

State Of Alaska

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE EXAMINERS

March 5-6, 2020

By the authority of AS. 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.64, Article 6, a scheduled board meeting was held at 333 Willoughby Ave. Juneau Alaska.

Thursday, March 5, 2020

Agenda Item – Call to order and Roll call

Board Chair Al Levy called the meeting to order at 9:25 am.

For the record, the Board started 25 minutes late due to Division technical issues.

Those present constituting a quorum of the Board:

Al Levy, Psychological Associate
Chris Durham, Psychologist
Erin Johnson, Psychologist
Bradley McConnell, Psychologist
Bernard Gatewood, Public Member

In attendance from the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing were:

Lacey Derr, Licensing Examiner
Sharon Walsh, Deputy Director
Billy Homestead, Investigator

Agenda Item – Review & Approve Agenda

The board reviewed the drafted agenda of the meeting.

In a motion duly made by Bernard Gatewood and seconded by Erin Johnson, with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve the agenda as written.

Agenda Item – Review/Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

In a motion duly made by Bernard Gatewood and seconded by Erin Johnson, with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve the previous meeting minutes as discussed.

45 **Agenda Item – Introduction of New Board Members**

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47 Chair Levy introduced himself first, stating he’s been serving on the board since 2012. While serving in
48 the board chair position for the last 2 and a half years, he’s ready to pass the torch onto the next board
49 chair. Dr. Erin Johnson stated she’s been on the board for almost a year now and looks forward to
50 working with everyone. Dr. Christina ‘Chris’ Durham introduced herself and described some of the
51 history of her practice as a psychologist. Though primarily retired at this time, Dr. Durham expressed
52 her excitement and positive visions for the board ahead. Dr. Bradley McConnell recently moved to
53 Alaska from California. He said he’s been working with API as the Director of Psychology and looks
54 forward to service on the board. Bernard Gatewood joined the board from Fairbanks. He explained he’s
55 retired now but has worked in the juvenile justice system but still announces community sports events
56 within his community.

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58 Chair Levy directed the Boards attention toward some of the basics of board business, functions,
59 missions, and purposes. Public safety will be at the front of the Boards decision drive and approving
60 licenses must be based within the regulations set to insure the publics safety. It was directed to make
61 sure the Board was familiar with the Psychologist & Psychological Associates Statutes and Regulations
62 and referred everyone back to the statutes and regulations for appropriate guidance. Licensure
63 approval is based on the statutes and regulations set out by the Alaska Legislature and Board of
64 Psychologist & Psychological Associates. It is the duty of the Board to keep those statutes and
65 regulations current for the highest-level of accountability and protection of the public.

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67 After some discussion of the Boards make up, services terms, and board “housekeeping” items, business
68 moved to setting upcoming board meeting dates after a brief break.

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70 Off Record: 10:20am

71 On Record: 10:37am

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73 **Agenda Item – Board Business**

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75 Chair Levy described an upcoming meeting to be attended by OLE Derr and Dr. Johnson. The Mid-Year
76 ASPPB Meeting was set to commence in April and the next meeting of the board should be after that. It
77 was agreed the next board meetings for 2020 would be April 30 – May 1, August 13-14, and November
78 5-6. The State Law and Ethics Exam was scheduled approximately 2 weeks prior to each meeting date in
79 2020 as April 21, July 21, and October 13. The ASPPB Annual Meeting was set for October 14 – 18, 2020,
80 and it was requested OLE Derr put in travel requests for all board members for that conference.
81 Bernard Gatewood stated he would have to decline as he had prior travel planned.

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83 At the prior meeting, it was suggested to read the Board’s mission and vision statement at the beginning
84 of each meeting and to be advised of how many licenses have been approved since the last meeting.
85 OLE Derr stated there have been 6 newly licensed individuals, with a total of 294 active licenses. Chair
86 Levy asked to have that further broken down by Psychologist vs Psychological Associate Licenses. For
87 the Board mission statement, it was requested to pull the statement off the Annual Report.

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89 **Agenda Item – Public Comment**

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91 There were no members of the public that wished to provide public comments to the Board.

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93 **In a motion duly made by Erin Johnson and seconded by Bernard Gatewood, with unanimous consent,**
94 **it was resolved to close public comment.**

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96 **Public Comment Closed: 11:45am**

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98 After a brief discussion regarding publicly noticed meetings and public comment expectations, it was
99 agreed to recess for lunch.

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101 **Recess for Lunch: 11:54am – 1:01pm**

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103 *Investigator Billy Homestead joined @ 1pm*

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105 **Agenda Item – Investigative Report**

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107 Investigator Billy Homestead joined and presented the investigative report. There were 8 opened
108 matters from November 27, 2019 – February 18, 2020, and 2 closed matters. The Board introduced
109 themselves to Investigator Homestead. Investigator Homestead was questioned on the investigative
110 process for new board members. It was moved to go into executive session for Investigator Homestead
111 to provide the Investigative Training Presentation.

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113 **Upon a motion made by Chris Durham, seconded by Bernard Gatewood, and approved unanimously,**
114 **it was resolved to enter into Executive Session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c), and Alaska**
115 **constitutional right to privacy provisions for the purpose of discussing matters which by law,**
116 **municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential.**

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118 **Off Record: 1:08 pm**
119 **On Record: 1:35pm**

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121 **Agenda Item – Division Update**

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123 Melissa Dumas joined from Division to present the FY20 2nd Quarter Report. After reviewing the report
124 presented to the Board, it was agreed financials are in a great position and the Board is functioning well
125 within expectations. It was questioned if there was any additional input regarding the omnibus board
126 suggested last year and at this time there was no movement. It was requested OLE Derr keep an
127 ongoing reminder to stay informed of any changes and request division staff be present for any updates
128 to provide.

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130 **Agenda Item – Exam Scoring**

131 **Upon a motion made by Erin Johnson, seconded by Brad McConnell, and approved unanimously, it**
132 **was resolved to enter into Executive Session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c), and Alaska**
133 **constitutional right to privacy provisions for the purpose of discussing matters which by law,**
134 **municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential.**

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136 **Off Record: 1:54pm**
137 **On Record: 2:38pm**

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141 It was agreed the Board had completed the days agenda with excellent discussion and collaboration.

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143 **Recess at 2:40 pm until 9:00 am on Friday, March 6, 2020.**

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Friday, March 6, 2020

Agenda Item – Call to order and Roll call

Board Chair Al Levy called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Those present constituting a quorum of the Board:

Al Levy, Psychological Associate
Erin Johnson, Psychologist
Brad McConnell, Psychologist
Chris Durham, Psychologist
Bernard Gatewood, Public Member

In attendance from the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing were:

Lacey Derr, Licensing Examiner
Public Present – Dr. Gloria Eldridge

Agenda Item – Courtesy License Update

OLE Derr provided a brief explanation of what a Courtesy License is, what is required of them, and where current licenses stand. There was 1 active license and 1 closed license, both compliant.

Agenda Item – Old Business

The upcoming ASPPB Mid-Year meeting was to be attended by both OLE Derr and Dr. Erin Johnson. There was a brief discussion about the possibility of halting travel due the Coronavirus but at meeting time, there was no direction that travel had been cancelled or would be cancelled. The Board was also reminded of the ongoing Right-Touch Regulations project and to please continue reviewing areas of statute and regulation that need attention.

Agenda Item – New Business

The Board had been working on a regulations project to update both the Courtesy License Checksheet and the amendment of the required Letters of Recommendation and licensee must obtain. After reviewing the language provided by the regulations specialist, it was agreed:

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227 **In a motion duly made by Chris Durham and seconded by Bernard Gatewood, with roll call**
228 **vote, it was resolved to approve the draft regulations as presented to go out for public**
229 **comment.**

230 Allen Levy – Yes
231 Erin Johnson – Yes
232 Chris Durham – Yes
233 Brad McConnell – Yes
234 Bernard Gatewood – Yes

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236 Dr. Gloria Eldridge joined the meeting to discuss an issue the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) was
237 facing. The University was presenting eliminating the Masters Psychology Program at UAA. Dr. Eldridge
238 explained the issues facing the program as whole and the potential domino effect to other areas of the
239 psychology program at UAA. The cuts the programs are facing are results of the drastic budget cuts
240 imposed by the current administration. Chair Levy followed up Dr. Eldridge with a letter he had
241 composed and wanted board input on. The Board discussed the letter and proposed to add their
242 collaboration together and Dr. Durham would compose the corrections to the final letter for
243 distribution. The letter would then be provided for the public hearing on March 18th, in defense of
244 protecting the MS program.

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246 **In a motion duly made by Erin Johnson and seconded by Brad McConnell, with unanimous consent, it**
247 **was resolved to officially oppose the termination of the master program at UAA and will draft a letter**
248 **to that effect to distribute to appropriate decisionmakers.**

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251 **Off Record: 10:53am**
252 **On Record: 11:00am**

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254 **In a motion duly made by Chris Durham and seconded by Erin Johnson, with unanimous consent, it**
255 **was resolved to amend the agenda to add Investigative Training to the agenda at 1pm.**

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257 Because Senate Bill 157 was not introduced in the legislature, it was in agreement to table the item for
258 future board business when it was more appropriate.

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260 **Agenda Item – Application Review**

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262 **Upon completion of a vote in OnBoard, it was resolved to approve the following applications with the**
263 **stipulation that the information in the applicant files take precedence over the minutes of this**
264 **meeting.**

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266 Hugh Leonard – Temporary Psychologist by Exam
267 Jamie Spatrisano – Temporary Psychologist by Exam
268 Courtney McConnell – Psychologist by Credentials
269 Laurie Juraszek – Psychologist by Credentials
270 Bonner Dobbs – Temporary Psychologist License Extension
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272 **Agenda Item – Audit Review**

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274 **Upon completion of a vote in OnBoard, it was resolved to approve the following continuing education**
275 **audits with the stipulation that the information in the applicant files take precedence over the**
276 **minutes of this meeting.**

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278 J. Avey, C. Edney, W. Elliott, J. Forsyth, F. Haering, S. Hrin, R. Lazur, C. Meyer, D. Moore, K. Morrison, M.
279 Reed, R. Roesch, S. Scott, B. Smith, D. Sperbeck, T. Woods.

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281 **Lunch Break 12:28pm – 12:55**

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283 **Agenda Item – Investigative Training**

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285 Investigator Billy Homestead joined to complete the investigative training started the prior day.

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287 **Upon a motion made by Erin Johnson, seconded by Bernard Gatewood, and approved unanimously, it**
288 **was resolved to enter into Executive Session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c), and Alaska**
289 **constitutional right to privacy provisions for the purpose of discussing matters which by law,**
290 **municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential.**

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292 Off Record: 12:57pm

293 On Record: 1:28pm

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295 **Agenda Item – Adjourn**

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297 **Upon a motion made by Erin Johnson, seconded by Bernard Gatewood, and approved**
298 **unanimously, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting.**

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300 **Chair Levy Adjourned the meeting at 1:29pm.**

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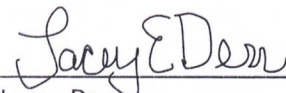
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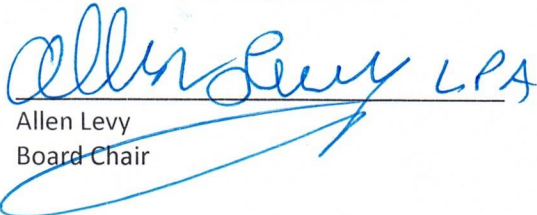
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Lacey Derr
Occupational Licensing Examiner

5.6.2020

Date



Allen Levy
Board Chair

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Date