

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

DATE: December 15, 2022

TIME: 9:00 a.m., CDT

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Fleming, Chair
Deborah Carter
John Overstreet
Alicia Victory
Timothy Arentsen
Susan Douglas
Neelam Jain

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Winfree, Consumer Member
Amy Nicholson
Catherine Terry, LBA

STAFF PRESENT: Angela Lawrence, HRB Director
LaTonya Shelton, Board Administrator
Elta Breen, Associate General Counsel

Ms. Lawrence 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 September 8, 2022, minutes, Mr. Overstreet made a motion to approve the minutes, with a correction to remove Dr. Douglas and Dr. Jain from the absent members listed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Arentsen and the motion carried.

Office of Investigations Report

Angela Lawrence gave 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.

Financial Report

The Financial report was presented by Ms. Alicia Grice for the fiscal year 2021-2022. Ms. Grice went over the break down that is needed for the next fiscal year, she presented spread sheets showing the proposed reduction of fees and how that would affect the Board over a period of five

years. Mr. Overstreet made a motion to approve the previously voted on fee reductions. Dr. Victory seconded the motion and it passed.

Office of General Counsel

Ms. Elta Breen reported there are three consent orders, no agreed orders and there are three open cases in OGC currently. Ms. Breen went over the conflict-of-interest policy. There is no legislation at this point and no new rule that has become effective since the last meeting.

John Hummer, license #3296 – Ms. Breen represented the State. Respondent was licensed as of October 19, 2015 and is set to expire November 30, 2023. Respondent worked for Veterans Affairs in 2015 and provided health care services to veterans in their homes. This order outlines several stipulations of fact regarding the Respondents personal limitations, employment limitations and the effects of both as it pertains to patient interactions. The facts stipulated are grounds for discipline. This order shall voluntarily surrender Respondents license, which is the same as revocation. Respondent shall pay all costs not to exceed five-thousand dollars. Dr. Douglas motioned to approve the order and Dr. Carter seconded motion. The motion passed.

Donald McCoy, license #2172 - Ms. Breen represented the State. Respondent has been licensed since March 1, 1999, and this license is set to expire December 31, 2022. In February 2021, Respondent pled guilty to one count of Health Care Fraud, one count of Mail Fraud, and one count of Money Laundering. Respondent was sentenced to serve two years in federal prison on each count, all to run concurrent with each other. Respondent's sentence began June 9, 2021. The facts stipulated are ground for discipline. The order shall revoke Respondents license. Respondent shall pay three Type A civil penalties for a total of three thousand dollars and all costs of the case not to exceed four thousand dollars. Dr. Arentsen motioned to approve the order and it was seconded by Dr. Douglas. The motion passed.

Judiann Jones, license #3360 - Ms. Breen represented the State. Respondent has been licensed since September 7, 2016 and has a current expiration date of September 30, 2023. Respondent began employment as a clinical psychologist with Methodist Medical Group-Primary Care in January 2020. Respondent admits to consuming alcohol prior to seeing three (3) patients on April 21, 2021, and April 28, 2021. At this time, Respondent was prescribed multiple psychotropic medications. Methodist Medical Group-Primary Care completed an initial investigation regarding Respondent's use of alcohol. During this investigation they discovered evidence of impairment in patient notes as well as through testimony of co-workers who observed her behaviors. Respondent was subsequently terminated. On October 3, 2022, a psychological evaluation was completed for Respondent, based on her referral from the Tennessee Colleague Assistance Foundation. The evaluation recommended Respondent continue receiving outpatient psychotherapy with her present therapist at least once every two weeks for at least one year. On November 15, 2022, Respondent signed a Monitoring Program contract for no less than two years. In a letter dated November 15, 2022, from Dr. Brian Wind with the monitoring program, he reports Respondent is fit for duty and has full advocacy. The stipulated facts are ground for discipline. This order shall place Respondents license on probation for no less than two years with conditions outlined. Respondent must appear before the Board when seeking an order of compliance to lift the probation. Respondent shall pay a total of three thousand dollars in Type A civil penalties and

costs the of the case not to exceed five thousand dollars. Dr. Victory made a motion to ratify the order. The motion was seconded by Mr. Overstreet, and it passed.

David Rankin, license # 11126 – Ms. Breen represented the State. Respondent has a senior psychological examiners license. Respondent was previously an approved provider for the Tennessee Sex Offender Treatment Board (TSOTB) and lost his approved provider status on December 4, 2019. The order outlines patient examples where Respondent provided treatment and did not provide appropriate discharge paperwork and/or required evaluations. The order also outlines how some patients had to complete evaluations with a new provider due to the lack of paperwork/reports and states that Respondent explained that if he did not provide required paperwork, it is because he did not receive the complete fee due by the patient. Per the order, Respondent alleges he has documentation of all counseling sessions and paperwork in storage and does not know how long it would take to access these records if needed. The order outlines [remove extra “out] stipulations of fact. The stipulated facts are ground for discipline. This order shall reprimand Respondents license, require payment of civil penalties and case costs. After Respondent appeared and discussed the order with the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Overstreet to accept the consent order as written. The motion dies. Dr. Victory made a motion to deny the order and it was seconded by Dr. Arentden. Dr. Overstreet opposed and the motion passed.

Administrative Report

Ms. Lawrence presented the board administrator report.

As of 12/14/2022

Psychologists	PE/SPE	CPA
Active Licensees – 1505	Active Licensees – 265	Certified – 66

LICENSING STATUS SINCE LAST MEETING

Psychologists		PE/SPE		CPA	
Application in Process	26	Application in Process	0	Application in Process	1
New Licensed	23	Upgrade to SPE	0	New Licensed	2
Renew	189	Renew	32	Renew	10
Online	142	Online	16	Online	7
Retired	0	Retired	1	Retired	1
Expired	14	Expired	9	Expired	3
Reinstated-Retired	1	Reinstated-Retired	0	Reinstated-Retired	0
Reinstated-Expired	1	Reinstated- Expired	0	Reinstated- Expired	0

Discuss and Ratify/Deny Licensed and Reinstated Psychologists

Newly Licensed

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

Banerjee, Nikhi	Maloney, Kelsey Autumn
Batastini, Ashley Brianne	Mccaughey Tiffany Jenkins
Declue, Rebecca J	Mccreight, Katelyn Ann
Elliott, Lyndsay	Murray, Neva Louise
Ellis, Katherine Eleanor	Rambo, Brenda C.
Fast, Michelle Lorraine	Travis, Rebekah P.
Greg, Danielle	Treaster, Morgan
Kallunki, Amanda Marie	Tucciarone, Joseph T Jr
Lloyd, Kenneth	Tullis, Paul H.
Lyon, Samantha D	Watts, Sarah Elaine
Weston, Robyn Nicole	Woodell, Jessica M
Young, Teresa Anne	

Discuss and Ratify/Deny Licensed Psychological Provisional

Newly Licensed

Dr. Arentsen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Victory to ratify the following newly licensed psychological provisional licensees:

Arrindell, Adrienne Hadley	Mcclurg, Virginia
Bailey, Marlon L	Neely, Daniel
Cooley, Daryl	Otwell-Dove, Rebecca Carolyn
Hamilton, Jillian Claire PhD	

Reinstated Licensees

Dr. Douglas made a motion, seconded by Dr. Victory to ratify the following Reinstated Licensees:

Arsenault Linda L
High, M. Jane

Discuss and Ratify/Deny Licensed Psychological Assistants

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

Eisenberg-Godsey Samantha	Rosenberg, Alexander D.
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Discuss and Ratify/Deny Newly Licensed and Reinstated Behavior Analysts

Abernathy, Kelsey	Freeman, Brittnaey
Benson, Lucy	Hicks, Jessica Joy
Bentley, Cathy	Hunter, Brittany
Blackmon, James Paul	Jensen, Mckenna Jolee
Blady, Shauna M	Jones, Ingrid
Blunt, Audrey	Jones, Lisa Ann
Brown, Alexandria	Kennon, Kelleen Eve
Browne, Karen D	Kube, Jennifer Lei
Brunetti, Lorie	Mack, Kathleen
Childs, Emily A.	Madden, Misty
Church, Leslie Carol	Malone, Keneisha
Collins, Elizabeth Laine	Manning, Alainey R
Doucet, Bridgette Louise	Miracle, Kalee Ann
Fairand, Lauren Nicole	Moore, Alexis
Rajaraman, Adithyan Dr.	Scheets, Johanna
Reiner, Rachel	Shearer, Leila C
Reynolds, Melissa S	Sleigher, Christi
Trahan, Amanda Leaann	Webb, Baylee
Weyant, Jeannette	Wilcox, Hailey C

Newly Licensed Behavioral Analysts Assistants

Lanier Nicole Ashley	Phillips Mindy Dawn
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Tennessee Colleague Assistance Foundation

Dr. Brian Wind appeared before the Board to provide a quarterly update.

Tennessee Psychological Association

Dr. Pamela Auble, TPA liaison, spoke of the gratitude to the staff Ms. Lawrence, Ms. Shelton, and Ms. Putnam.

Ms. Lawrence updated the Board on the number of audits that are from 2017 through 2021 that have not been completed. The board went over the people that are in process to take over the back log of audits. They discussed how to go forward and increase the number of consultants from 3 to 4. The Board also made a motion to pay the consultants \$100.00 dollars for every 6 audits completed. The motion included the names of the consultants. Mr. Overstreet made that motion which was seconded by Dr. Victory. The motion carried. Dr. Douglas made a motion to draft a letter to close audits from 2017 through 2021 with no action and seconded by Dr. Victory.

The Board discussed the ethics and jurisprudence exam changes and confirmed the test must be conducted at an approved testing site.

Rule Changes

Ms. Breen summarized the changes to the Telepsychology rules that came into effect this fall, so they will better align with the PSYPACT rules which were enacted per legislation. While the

PSYPACT rules permit certain individuals who apply for and receive an E.Passport to practice interjurisdictional telepsychology, the Telepsychology rules require anyone practicing telepsychology in Tennessee to be licensed in the state. A motion was made by Mr. Overstreet to approve the rule change draft, seconded by Dr. Douglas. The motion carried.

CE Broker Update

The Board spoke on using CE Broker, to go over the benefits to the licensee and to the staff. The Board asked that someone from CE Broker appear at the next meeting to discuss and present what is provided by CE Broker.

FARB

Ms. Breen reported to the Board that the FARB meeting was coming up in January 2023 and provided details for the people that are scheduled to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.