

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 February 8-9, 2024

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 9:03 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

Jeanne Pace, Program Coordinator I
Marlo Adams, Licensing Examiner

Members of the Public Present

Malan Paquette
Abegail Millard
Liz Everett

Agenda Item – Ethics Disclosures

All members said they had no potential ethics conflicts to disclose.

Agenda Item – Mission Statement

Mission Statement was read by Lorin Bradbury.

Agenda Item – Review/Approve Agenda

In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bernard Gatewood with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve the February 8-9, 2024, agenda as presented.

Board Member	Approve		Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson	X				
Bernard Gatewood	X				
Sherri Scott	x				

Bradley McConnell	X				
Lorin Bradbury	X				

Agenda Item – Courtesy License Update (Marlo Adams)

There are eight courtesy licenses. One licensee is noncompliant and hasn't submitted a report since being licensed July 20, 2023. One licensee is brand new and doesn't have to report yet. Everyone else is compliant for December and January. Compliance notices were sent out. Discussion was had about what can be done about noncompliant licensees.

Off record 9:10 am

On record 9:15 am

Agenda Item – University of Alaska Anchorage (Gloria Eldridge and Eric Murphy)

Dr. Gloria Eldridge, Coordinator of the MS, and Clinical Psychology Program at UAA, and Dr. Eric Murphy, Assistant Dean for Psychology at UAA presented and discussed the MS program and movement toward accreditation through APA. Proposed changes to the LPA licensure were discussed. A broader range of those who can provide supervision and reducing barriers for LPA licensure was discussed. How do you distinguish a master's level and doctorate's level scope of practice? How many years of post licensure do you need to become a supervisor? How do we defend the LPA when the LPC looks so similar?

Agenda Item – Alaska Psychological Association (Joel Wieman, Rebekah Burket, and Monique Andrews) In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Sherri Scott with unanimous consent, it was resolved to provide AK-PA with more time to present their information.

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

Joel Wieman - Journal article and a paper written by Kevin Tarlow was sent for the board's review regarding ADA issue with questions on the application (form #08-43-13) regarding previous mental illness. AK-PA has had complaints about the timing on how long it's taking to get licensed.

Rebekah Burket – Discussed pursuing potential funding for supervision of LPA through Alaska Mental Health Trust and other channels.

Monique Andrews – Asked if question #5 should be omitted for new applicants.

The publications team would need to change the form. The board will take immediate action on this matter. This question has been on our application (form #08-43-13) since 2017.

The psychology program is caught up with processing applications. Awaiting references and applicant's forgetting to pay fees slow down the application process. You must have temporary license to be approved to sit for the EPPP.

We do not have an examiner for MFT, PCO, and we are transitioning examiners in the CSW programs.

Applications are also voted on in-between meetings so not just during Board meetings. The checklist of items needed to submit a complete application is found on the application itself.

Agenda Item – Regulations/FAQ and Other Regulation Documents

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft FAQ. It is not easy to determine on certificates if a course is synchronous. Sponsoring organizations are not required to list on the certificate that the course is synchronous. You can prove through agenda and course description that the course is synchronous. Update the audit questionnaire so that the licensee must state which courses are live and synchronous, and then the licensee is attesting to the fact they did indeed take synchronous courses.

Form changes for the publications team – Professional Fitness question #5 on application to be removed and CE Audit form modified to have a place where licensees indicate which courses are synchronous.

In a motion duly made by Bernard Gatewood, seconded by Lorin Bradbury with unanimous consent, it was resolved to add a new business section to the agenda.

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

Dr. McConnell will add a definition of synchronous.

Defining face-to-face supervision needs to be added to the definitions page. This will be a regulations project. Add this to the agenda for the next meeting. Other boards are modifying face-to-face to mean being able to see each other in real time other than face-to-face in the same room.

Off record 10:46 am

On record 11:01 am

Agenda Item – Public Comment

Malan Paquette – Pleased that UAA is at the board meeting discussing supervision opportunities and the discussion on what supervision should look like. Reservations were shared about ECO continuing education.

Agenda Item – Administrative Business/Customer Correspondence/ASPPB Midyear Meeting

It was determined Dr. Bradley McConnell will attend the ASPPB Midyear meeting.

We are not able to send staff currently due to staffing shortages.

The board decided no to the Amen Clinics request to waive the formal licensing process. This determination was made in the interest of public safety.

The board determined that the alternate supervision plan did not meet statutes and regulations. Supervision must be completed with a psychologist.

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. Staff to remain are Jeanne Pace and Marlo Adams. Sherri Scott 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			

Off record 11:29 am
On record 12:00 pm

Off record 12:00 pm
On record 1:02 pm

Agenda Item – State Law and Ethics Exam (Scoring and Revision)/Request to Rescore

Agenda Item – License Review/Action (if needed)

In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Sherri Scott with unanimous consent, it was resolved to amend the agenda to reflect executive session as is with item 11 and to include item 12.

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

In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c) and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, Sherri Scott, 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. Staff to remain are Jeanne Pace and Marlo Adams. Lorin Bradbury 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			

Off record 1:05 pm

On record 2:53 pm

The board asked Dr. Millard where Dr. Everett lives. Dr. Millard stated Nome. Dr. Millard lives in Anchorage. The board asked Dr. Millard if she and Dr. Everett were meeting in the same place for face-to-supervision. Dr. Millard covered demographics of clientele and what supervision criteria is covered. Dr. Millard and Dr. Everett are connecting once a week.

In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c) and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, Lorin Bradbury, 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. Staff to remain are Jeanne Pace and Marlo Adams. Bernard 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			

Off record 3:09 pm

On record 3:24 pm

In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bernard Gatewood with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve Dr. Abegail Millard's request for alternate supervision.

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

In a motion duly made by Bradley McConnell, seconded by Bernard Gatewood with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve Dr. Abegail Millard's request for extension of temporary psychologist license.

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

Off record 3:28 pm

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

Jeanne Pace, Program Coordinator I
Marlo Adams, Licensing Examiner

Members of the Public Present

Malan Paquette

Agenda Item – Investigations

Jasmin Bautista shared the investigative report for period October 21, 2023, to January 26, 2024. There are thirteen cases open. One case is for a psychological associate. The other cases are for psychologists. There is one closed case for this period.

Agenda Item – Disciplinary Matrix

Jasmin Bautista shared a variety of disciplinary matrices with the board, so the board had an idea of what to include in a disciplinary matrix for the psychology program. The board reviewed the psychology program’s regulations and statutes (Sec 08.86.204) pertaining to discipline. Fines can be found in centralized statutes (Sec 08.01.075 (8)). Erin Johnson, chair, will work on a draft matrix for psychology and bring it before the board at the next meeting for review. The board can request an Attorney General or an Assistant Attorney General to be present to answer who should be defining mild violations versus license action. The board can send specific questions to the AG so they can research the answers. What constitutes a minor vs. a major offense? Suggestion that the cap on fines may need to be reviewed and taken before legislature for an increase due to inflation.

Agenda Item – WICHE Information

Nothing to discuss or review.

Agenda – Schedule Future Meetings

No new meetings to schedule.

In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it was resolved to fail CE Audit #143807 based on no continuing education hours in ethics and no clarity regarding meeting the synchronous requirement.

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

Sherri Scott	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Sherri Scott with unanimous consent, it was resolved to remove Professional Fitness Question #5 from the psychologist and psychological associate application.

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

For the May meeting, we will develop test questions, formalize the disciplinary matrix, and define face-to-face.

Sherri Scott’s term is up March 1, 2024. Sherri will fill in until a replacement is found.

In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bernard Gatewood with unanimous consent, it was resolved to adjourn the February 8-9, 2024, meeting at 11:01 am.

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

Date final minutes approved by the board: <input type="checkbox"/> Board Meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onboard	03/11/2024
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