

**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 August 17-18, 2023**

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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**

- Renee Carabajal, Program Coordinator II
- Jeanne Pace, Program Coordinator I
- Marlo Adams, Licensing Examiner

**Members of the Public Present**

- Eric Boyer
- Brittany Pope
- Malan Paquette
- Michael Craytor
- Paul Craig
- Mark Zelig
- Michael Baldwin

**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. Bradley McConnell

**Agenda Item – Review/Approve Agenda**

**In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it was resolved to amend the August 17&18, 2023, agenda to include the introduction of Lorin Bradbury as a new Board Member and to move lunch to 1:00 pm.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson	X			

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

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49 **Agenda Item - Welcome Dr. Lorin Bradbury**

50 The Board welcomed Dr. Bradbury to the Board. Dr. Bradbury is a pastor and psychologist practicing primarily  
 51 forensic psychology. He earned his doctorate from the University of Mississippi.

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53 **Agenda Item - Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting**

54 Minutes were distributed to members through Onboard and have been reviewed, amended, and approved.

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56 **Agenda Item – Courtesy License Update**

57 There are ten Courtesy licenses, two are noncompliant, one isn't due to report until next month. Compliance notices  
 58 were sent to the two that are noncompliant, and all others responded with monthly courtesy reports.

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60 **In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Sherri Scott with unanimous consent, it was resolved to  
 61 amend the August 17&18, 2023, agenda to move exam scoring up on the agenda.**

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

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63 **In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c) and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy  
 64 Provisions, Sherri Scott, moved that the Alaska State Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associates  
 65 Examiners enter into executive session for the purpose of matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance  
 66 are required to be confidential. Staff to remain are Renee Carabajal, Jeanne Pace and Marlo Adams. Bernard  
 67 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			

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69 Off Record at 9:16 am.

70 On Record at 9:48 am.

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72 **Agenda Item – Investigations**

73 Discussion to determine a similarity in cases coming to the board and if there is education the board could be  
 74 providing surrounding similar cases. Most cases are going to the Board for review. Jasmin Bautista offered Board  
 75 training to Dr. Bradbury on how to review the cases. Jasmin will investigate specific areas of ethics that are coming  
 76 up repeatedly in complaints. Request to review the spreadsheet of specific cases in executive session.

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

81 **Carabajal, Jeanne Pace and Marlo Adams. Lorin Bradbury seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous**  
 82 **consent.**

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

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 84 Off record at 10:12 am.  
 85 On record at 11: 01 am.

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 87 **Agenda item – Public Comment**

88 Brittany Pope –Spoke in support of defining telehealth. There are still areas we need to address in rural Alaska  
 89 where tele-supervision is pretty much the only option. Encouraged the board to continue exploration of distance  
 90 supervision, so we can still serve rural communities in rural villages.

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 92 Eric Boyer – Spoke to the importance of removing barriers preventing access to behavioral healthcare, or that might  
 93 hinder the development of competent and capable behavioral health providers in the Alaska workforce. Discussed  
 94 growing the behavioral health workforce and supporting expanding courtesy licensing requirements. In one-time  
 95 CE classes surrounding cross-cultural studies relating to Alaska natives, teletherapy practices, suicide, prevention,  
 96 substance use disorder, and professional ethics, the Trust supports the CE educational requirements through  
 97 funding at the University of Alaska Anchorage training Cooperative and the Family Services training Center. They  
 98 support the inclusion of proposed regulations for teletherapy practice in Alaska. A potential area to improve in the  
 99 proposed teletherapy practice regulations would be to expand or to clarify the guidelines around the use of  
 100 telehealth technology in the supervision of providers seeking licensure as psychologists.

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 102 Malan Paquette – Spoke regarding support of expanding the vocabulary to include distance professionals.  
 103 Continually concerned about the lack of internship sites and the distance supervision opportunities. Hopes the  
 104 board will consider expanding distance supervision and working more with rural clinics and semi-rural clinics where  
 105 they can take on interns.

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 107 Paul Craig – Spoke in support of the board’s intentions regarding these regulations. Provided a 14-page document  
 108 for review by the board. Expressed concerns regarding retroactivity of regulation changes. Seventy-five percent of  
 109 all jurisdictions nationwide require 3-hours of ethics. If he is being asked to dedicate fifteen of those hours during  
 110 a two- year period to the proposed topics, it puts him in a position of not following the ethics code of the APA.

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 112 Dr. Mark Zelig – Agreed with Dr. Craig's position. Spoke to the 14-page document and that it points out some real  
 113 limitations. Greatest concern is the proposed regulations focus on Native Americans in Alaska. He has never  
 114 encountered jurisdictions that specify focus on particular ethnic or minority groups. A composition of Alaska shows  
 115 approximately 14.7 are Alaska Native Americans. Twenty three percent of the population involves other ethnic  
 116 groups. Why would the focus be on one when awareness of all is important? Expressed concern about how to obtain  
 117 required hours from a reputable CE source regarding Alaska Native Americans.

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 119 **In a motion duly made by Bradley McConnell, seconded by Lorin Bradbury with unanimous consent, it was**  
 120 **resolved to amend the August 17&18, 2023, agenda to move Customer Correspondence for discussion on today’s**  
 121 **agenda.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson	X			

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

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**Agenda Item – Customer Correspondence**

This customer would need to consult with the insurance companies on a case-by-case basis. This comment needs to be reviewed by the Social Work Board.

**In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it was resolved to amend the August 17&18, 2023, agenda to review and vote on applications to today’s agenda.**

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

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**In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c) and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, Bradley McConnell, 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 and matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential. Staff to remain are Renee Carabajal, Jeanne Pace and Marlo Adams. 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			

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Off record at 11:34 am

On record at 12:06 pm

Recess until 9 am tomorrow morning

Off record at 12:07 pm.

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

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**Agenda Item – Roll Call**

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**Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum**

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Dr. Erin Johnson, Chair, Licensed Psychologist

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Bernard Gatewood, Public Member

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Dr. Bradley McConnell, Licensed Psychologist

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Dr. Lorin Bradbury, Licensed Psychologist

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Dr. Sherri Scott Licensed Psychological Associate

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**Staff Members Present**

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Renee Carabajal, Program Coordinator II

155 Jeanne Pace, Program Coordinator I

156 Marlo Adams, Licensing Examiner

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158 **Public Member Present**

159 Malan Paquette

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161 **Agenda Items – Schedule Future Meeting Dates**

162 Discussion regarding ASPPB meeting in September took place. All board members had conflicts to attend the ASPPB  
163 meeting. Erin is looking to see if she can attend. Monday would be the latest to make that decision to get approval  
164 for travel. The January 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting was moved to February 8<sup>th</sup>& 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, with the possibility of the  
165 meeting being held in Juneau if needed.

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167 **Agenda Item – Regulations Project**

168 Change the regulations to the current licensing period. Regulations and Law doesn't have any other suggestions for  
169 the board. The Board may consider the public comments as they see fit. There are concerns regarding the timeline  
170 of the CEUs. Licensees may have completed their CEUs. The goal of the board is to have the required CEUs  
171 completed on a person's first renewal period. Suggestion to repeal 12 AAC 60.260(b), for 12 AAC 60.260 (d) make  
172 it clearly known that the CEUs are a one-time requirement. Three ethics CEUs will continue to be required. In one  
173 area of the statutes and regulations it states an average of 20 hours, and another area reads 20 hours earned each  
174 year. The board could consider a 2-year historical period. The board should keep the Alaska Native CE. A lot of  
175 damage can be done if people don't understand the culture. We approve a lot of licenses from out of state. These  
176 people could be doing telehealth and never step foot in this state. Discussion regarding how the board came up  
177 with these core CE topics took place. The board needs an update from investigations with the outcomes of  
178 complaints. During the pandemic suicides went up, abuse went up, and these are some of the biggest issues that  
179 are faced in Alaska. Requiring these CE topics as a one-time deal is not a big concern. This is relevant to what  
180 psychologists will face here in Alaska. Discussion regarding spreading this out over two cycles. Consideration of  
181 timing may improve reception of the public. The board's goal is to protect the public. We need a record that shows  
182 psychologists and psychological associates have had training in these areas. Cross-cultural CE is in regulation for  
183 every mental health program and that has been in play for six years. Other programs have amended their  
184 regulations. This needs to be uniform across, so we know everyone has taken the CEUs and no one is falling through  
185 the cracks. Discussion regarding waiting to implement this in 2025 took place. The letter that was received and  
186 mentioned along with oral comment spoke to sections illegal or unlawful due to retroactivity; however, this would  
187 not be retroactive. It is written with certain legalese 12 AAC 60.260 (b) after July 1999 everyone to take ethics this  
188 will be repealed because of new (c)(d)(e). For licensing period ending June 2023; it has 20 hours including 2 hours  
189 of whatever you want to take. Is there anything in the statutes and regulations regarding proration of CEUs in a  
190 situation someone applied a month to 6 months before renewal deadline? Administratively, if you are not licensed  
191 for a full calendar year, we don't require 20 CEUs. This is not in regulation so maybe it should be to make things  
192 clear for people. Discussion regarding reduction from 6 hours of cross-cultural to 4 took place. This gives people  
193 more room to choose CEUs they want. It was determined that teletherapy should be changed to telepsychology,  
194 and that the current definition surrounding this will suffice. Discussion regarding bifurcation of the regulations  
195 project took place. There is the option to split the CEU part of the regulations project from the telehealth portion.  
196 Under number 2 it states Board approved. Stating Board approved CEU means we would have to have a list of pre-  
197 approved CEU options. Remove Board approved.

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199 **In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury seconded by Sherri Scott with unanimous consent, it was resolved to**  
200 **remove the wording Board Approved under 12 AAC 60.404(2).**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson	X			
Bernard Gatewood	X			

Sherri Scott	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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202 Off record at 10:53 am

203 On record at 11:00 am

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205 Under 12 AAC 60.035 should it read jurisdiction instead of state? No. this must remain as is. This specifically refers  
 206 to the State of Alaska statutes and regulations which the Board is enforcing. Scope of practice must remain. We put  
 207 the scope of practice in the public note because this is why the individual is seeking a courtesy license and this is  
 208 the only reason the individual is being granted the courtesy license.

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210 We will table the discussion regarding the regulations project and public comments until next meeting when we  
 211 have details from the ethics complaints.

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213 **In a motion duly made by Bernard Gatewood, seconded by Sherri Scott with unanimous consent, it was resolved**  
 214 **to adjourn the August 17&18, 2023, meeting at 11:24 am**

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

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216 The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm

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218 **Agenda Item – Roll Call**

219 **Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum**

220 Dr. Erin Johnson, Chair, Licensed Psychologist

221 Bernard Gatewood, Public Member

222 Dr. Bradley McConnell, Licensed Psychologist

223 Dr. Lorin Bradbury, Licensed Psychologist

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225 **Board Members Absent**

226 Dr. Sherri Scott, Licensed Psychological Associate

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228 **Staff Members Present**

229 Renee Carabajal, Program Coordinator II

230 Jeanne Pace, Program Coordinator I

231 Marlo Adams, Licensing Examiner

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233 **In a motion duly made by Bernard Gatewood, seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it was**  
 234 **resolved to rescind the earlier motion for adjournment.**

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

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In a motion duly made by Bernard Gatewood seconded by Bradley McConnel with unanimous consent, it was resolved to split the regulations project into two parts.

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

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In a motion duly made by Bernard Gatewood seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it was resolved to have withdrawal of sections 12 AAC 60.260(b)(c)(d)(e) from the current project for further consideration by the board; and replace all references to the term “teletherapy” with “telepsychology” through the proposed new Article 7; and remove the words “board-approved” from section 12 AAC 60.404(2); to read “complete general competency training in the practice of telepsychology, totaling a minimum of four hours.”

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

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In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bernard Gatewood with unanimous consent, it was resolved to adjourn the August 17&18, 2023, Board meeting at 3:04 pm.

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

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Marlo Adams, Licensing Examiner  
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**Erin Johnson**

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Erin Johnson, Board Chair

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