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Board Membership (as of the Date This Report was Approved)

Date of Final Board Approval: 5/31/2024

Erin Johnson, PhD	Chair, Psychologist Member
Bradley McConnell, PhD	Psychologist Member
Lorin Bradbury, PhD	Psychologist Member
Vacant	Psychological Associate Member
Vacant	Public Member

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Accomplishments

The FY 2023 report of activities is based on the Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners meetings held between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024. During that time, the Board held four quarterly meetings on August 15-16, November 14-15, February 8-9, and May 30-31.

The Board continues with the goals of 1) protecting the public, 2) ensuring the public of continued competency of licensed psychology practitioners, 3) ensuring psychological care is offered by professionally qualified persons, and 4) ensuring qualified psychology practitioners are available. The Board has approved 29 applicants for licensure as Psychologists and Psychological Associates, facilitated the State Law and Ethics Exam (SLEE) four times virtually, and monitored continuing education requirements. One Board member attended the ASPPB annual meeting in person (April 2024) and provided updates to all Board members.

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Activities

In the past year, the Board has continued to evaluate telesupervision requirements, met with stakeholders, drafted regulations related continuing education requirements, worked on developing a disciplinary matrix, and monitored the pending APA Ethics Code revisions for possible regulation changes.

The Board has worked on rebuilding the State Law and Ethics Exam (SLEE) test bank with one member attending a workshop on test development in California. The SLEE is administered four times per year and is a crucial element to ensuring potential practitioners are qualified to provide services for Alaskans.

The Board has had ongoing discussions regarding changes to the national exam (i.e., the addition of a second portion of the EPPP). This second portion of the EPPP will be a requirement for all jurisdictions beginning January 1, 2026 and will require updated regulations.

The Board continues to discuss the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) regarding telepsychology practice across state lines (enacted by approximately 42 jurisdictions as of April 2024). The Board has several concerns about participating in PSYPACT at this time:

- 1) enrollment in PSYPACT requires practitioners to complete an APA-accredited graduate program, which applies to only one of the two psychology graduate programs in Alaska,
- 2) the Alaska Board would have no ability to require certain educational or continued education requirements for practitioners,
- 3) any complaints against practitioners would be reviewed by the state in which the license is held, giving Alaska no oversight in tracking violations.

While we have been told that no changes to PSYPACT can be made by any state, we continue to work with the overseeing organization to address our concerns.

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Needs

The Board feels it is important for our licensing examiners to attend the ASPPB annual and/or midyear meetings to remain up-to-date on trends and pending policy changes. No licensing examiners has been allowed to attend one of these meeting in the past four or more years.

The Board currently has two open seats, increasing the workload of the current members and creating delays in completing complaint reviews; we welcome any support the State can provide with recruitment.