

**TENNESSEE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY  
MINUTES**

**DATE:** September 9, 2009

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

**LOCATION:** Health Related Boards  
Poplar Room  
227 French Landing, Suite 150  
Nashville, TN 37243

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Patrick Lavin, Ph.D., Chair  
David Caye, MS, Sr. PE, Vice Chair  
Mark Sigler, Ph.D., Sr. PE  
Evelyn Kemp, Psy.D.  
Anita Davis, Ph.D.  
Brenda Hunter, Public Member  
Jeffrey Erickson, Ph.D.  
Pamela Auble, Ph.D.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:** Susan Strickler, Ph.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Melody Spitznas, Board Administrator  
Elizabeth Miller, Health Related Boards Director  
Barbara Maxwell, Administrative Director  
Sherry Owens, Board Administrator  
Christopher Larkin, Advisory Attorney  
Juanita Stone, Disciplinary Coordinator

Dr. Lavin, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Dr. Lavin welcomed new member, Pamela Auble, Ph.D., who practices in Nashville, TN. A quorum was present.

**Minutes**

Dr. Kemp made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunter, to approve the May 21, 2009 minutes. The motion carried.

## **Office of General Counsel Report/Conflict of Interest**

Mr. Larkin reviewed the Conflict of Interest asking the Board members to disclose any conflict of interest they may have prior to contested cases or any other legal proceedings or matters to determine if there is a conflict of interest. Mr. Larkin asked Dr. Auble, to review and sign the Conflict of Interest statement and give it to Ms. Spitznas

Mr. Larkin reviewed the Office of General Counsel report and stated the following rules are currently being reviewed at the Attorney General's office: Rule 1180-1-.06(4)(c)1.(iii) regarding content of patient records; Rule 1180-2-.01(7)(d) and (e) regarding supervision by video conference; Rule 1180-1-.08(1)(e) 1 – 3 regarding the three (3) hour ethics requirement concerning continuing education; and Rule 1180-1-.13(2) regarding reasonable cost for copies of patient records; and Rule 1180-4-.01(b) regarding supervision of certified psychological assistants by senior psychological examiners. Three (3) cases are being prepared for litigation.

## **Investigative and Disciplinary Report**

In the Office of Investigations, there are currently sixteen (16) open cases pertaining to psychologists and one (1) case regarding a psychological examiner. Mr. Larkin stated there are seven (7) cases to be reviewed by the consultant.

There are three (3) cases open regarding psychological examiners.

Three (3) licensees have been removed from the monitoring list due to compliance with their Orders.

## **Financial Report**

Ms. Spitznas reviewed the financial report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, stating the Board has a surplus of \$42,769.52.

## **Administrative Report**

Ms. Spitznas stated this would be her last meeting with the Board and introduced the new Board Administrator, Ms. Sherry Owens.

From May 7, 2009 to August 27, 2009, twenty-four (24) psychologist and three (3) certified psychological assistant applications were received. As of August 27, 2009, there are 1,315 actively licensed psychologists, 546 psychological examiners (which include senior psychological examiners) and 12 certified psychological assistants.

The following eighteen (18) applicants successfully passed the ethics and jurisprudence examination:

**Robert Lewis Baldwin, Ph.D.**

**Jo Cara Pendergrass, Ph.D.**

**Gregory Stuart, Ph.D.**  
**Paula Fite, Ph.D.**  
**Jennifer Vandergriff, Ph.D.**  
**Danette Garces-Webb, Ph.D.**  
**Colby Butzon, Ph.D.**  
**Rachell Anderson, Psy.D.**  
**Monicah Muhomba, Ph.D.**  
**Guy Edlis, Ph.D.**  
**Dawn Brandau, Ph.D.**  
**Allison Bradshaw, Ph.D.**  
**Vickie Woosley, Psy.D.**  
**Ashley Pineda, Ph.D.**  
**Angela Sallie, Psy.D.**  
**Alanna Truss, Ph.D.**  
**Chad Sims, Ph.D.**  
**Richard Pitcock, PE (reinstatement)**

### **Task Force**

The Board discussed appointing two (2) task force committees to amend the ethics and jurisprudence exam and to review/amend the application review form for psychologists and certified psychological assistants. Dr. Lavin volunteered to serve on both task forces. Dr. Lavin stated he would like to see if former Chair, Dr. Gilleylen would like to serve. Dr. Davis volunteered to serve on the ethics and jurisprudence exam task force. Dr. Erickson volunteered for the application review form task force. Dr. Auble volunteered to serve on the ethics and jurisprudence exam task force and Mr. Caye volunteered to serve on the form review task force. Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye, to appoint the task forces with the members who volunteered. The motion carried.

### **Ratify Newly Licensed**

Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to approve the following newly licensed psychologists with health service provider designation:

**Suzanne Elizabeth Bailey, Psy.D.**  
**Robert Lewis Baldwin, Ph.D.**  
**Lanny Clarice Bolling, Psy.D.**  
**Allison K. Bradshaw, Ph.D.**  
**Colby Douglas Butzon, Ph.D.**  
**Paula Joann Fite, Ph.D.**  
**Danette M. Garces-Webb, Ph.D.**  
**Monicah Muhomba, Ph.D.**  
**Parrish L. Paul, Ph.D.**  
**Jo Cara Pendergrass, Ph.D.**  
**Angela Denetra Sallie, Psy.D.**  
**Gregory Lyal Stuart, Ph.D.**

**Jennifer Daly Vandergriff, Ph.D.**  
**Erin Brooke Vasconcelles, Ph.D.**  
**Katherine Dunlap Veazey Morris, Ph.D.**

The motion carried.

Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve the following newly licensed certified psychological assistant:

**Lauren Porter Myers**

The motion carried.

**Ratify Reinstatements**

Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kemp, to approve the following reinstated psychologists:

**Jeffrey E. Condit, Ph.D.**  
**Jami Grich, Ph.D.**

The motion carried.

Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve the following reinstated psychological examiner:

**William D. Lokey, Sr. PE**

The motion carried.

**Written Examination**

Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye, to ratify the following EPPP examination results:

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| <b>Angela Sallie</b>        | <b>Pass</b> |
| <b>Alanna Truss</b>         | <b>Pass</b> |
| <b>Paula Fite</b>           | <b>Pass</b> |
| <b>Jo Cara Pendergrass</b>  | <b>Pass</b> |
| <b>Colby Butzon</b>         | <b>Pass</b> |
| <b>Danette Garces-Webb</b>  | <b>Pass</b> |
| <b>Dawn Brandau</b>         | <b>Pass</b> |
| <b>Guy Edlis</b>            | <b>Pass</b> |
| <b>Kendra Tannenbaum</b>    | <b>Pass</b> |
| <b>Jennifer Vandergriff</b> | <b>Pass</b> |
| <b>Allison Bradshaw</b>     | <b>Pass</b> |

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| <b>Bobbie Burton</b>   | <b>Pass</b> |
| <b>Kelli Netson</b>    | <b>Pass</b> |
| <b>Vickie Woosley</b>  | <b>Pass</b> |
| <b>Nancy Clanton</b>   | <b>Pass</b> |
| <b>Irina Diyankova</b> | <b>Pass</b> |
| <b>Berrylin Martin</b> | <b>Fail</b> |
| <b>Audrey Elion</b>    | <b>Fail</b> |
| <b>Nikel Wood</b>      | <b>Fail</b> |

The motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

The Board reviewed a letter dated July 17, 2009, from **James E. Brown, Ph.D.** who self-reported that he has the required number of continuing education hours but did not do so within the two (2) previous calendar years as specified in the Board’s rules and regulations. Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kemp, for Ms. Spitznas to send Dr. Brown a letter informing him that he is compliant with his continuing education requirement. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter dated August 11, 2009, from **Todd Moore, Ph.D.** requesting the Board allow him to use a graduate level course that he teaches on ethics to fulfill his three (3) hour ethics requirement. Dr. Moore estimates that he spends approximately ten (10) to twenty (20) hours each year preparing for the course. The Board instructed Ms. Spitznas to send Dr. Moore a letter stating he could, pursuant to Rule 1180-1-.08(4) (c) 2 (iii), receive twenty-two (22) type III credits for the initial development of the course and its teaching if Dr. Moore provides a letter from the department head or dean of the institution stating that he taught the course for the first time and the number of credits, units or hours assigned for the course. The Board stated Dr. Moore can only receive credit one time, but it would not count for the ethics requirement.

The Board reviewed a letter dated July 29, 2009, from **Margaret Wilkins, Ph.D.** regarding supervision of a certified psychological assistant at a different work location. The Board asked Ms. Spitznas to send Dr. Wilkins a letter stating it is acceptable for Dr. Wilkins and the certified psychological assistant to be at different locations, provided supervision is conducted in accordance to Rule 1180-4-.01(4)(a) – (g). In addition, it is the responsibility of the supervisee to obtain supervision and the supervisor must consider the education, training, experience, ongoing performance and level of licensure of the supervisee. Both the supervisor and the supervisee must agree to the arrangements for supervision. The supervising psychologist of record must protect the welfare of the client and assure compliance with Tennessee law and professional ethics.

The Board reviewed a letter dated August 1, 2009, from **Susan Brandenburg, Ph.D.** regarding the 2006/2007 continuing education audit. Dr. Brandenburg retired her license and did not complete her continuing education requirement for 2006/2007. Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kemp, to grant Dr. Brandenburg a waiver for her 2006/2007 continuing education requirement and to refund the one hundred dollar (\$100.00) penalty. The Board stated

if Dr. Brandenburg reinstates her license in the future, she would be required to make up the continuing education hours at the time of reinstatement. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter dated August 11, 2009 from **Laurel Hagaman, M.S., Ed.S., Sr. PE** requesting a waiver of her 2007/2008 continuing education requirements due to medical reasons. Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kemp, to grant the waiver. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter dated September 8, 2009 from **Amanda Blackburn, Psy.D.** asking the Board if it is acceptable to function as a “pending” licensed professional counselor, while under supervision, consistent with the Licensed Professional Counselor Board requirements, while also in application for a Provisional Psychologist license as long as she is not functioning or presenting herself in any way as a psychologist. The Board instructed Ms. Spitznas to send Dr. Blackburn a letter confirming that this is acceptable as long as she does not function or present herself in any way as a psychologist.

### **Review Licensure Files**

#### **Gilbert R. Parra, Ph.D./HSP**

Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Auble, to approve Dr. Parra for a provisional license and schedule him for the EPPP exam, upon receipt of the last page of the pre-doctoral internship verification form signed by the internship director. The motion carried.

#### **Amanda Blackburn, Psy.D./HSP**

Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve the issuance of Dr. Blackburn for a provisional license and schedule her for the EPPP exam. The motion carried.

#### **Mistie D. Germek, Ph.D./HSP**

Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Auble, to approve Dr. Germek to sit for the ethics and jurisprudence exam and upon passing, issue Dr. Germek a license. The motion carried.

#### **Angie Allman, Ph.D./HSP**

Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve Dr. Allman for a provisional license and schedule her for the EPPP exam. The motion carried.

#### **Bruce E. Compas, Ph.D./HSP**

Dr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunter, to approve Dr. Compas to sit for the ethics and jurisprudence exam upon receipt of the last page of the pre-doctoral internship verification form signed by the internship director. The motion carried.

**Zachary E. Bryant, Ph.D./HSP**

Dr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye, to approve Dr. Bryant for a provisional license and to sit for the ethics and jurisprudence exam. The motion carried.

**Julie A. Davidson, Ph.D./HSP**

Dr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunter, to approve Dr. Davidson for a provisional license and schedule her for the EPPP exam. The motion carried.

**Benjamin Birdwell, Ph.D./HSP**

Dr. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kemp, to approve Dr. Birdwell for a provisional license and schedule him for the EPPP exam upon receipt of a non-discrepant criminal background check. The motion carried.

**Natalie A. Williams, Ph.D./HSP**

Dr. Kemp made a motion, seconded by Dr. Auble, to approve Dr. Williams to sit for the EPPP and ethics and jurisprudence examinations. The motion carried.

**Jacqueline L. Kracker, Ph.D./HSP**

Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Auble, to approve Dr. Kracker to sit for the EPPP and ethics and jurisprudence examinations. The motion carried.

**Megan McDevitt Murphy, Ph.D./HSP**

Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kemp, to approve Dr. McDevitt-Murphy to sit for the ethics and jurisprudence exam and upon passing, issue a license. The motion carried.

**Cynthia Klubnik, Ph.D./HSP**

Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Auble, to approve Dr. Klubnik for a provisional license and to sit for the EPPP. The motion carried.

**Richard Pitcock, PE**

Mr. Pitcock's license has been in a failure to renew status for over five (5) years; therefore, the Board's rules require him to take and pass the ethics and jurisprudence examination, pay renewal fees, complete the required continuing education hours, as well as obtain six months supervision under a Tennessee licensed psychologist. With the exception of the six-month supervision, Mr. Pitcock complied with the aforementioned requirements. Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye, to approve Mr. Pitcock for a temporary license to work under supervision for the required six-month period prior to the reinstatement of his psychological examiners license. The motion carried.

**Cindy Smith Jones, Psychological Assistant**

Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve Ms. Smith Jones' application as a certified psychological assistant. The motion carried.

**Mary Elizabeth Payne, Ph.D./HSP**

Ms. Hunter made a motion, seconded by Dr. Erickson, to approve Dr. Payne to sit for the EPPP exam and be issued a provisional license. The motion carried.

**Lisa Lorenzen, Ph.D./HSP**

Dr. Erickson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Auble, to approve Dr. Lorenzen to sit for the EPPP and be issued a provisional license. The motion carried.

**Robert Mindrup Psy.D./HSP**

Dr. Erickson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunter, to approve Dr. Mindrup to sit for the EPPP exam and be issued a provisional license. The motion carried.

**Brian J. Smith, Psy.D./HSP**

Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye, to approve Dr. Smith for a provisional license and to sit for the EPPP. The motion carried.

**Lature Massac, Ph.D./HSP**

Dr. Erickson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kemp, to delay the decision on Dr. Massac's application until the December 2009 Board meeting and instructed Ms. Spitznas to send Dr. Massac a letter requesting verification of a qualifying internship, documentation supporting how his pre-doctoral internship meets the criteria of an APA-approved or APPIC-listed internship, and provide evidence that he completed nineteen hundred (1900) hours of postdoctoral supervised experience. The motion carried.

**Brandon Rodgers, Psychological Assistant**

Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunter, to approve Mr. Rodgers application as a certified psychological assistant. The motion carried.

**Timothy D. White, Ph.D./HSP**

Dr. Kemp made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye, to approve Dr. White to sit for the ethics and jurisprudence exam. The motion carried.

**Nicole Perez, Ph.D./HSP**

Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kemp, to approve Dr. Perez for a provisional license and to sit for the EPPP exam. The motion carried.

**Bruce Cabot Young, Psy.D./HSP**

Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sigler, to issue Dr. Young a provisional license and to sit for the EPPP exam. The motion carried.

**Merle Yalowitz, Sr. PE**

Ms. Yalowitz applied for reinstatement of her psychological examiner's license. Dr. Auble made a motion, seconded by Dr. Davis to delay the decision on the reinstatement until further information is received regarding Ms. Yalowitz's work history and clarification of the nature of services provided during her employment from October 2003 to present. The motion carried.

**Other Board Business**

The following dates were selected for the 2010 Board meeting schedule: March 11 - 12, 2010; June 17 - 18, 2010; September 13 - 14, 2010; and December 6 - 7, 2010.

Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Erickson, to have Ms. Owens send the "go to work" letters to applicants whose files have been reviewed and approved by a Board member. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the employment of certified psychological assistants. Ms. Spitznas stated that the computer system would not allow her to approve a certified psychological assistant application unless a supervisor of record (psychologist/HSP) is entered into the computer. Dr. Sigler stated that applicants are not able to gain employment until they receive their certification. Dr. Sigler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye, to issue a Policy Statement effective September 9, 2009, that psychological assistants can be issued certification without currently being employed, but must submit an Affidavit of Supervision prior to providing clinical services. The motion carried.

The Board tabled the issue of international graduates until the December 2009 Board meeting.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Hunter made a motion, seconded by Dr. Erickson, to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m. The motion carried.

**Ratified by the Board of Examiners in Psychology on December 9, 2009**