

State of Alaska
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATION, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGISTS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE EXAMINERS

Minutes of the meeting November 2&3, 2023

By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.86.030, and in compliance with the provisions of 8 AS 44.62, 8 Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners originated from Anchorage. This meeting was held via Zoom.

The Chair brought the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum

Dr. Erin Johnson, Chair, Licensed Psychologist
Bernard Gatewood, Public Member
Dr. Bradley McConnell, Licensed Psychologist
Dr. Sherri Scott, Licensed Psychological Associate
Dr. Lorin Bradbury, Licensed Psychologist

Board Members Absent

None

Staff Members Present

Jeanne Pace, Program Coordinator I
Marlo Adams, Licensing Examiner

Members of the Public Present

No Public Members Present

Agenda Item – Ethics Disclosures

All members said they had no potential ethics conflicts to disclose.

Agenda Item – Mission Statement

Mission Statement was read by Dr. Lorin Bradbury

Agenda Item – Review/Approve Agenda

In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bernard Gatewood with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve the November 2&3, 2023, agenda as presented.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson	X			
Bernard Gatewood	X			
Sherri Scott				X
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

Agenda Item – Courtesy License Update (Marlo Adams)

There are eight courtesy licenses. One licensee is noncompliant and hasn't submitted a report since being licensed July 20, 2023. Everyone else is compliant for September. November reports aren't due until the 5th of November. Compliance notices were sent out.

Agenda Item – Division Update

Melissa Dumas, Administrative Operations Manager, gave the fourth quarter fiscal report. A breakdown of expenses and revenue was shared with the Board. The psychology program has excess in revenue that will carry over to the next quarter.

In a motion duly made by Bradley McConnell, seconded by Sherri Scott with unanimous consent, it was resolved to amend the November 2&3, 2023, agenda to move agenda item License Review/Action for discussion.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson	X			
Bernard Gatewood	X			
Sherri Scott	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

Agenda Item – License Review/Action

In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Sherri Scott with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve application #216124.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson	X			
Bernard Gatewood	X			
Sherri Scott	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Sherri Scott with unanimous consent, it was resolved to table the Request for Alternate Supervision pending answers to the Board's questions.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson	X			
Bernard Gatewood	X			
Sherri Scott	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

Agenda Item – Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (Eric Boyer, Senior Program Officer)

Discussed potential to expand supervision for doctoral practitioners pursuing psychology licensure to include tele-supervision. Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority engaged Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education Behavioral Health Program (WICHE BHP) in a contract to do research on this topic and to find what is occurring regarding best practices around the United States. Dr. Todd Helvig and Dr. Ashley Fortier from WICHE BHP shared their findings. Recommendations were made by WICHE BHP for

implementing tele-psychology in Alaska. The Board would like to discuss the WICHE information at the next Board meeting.

Agenda Item – Investigations Unit (Jasmin Bautista)

For the period of August 3, 2023, to October 20, 2023, ten cases were opened, and four cases were closed. Most of the old cases have been closed.

Off record 11:01 am

On record 11:16 am

Agenda Item – Public Comment

No public comments.

Agenda Item – Alaska Psychological Association (AK-PA) (Marvo Reguindin, Executive Director)

A presentation and update on AK-PA was given. AK-PA received APA CE Sponsorship Approval for Home Study (their term for webinars) in 2023, this will allow us to begin building a library of webinars. AK-PA wants to work with the licensing board to ensure AK-PA can provide workshops for continuing education required for psychologists. AK-PA is interested in hearing what concerns the licensing board has regarding PsyPact. AK-PA is looking at states introducing prescriptive privileges for psychologists. AK-PA does not have any legislative projects lined up. Request made to have University of Alaska Anchorage professors and Marvo attend the next Board meeting.

Off record 11:56 am

On record 1:00 pm

Agenda Item – State Law and Ethics Exam (Scoring)

In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c) and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, Sherri Scott, moved that the Alaska State Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associates Examiners enter into executive session for the purpose of subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Staff to remain are Jeanne Pace and Marlo Adams. Bernard Gatewood seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous consent.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson	X			
Bernard Gatewood	X			
Sherri Scott	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

Agenda Item – License Review/Action/Request for Continuing Education Extension

In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c) and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, Sherri Scott, moved that the Alaska State Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associates Examiners enter into executive session for the purpose of subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Staff to

remain are Jeanne Pace and Marlo Adams. Bernard Gatewood seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous consent.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson	X			
Bernard Gatewood	X			
Sherri Scott	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

Off record 1:02 pm

On record 2:35 pm

In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Sherri Scott with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve the continuing education requirements and continuing education log for Dr. Michael Gould as presented.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson	X			
Bernard Gatewood	X			
Sherri Scott	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

Agenda Item – EPPP2

Discussion was had regarding the EPPP2. This exam will be required January 1, 2026. A question was brought forth regarding the number of times an applicant may sit for the exam. Regulatory Board access to the ASPPB for Dr. Lorin Bradbury was requested. The Council of University Directors of Psychology is opposed to students taking the EPPP2 as part of their course work. Georgia allows for students to take it after the course work is completed but can take the EPPP2 before they start their internship or during their internship. For our psychology program, it would be during internship because you must have the temporary license to sit for it. Students could take the exam post-doctoral. ASPPB has example multiple choice questions for EPPP2. It was determined no need for further discussion at this time since the exam isn't required until 2026.

Off record 2:55 pm

On record 3:04 pm

Agenda Item – Investigations/Complaint Spreadsheet Review

In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c) and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, Lorin Bradbury, moved that the Alaska State Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associates Examiners enter into executive session for the purpose of subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Staff to remain are Jeanne Pace and Marlo Adams. Sherri Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous consent.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson	X			

Bernard Gatewood	X			
Sherri Scott	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

Off record 3:06 pm

On record 3:35 pm

Agenda Item – Schedule Future Meeting

In a motion duly made by Sherri, seconded by Bernard Gatewood with unanimous consent, it was resolved to amend the agenda to discuss scheduling future meetings.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson	X			
Bernard Gatewood	X			
Sherri Scott	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

The previously set Board meeting for February 8 and 9, 2024, in Juneau was changed from in-person to virtual. Board meetings were scheduled for May 30 and 31, 2024 (Anchorage); Tentative: August 15 and 16, 2024; November 14 and 15, 2024. State Law and Ethics Exam (SLEE) to be held the week prior to scheduled Board meetings. ASPPB meeting in April 24-28, 2024 (training for new board members) and October 9-13, 2024. Lorin Bradbury is interested in attending the October 2024 ASPPB meeting.

Off record 3:53 pm

On record 9:00 am

The Chair brought the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum

Dr. Erin Johnson, Chair, Licensed Psychologist

Bernard Gatewood, Public Member

Dr. Bradley McConnell, Licensed Psychologist

Dr. Sherri Scott, Licensed Psychological Associate

Dr. Lorin Bradbury, Licensed Psychologist

Board Members Absent

None

Staff Members Present

Jeanne Pace, Program Coordinator I

Marlo Adams, Licensing Examiner

Members of the Public Present

No Public Members Present

Agenda Item – Disciplinary Matrix

Board members reviewed the social work board matrix and discussed creating a psychology board disciplinary matrix. The cap on fines is found within the statutes and regulations. For the cap to change, a statutory change would need to happen to make the fines higher. Disciplinary powers of boards are found in the Alaska Statutes and Regulations Sec. 08.01.075.

Off record 9:47 am

On record 10:00 am

The complaint spreadsheet was sent to the Board to glean examples of different levels of discipline. Discussion was had on making the fine up to \$5000 per violation. The Board requested examples of matrices from investigations. If the Board wants an Assistant Attorney General (AAG) to attend the next meeting, let investigations know. When the Board completes the disciplinary matrix investigations will need to review. Chair proposed board members provide one or two examples of minor versus major offenses and invite investigations back to review the examples.

Agenda Item – Regulations Project(s)

Cross-cultural continuing education from other mental health programs' statutes and regulations was reviewed. The Board reviewed public comment submissions. Discussion was had to make the following changes to the psychology regulations. There will need to be a specific public comment period on these proposed changes at the next Board meeting.

In a motion duly made by Sherri Scott, seconded by Bernard Gatewood with unanimous consent, it was resolved to amend the regulations 12 AAC 60.260 to read six credit hours in cross-cultural education of which at least three credit hours to include issues relating to Alaska Natives.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson	X			
Bernard Gatewood	X			
Sherri Scott	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Sherri Scott with unanimous consent, it was resolved to amend the regulations 12 AAC 60.260 to read that all required courses be three credit hours except for cross-cultural.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson	X			
Bernard Gatewood	X			
Sherri Scott	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	x			

In a motion duly made by Sherri Scott, seconded by Bradley McConnell with one opposed, it was resolved to amend the regulations 12 AAC 60.260 to add that three credit hours cross-cultural

continuing education and three credit hours of professional ethics continuing education be required each licensing period beginning on or after July 1, 2027.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson	X			
Bernard Gatewood	X			
Sherri Scott	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury		x		

The frequently asked questions document and other documents pertaining to the regulations project were emailed to the Board for their review and completion.

Agenda Item – Administrative Business

No administrative business for discussion.

Agenda Item – Customer Correspondence

Customer correspondence regarding availability of continuing education in cross-cultural Alaska Native studies was reviewed and taken into consideration during the regulation’s project portion of the meeting. Board members searched for cross-cultural Alaska Native continuing education courses and determined there are several courses available on this topic. Half of your 40 credit hours need to be synchronous.

In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it was resolved to amend wording in proposed regulations from contact hours to credit hours.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson	X			
Bernard Gatewood	X			
Sherri Scott	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

In a motion duly made by Bernard Gatewood, seconded by Lorin Bradbury with unanimous consent, it was resolved to adjourn the November 2&3, 2023, Board meeting at 12:16 pm.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson	X			
Bernard Gatewood	X			
Sherri Scott	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

Date final minutes approved by the board: 12/1/2023

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