Huber John Thomas II

Moussa-Tooks Alexandra  
 Otis Sarah  
 Paul Joseph  
 Petersen Randolph S

Rodriguez Gladys  
Rogers Courtney

Sebastian Elizabeth Paige

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

Dr. Victory made a motion, seconded by Mr. Overstreet to ratify the following newly licensed Psychological Assistants:

Psychological Assistants:

McCracken Halle T

Parkinson Bridget A

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

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

Reinstated Licensees

Goldstein Leah E.  
Lemay Mark A

Stewart Karen E.

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

**Discuss and Ratify/Deny Newly Licensed and Reinstated Behavior Analysts**

**Newly Licensed**

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

Behavior Analyst

Baird Katherine  
Baltensperger Amy  
Baran Emily  
Burks Jennifer  
Calico Britney M.  
Charles Niah  
Christian Kristen L  
Comer Tameeca  
Connelly Carrie Erin  
Davison Kimberly Diane  
Desai Nishi  
Diaz Katherine

Fontenot Lacy  
Fronney Amber L  
Guzman Carrion Bernarda  
Haggard Lauren Haley  
Horgan Stephanie Lynn  
Houck Nicolas Alan  
Huff Quincy Evan  
Husk Rachel  
Johnson Christine  
Johnson Jordan L  
Jones Jacqueline M  
Kittridge Nathan

Knight Carly Nicole  
Koliofotis Vasiliki  
Lacayo Carolina  
Light Austin Keith  
Lopez Alexis M  
Lucas Geena  
Luttrell Mckayla  
Mangrum Madison  
O'Rourke Soracha  
Pope Sarah Elizabeth  
Potter Danielle Jeanette Anne  
Reaves Lauren E  
Remillard Nicole Claire  
Rodriguez Maria Catalina  
Rogers Nicole Joe  
Rosales Jenna Nicole  
Schmelter Amanda Claire

Schmidtke Cami  
Schweiger Elizabeth Ann-Marie  
Sickman Andrew  
Slater Joshua  
Sobel Samantha  
Spurr Tiffany  
Staubitz John Edward  
Swicord Laura E  
Taveras Yankarlos  
Teague Tamiko  
Toney Kelsey  
Turner Judith L  
Vaughn Abigail Elizabeth  
Webb Alexandra Davis  
Williams Donald Tyler  
Williams Megan

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

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

Assistant Behavior Analyst

Lambert Debra A  
Olds Matthew William

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

Reinstated Licenses

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

Reinstated Behavior Analyst

Baggett Jenny  
Michels Lauren Kaplan  
Ruf Ashley

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

### **Tennessee Psychological Association**

Dr. Pamela Auble, TPA liaison, spoke concerning the Ethics and Jurisprudence Exam Committee, the progress they have made and some of the sources they have utilized to assist them with the revision of the exam. The committee collected information from other states concerning the way they administer their exam. The committee is considering a computerized testing site that is administrated by an outside provider which would allow candidates to take the exam online and to schedule the exam at their convenience. She referenced other statutes not included in the information currently utilized for the exam that the committee would like considered for the exam. Another point she referenced was that demographic information should be collected from test takers so that analysis can be conducted on possible biases for individual test items in the future. The committee will draft two new exams to utilize until the board moves to an online exam and plan to begin using the exams the beginning of December 2022. Dr. Auble talked about continuing education audits and the review of audits. She suggested the CE audits be changed to online. She stressed that it would be important to structure the CE broker which is a CE depository to include all the sources of CE, not just APA approved sponsors and it provides feedback on whether the requirements have been met. She recommended that Dr. Michael Myszka, Continuing Education Chair at TPA, be included on the committee or decision making with the CE broker to make sure it actually covers the CE requirements in Tennessee. She addressed the backlog of CE audits. She recommended the board members work the CE audits as well as having a board consultant work CE's and be compensated. Mr. Overstreet suggested we hire three consultants to review the CE audits. Dr. Fleming requested the board members email stating their availability to review CE audits by close of business on Friday, September 16, 2022. Mr. Overstreet and Dr. Fleming made a motion to move towards hiring three consultants and that the decision for those consultants be empowered to a self-committee that this board appoints today, seconded by Dr. Victory. The motion carried. The committee will be made up of Dr. Jain, Dr. Auble and Ms. Hunley.

### **Tennessee Colleague Assistance Foundation**

Murphy Thomas, Chairman of the Board of TCAF, explained what TCAF was and how it came to be. TCAF is there to assist colleagues. He also spoke concerning consultation versus supervision and gave a slight history of their organization and how their organization works. They created an office of quality assurance which is made up of all volunteers.

### **Rule Changes**

Ms. Breen summarized the revision to the continuing education rules concerning changing the thirty hours for the initial cycle to a prorated cycle. A motion was made by Dr. Victory to approve the rule change draft, seconded by Mr. Overstreet. The motion carried.

Ms. Breen presented to the board a rule change being necessitated by a Public Chapter concerning the revision of the temporary license and the provisional license rules. Susan Douglas made a motion to approve the temporary and provisional rule change draft, seconded by Dr. Victory. The motion carried.

### **Discuss CE Broker**

Dr. Fleming called for a motion to allow Ms. Hunley to move forward with a formal engagement with CE Broker. Dr. Victory made the motion to move forward with CE Broker or some other company, seconded by Mr. Overstreet. The motion carried.

With no other Board business to discuss Mr. Overstreet made a motion, seconded by Dr. Terry to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The motion carried.