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**Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners**

# **Annual Report**

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

**Date of Final Board Approval: 3/14/2025**

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

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**Accomplishments**

The Board of Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners met four times between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025; August 15, September 20, November 14, and February 6.

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. In this fiscal year the board has:

- 1) approved 53 applicants for full and temporary/courtesy licensure as Psychologists and Psychological Associates,
- 2) facilitated the State Law and Ethics Exam (SLEE) four times,
- 3) developed new State Law and Ethics Exam (SLEE) questions,
- 4) examined a third-party test developer and proctor for the SLEE with the goals of making the exam easily accessible to licensees and to reduce travel costs incurred by licensees to take the exam. Remote proctoring of the SLEE will remove a barrier to licensure and financial hardship to licensees.
- 5) begun several regulations projects.

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## Activities

### Regulations Projects

The board has two active regulations projects:

- 1) Clarifying “face-to-face” pertaining to in-person supervision
- 2) Clarifying “synchronous” pertaining to continuing education credits as live-interactive
- 3) Repealing reference to a specific form (Courtesy License Checklist dated Nov. 2016), allowing edits to be completed as needed without regulation changes.

Changes have been drafted, and public comment is being gathered at this time.

### EPPP

Board members attended the ASPPB annual and mid-year meeting to ensure Alaska was apprised of national trends and vote related to the possible changes to the required national exam; the Examination of Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP). The proposed change by ASPPB to the EPPP (making it a two-part exam requiring additional time and fees) has been altered to maintain the one- time, one-fee exam with updated content.

### PSYPACT

The board continues to discuss the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) regarding telepsychology practice across state lines (enacted by 42 jurisdictions as of March 2025). 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) complaints against practitioners located outside of Alaska would likely require some work by DCCED employees before forwarding the complaint to the licensing jurisdiction.

We have met with the PSYPACT Executive Director twice and continue to be told that no changes to PSYPACT policy or practices can be made by any singular state. We continue to work with the overseeing organization to address our concerns. Out-of-state practitioners can still provide telehealth services to individuals in Alaska by obtaining an Alaska license.

### Ongoing Discussions and Monitoring

The American Psychological Association’s (APA) has proposed a markedly altered Ethical Principles of Psychologist Code of Conduct, which is now in the public comment phase. These changes are likely to change how the board reviews and addresses complaints submitted against Psychologist and Psychological Associates.

The APA is also developing an accreditation process for Master’s level programs which would affect LPA licensees and current regulations.

The board is currently examining the scope of practice for Psychological Associates.

The board continues to gather data on effectiveness of tele supervision. There is an extreme paucity of data on client outcomes at this time.

The board continues to meet with stakeholders (e.g., Alaska Psychological Association, University of Alaska Anchorage, Alaska Pacific University) to address possible national and state changes. The Alaska Psychological Association report is on every board agenda.

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**Needs**

The board continues to have two open seats, increasing the workload of the current members and creating delays in completing complaint reviews; we welcome any support with recruitment the state can provide.

The proposed changes to the APA's Ethical Principles of Psychologist Code of Conduct will likely alter how the board reviews and addresses complaints. Out-of-state trainings on the altered Code of Conduct may be required.

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 examiner has been allowed to attend one of the meetings at least in the last five years. There was a time when the psychology board did not have a designated licensing examiner. No current licensing examiner has been available to attend.

As the board is currently in a deficit for the first time in many years; increasing license fees may be necessary in the future.