



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING  
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATE EXAMINERS

CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 9 - 10, 2022.

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 via Zoom.

**May 9, 2022:**

**Attendance**

**Members Present:** Chair Dr. Erin Johnson, Dr. Bradley McConnell, Sherri Scott, Bernard Gatewood

**Staff Present:** Lacey Derr, Records & Licensing Supervisor, Investigator Josh Hardy, Paralegal Marilyn Zimmerman, Administrative Operations Manager Melissa Dumas

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

The board was called to order at 9:06 a.m.

**2. Review Agenda**

Board reviewed agenda.

**Motion to approve agenda as presented: 1st Dr. McConnell – 2nd Sherri Scott  
Approved by majority**

**3. Ethics Disclosure**

Board members present stated they had no conflicts to disclose.

**4. Licensing Examiner Report**

**A. Mission Statement**

RLS Derr reviewed the board's mission statement.

**B. Licensee Update**

RLS Derr stated the board has approved applicants for licensure as psychologists and psychological associates, as well as monitored continuing education requirements.

**C. Courtesy License Update**

RLS Derr informed the board there are currently eight (8) active courtesy licenses. One courtesy licensee has almost completed the full licensure process. The board reviewed provided courtesy license update information provided in the meeting packet.

**5. Investigative Report**

Investigator Josh Hardy greeted the board and reviewed the Investigative Memo. Investigator Hardy reported 16 open matters with 1 matter closed during this period.

**Motion to enter executive session:** 1st Dr. McConnell – 2nd Dr. Johnson

Alaska state Board of psychologists and psychological associates enter executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.610(c) and Alaska constitutional right to privacy provisions, for the purpose of discussing subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request the public discussion matters which by law municipal charter or ordinance are required to be confidential. Board staff to remain during the session.

Approved unanimously

*Board entered executive session at 9:06 a.m. and returned from executive session at 9:19 a.m.*

**Motion: 1st Dr. McConnell – 2nd Dr. Johnson**

Adopt Consent Agreement for Case 2021-000833, as presented.

**Approved unanimously**

The board thanked Investigator Hardy and Paralegal Zimmerman for their time and assistance.

The board was ahead of schedule and briefly discussed HB276. Chair Johnson informed the board they were scheduled to testify Monday; however, the meeting was cancelled, and she was not given the opportunity to speak. Chair Johnson stated that due to this, meeting with Representative Kaufman were scheduled for today at 9:30 a.m. and additional appointments were made for tomorrow.

The board briefly discussed HB276 talking points and meeting schedule.

*Recess The Board recessed at 9:25 a.m. for a short break; reconvened at 10:00 a.m.*

## **6. Division Update**

Administrative Operations Manager Melissa Dumas provided brief updates on:

### **A. FY22 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Report**

### **B. Legislative Update**

AOM Dumas reviewed the fiscal note for HB276 with the board.

The board thanked AOM Dumas for her time and assistance.

The board was ahead of schedule so briefly discussed HB276 and meetings with Representatives.

The board was still ahead of schedule and there were no members of the public online for Item 7, Public Comment; the board decided to move onto Item 11, New Business, but would stop if anyone joined for public comment.

## **7. Public Comment**

Malan Paquette stated the board moving on supervision issues is appreciated. Malan Paquette stated the board some notices from the board are not easily accessible; the board should make changes to ensure notices are accessible and information accurately posted to the web. Malan Paquette stated several emails received did not provide working links. She also stated they corresponded with Director Chambers; Director Chambers had assured Malan that meeting agendas and meeting information would be published in a timelier manner.

The board thanked Malan Paquette for their time and participation.

## **8. Old Business**

### **A. In Person vs. Telemedicine Supervision**

The board briefly discussed challenges facing applicants, recent Oregon changes allowing 75% of supervision could be telehealth.

Ms. Scott reviewed her spreadsheet of different state requirements; Ms. Scott stated many states currently had hybrid models. Ms. Scott stated she still needed to complete a few more states for the spreadsheet to be completed.

The board briefly discussed supervision requirement challenges in rural areas.

The board agreed with RLS Derr to draft an informational email to be discussed at the next meeting which would be sent to Director Chambers for dissemination to licensees.

### **B. Changes to LPA Supervision Requirements**

Dr. Johnson stated a recent presentation by UAA professors regarding the master's level clinical psychology program, during which they discussed that APA is moving towards accrediting masters level programs and how difficult it is to get supervision from a psychologist for LPA's.

The board reviewed the LPC supervision requirements and briefly discussed a supervisor certification. The board briefly discussed aligning supervision requirements for all license types.

RLS Derr stated she would draft a couple of regulation changes to present to the board during their next meeting.

### **C. CEU Regulation Changes**

The board briefly reviewed their discussion from the last meeting.

RLS Derr asked Dr. Johnson and Dr. McConnell if they had success taking courses discussed during the previous meeting. Dr. Johnson stated the course had been completed but was not necessarily helpful. Dr. McConnell stated he'd not had a chance to take the course; the National Register had offered a couple of fee courses which they'll check out as soon as possible.

The board agreed that this discussion should be tabled until the next meeting due to current legislation and other projects the board is currently working on.

## **9. New Business**

### **A. AKPA – MLA Bill Hearing(s)**

The board briefly discussed HB 276. Dr. Johnson informed the board that they'd had informal conversations with tribal leaders; however, they are not willing to be on the record at this time and would prefer the board make a more formal statement.

RLS Derr stated she believed Director Chambers interpretation of the bill was genuine of that may be the intent of following the federal law, however, what is written in that model legislation, as the Board has identified is not the as it is more broad than current federal regulation.

### **B. ASPPB Mid-Year Meeting**

Dr. Johnson stated at this time this meeting is set to be an in-person meeting, but subject to change, and the board would like Lacey to attend.

The board briefly reviewed meeting topics with RLS Derr.

### **C. Set Upcoming Meeting/SLEE**

The board requested an in-person meeting August 15 - 16, 2022 to be held in Anchorage

The board briefly reviewed meetings with Representatives scheduled for the afternoon and the need to change the start time of the February 11, meeting. RLS Derr informed the board she would log into the meeting at 9:00 a.m. to ensure anyone interested in attending the February 11 meeting were informed of the start time change.

### **D. Approve Meeting Minutes**

#### **i. December 18, 2021**

RLS Derr stated she had made edits to the meeting minutes as requested by board members. The board reviewed the minutes.

#### **Motion to approve agenda: 1st Mr. Gatewood – 2nd Dr. McConnell**

Approve December 18, 2021, meeting minutes as written.

**Approved unanimously**

*Recess The Board recessed at 2:28 p.m. and will reconvene, Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.*

## **May 10, 2022:**

### **Attendance**

**Members Present:** Chair Dr. Erin Johnson, Dr. Bradley McConnell, Sherri Scott, Bernard Gatewood

**Staff Present:** Lacey Derr, Records & Licensing Supervisor, Occupational Licensing Examiner Logan Bugayong

**Public Present:** Dr. Kevin Tarlow, Malan Paquette

## **10. Call to Order/Roll Call**

The board was called to order at Noon.

## **11. Legislative Contact Discussion**

Dr. Johnson stated she and Dr. McConnell had two meetings regarding HB276 yesterday, two meetings this morning, with two more scheduled with Representatives David Nelson and Ivy Spohnholz at 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. this afternoon.

Dr. Johnson stated they had spoken with legislators and were under the impression HB 276 was concluded with a consensus. It was proposed it would be tabled until the end of April which would allow time to speak with individuals who eliminated the postdoc requirements. Dr. Johnson concluded this would be all the board could ask as it would allow the opportunity for further discussion and allow board members more time to speak with Representatives.

Dr. Johnson stated RLS Derr and Dr. McConnell had drafted a synopsis of HB 276 which she would email to board members for review and sharing with bill sponsors.

Dr. McConnell stated he'd received information from a Texas board member; the individual had stated Texas had a successful defense against pre-doctorial processes which allowed Texas to keep their postdoc requirements.

RLS Derr asked if were any fiscal note discussions or questions that the division could work on for the board. Dr. Johnson stated Director Chambers had presented on Wednesday and discussed concerns; also, as this is in a holding pattern, there was no need to work on a fiscal note at this time.

## 12. Application Review

RLS Derr informed the board that she had added two applications for consideration to OnBoard. RLS Derr asked the board if they would like to continue review through OnBoard. The board requested to continue application review via OnBoard. The Board with RLS Derr reviewed applications loaded to OnBoard.

RLS Derr informed the board that the following applications had been approved by unanimous consent:

- ❖ Dr. Taneisha M. Amon, license 184612, psychologist by examination
- ❖ Dr. Taryn M. Brandt, license 182674, psychologist by credentials
- ❖ Dr. Cindy H. Feng, license 184580, psychologist by credentials
- ❖ Dr. Bethanne Kapansky Wright, license PSYP556, CE audit renewal
- ❖ Dr. Kevin R. Tarlow, license 189196, psychologist by credentials
- ❖ Dr. Arti Radhika Sama, license 179713, psychologist by credentials

RLS Derr informed the board, Dr. Annamaria Anthony, license 185534, psychologist by credentials, had been approved pending the receipt of a corrected letter of reference.

## 13. Adjourn

The chair declared the board off the record at 11:49 a.m.

Date meeting minutes approved:	03.21.2025
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