

1 State of Alaska
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATION, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
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5 BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGISTS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE EXAMINERS

6 Minutes of the meeting November 2&3, 2023
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8 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,
9 8 Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associate Examiners
10 originated from Anchorage. This meeting was held via Zoom.
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12 The Chair brought the meeting to order at 9:02 am.
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14 **Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum**

15 Dr. Erin Johnson, Chair, Licensed Psychologist
16 Bernard Gatewood, Public Member
17 Dr. Bradley McConnell, Licensed Psychologist
18 Dr. Sherri Scott, Licensed Psychological Associate
19 Dr. Lorin Bradbury, Licensed Psychologist
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21 **Board Members Absent**

22 None
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24 **Staff Members Present**

25 Jeanne Pace, Program Coordinator I
26 Marlo Adams, Licensing Examiner
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28 **Members of the Public Present**

29 No Public Members Present
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31 **Agenda Item – Ethics Disclosures**

32 All members said they had no potential ethics conflicts to disclose.
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34 **Agenda Item – Mission Statement**

35 Mission Statement was read by Dr. Lorin Bradbury
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37 **Agenda Item – Review/Approve Agenda**

38 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			

39 **Agenda Item – Courtesy License Update (Marlo Adams)**

40 There are eight courtesy licenses. One licensee is noncompliant and hasn't submitted a report since being
41 licensed July 20, 2023. Everyone else is compliant for September. November reports aren't due until the
42 5th of November. Compliance notices were sent out.

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44 **Agenda Item – Division Update**

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

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

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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53 **Agenda Item – License Review/Action**

54 **In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Sherri Scott with unanimous consent, it was**
55 **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			

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57 **In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Sherri Scott with unanimous consent, it was**
58 **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			

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

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

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

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69 **Agenda Item – Investigations Unit (Jasmin Bautista)**
70 For the period of August 3, 2023, to October 20, 2023, ten cases were opened, and four cases were closed.
71 Most of the old cases have been closed.

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73 Off record 11:01 am
74 On record 11:16 am

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76 **Agenda Item – Public Comment**
77 No public comments.

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

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88 Off record 11:56 am
89 On record 1:00 pm

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91 **Agenda Item – State Law and Ethics Exam (Scoring)**
92 In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c) and Alaska Constitutional Right to
93 Privacy Provisions, Sherri Scott, moved that the Alaska State Board of Psychologists and Psychological
94 Associates Examiners enter into executive session for the purpose of subjects that tend to prejudice the
95 reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Staff to
96 remain are Jeanne Pace and Marlo Adams. Bernard Gatewood seconded the motion. Motion passed
97 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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99 **Agenda Item – License Review/Action/Request for Continuing Education Extension**
100 In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c) and Alaska Constitutional Right to
101 Privacy Provisions, Sherri Scott, moved that the Alaska State Board of Psychologists and Psychological
102 Associates Examiners enter into executive session for the purpose of subjects that tend to prejudice the
103 reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Staff to

104 remain are Jeanne Pace and Marlo Adams. Bernard Gatewood seconded the motion. Motion passed
105 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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107 Off record 1:02 pm
108 On record 2:35 pm

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110 In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Sherri Scott with unanimous consent, it was
111 resolved to approve the continuing education requirements and continuing education log for Dr.
112 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			

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114 **Agenda Item – EPPP2**

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

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125 Off record 2:55 pm
126 On record 3:04 pm

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128 **Agenda Item – Investigations/Complaint Spreadsheet Review**

129 In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c) and Alaska Constitutional Right to
130 Privacy Provisions, Lorin Bradbury, moved that the Alaska State Board of Psychologists and
131 Psychological Associates Examiners enter into executive session for the purpose of subjects that tend
132 to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public
133 discussion. Staff to remain are Jeanne Pace and Marlo Adams. Sherri Scott seconded the motion.
134 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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136 Off record 3:06 pm

137 On record 3:35 pm

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139 **Agenda Item – Schedule Future Meeting**

140 **In a motion duly made by Sherri, seconded by Bernard Gatewood with unanimous consent, it was**
 141 **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			

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143 The previously set Board meeting for February 8 and 9, 2024, in Juneau was changed from in-person to
 144 virtual. Board meetings were scheduled for May 30 and 31, 2024 (Anchorage); Tentative: August 15 and
 145 16, 2024; November 14 and 15, 2024. State Law and Ethics Exam (SLEE) to be held the week prior to
 146 scheduled Board meetings. ASPPB meeting in April 24-28, 2024 (training for new board members) and
 147 October 9-13, 2024. Lorin Bradbury is interested in attending the October 2024 ASPPB meeting.

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149 Off record 3:53 pm

150 On record 9:00 am

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

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154 **Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum**

155 Dr. Erin Johnson, Chair, Licensed Psychologist

156 Bernard Gatewood, Public Member

157 Dr. Bradley McConnell, Licensed Psychologist

158 Dr. Sherri Scott, Licensed Psychological Associate

159 Dr. Lorin Bradbury, Licensed Psychologist

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161 **Board Members Absent**

162 None

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164 **Staff Members Present**

165 Jeanne Pace, Program Coordinator I

166 Marlo Adams, Licensing Examiner

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168 **Members of the Public Present**

169 No Public Members Present

170 **Agenda Item – Disciplinary Matrix**

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

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176 Off record 9:47 am
177 On record 10:00 am

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

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186 **Agenda Item – Regulations Project(s)**

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

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192 **In a motion duly made by Sherri Scott, seconded by Bernard Gatewood with unanimous consent, it was**
193 **resolved to amend the regulations 12 AAC 60.260 to read six credit hours in cross-cultural education of**
194 **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			

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196 **In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Sherri Scott with unanimous consent, it was**
197 **resolved to amend the regulations 12 AAC 60.260 to read that all required courses be three credit hours**
198 **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			

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

202 continuing education and three credit hours of professional ethics continuing education be required
 203 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		

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

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 208 **Agenda Item – Administrative Business**

209 No administrative business for discussion.

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 211 **Agenda Item – Customer Correspondence**

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

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 217 **In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it**
 218 **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			

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 220 **In a motion duly made by Bernard Gatewood, seconded by Lorin Bradbury with unanimous consent, it**
 221 **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			

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