

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 PSYCHOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES  
6 Minutes of the meeting February 6, 2025  
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9 By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.86.030, and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62,  
10 Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associates originated via  
11 Zoom.

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13 The Chair brought the meeting to order at 9:04 am  
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15 **Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum**

16 Dr. Erin Johnson, Chair, Licensed Psychologist

17 Dr. Bradley McConnell, Licensed Psychologist

18 Dr. Lorin Bradbury, Licensed Psychologist  
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20 **Board Members Absent**

21 None  
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23 **Staff Members Present**

24 Marlo Adams, Licensing Examiner Advanced III

25 Miriam Honea, Licensing Examiner Advanced III

26 Jeanne Pace, Program Coordinator I  
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28 **Members of the Public Present**

29 Bonni Wulvik

30 Meghna Bathija  
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32 **Agenda Item – Mission Statement**

33 The Mission Statement was read by Lorin Bradbury.  
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35 **Agenda Item – Ethics Disclosures**

36 The Board had no potential ethics conflicts to disclose.  
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38 **Agenda Item – Review/Approve Agenda**

39 **In a motion duly made by Dr. Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Dr. Bradley McConnell with unanimous**  
40 **consent, it was resolved to approve the February 6, 2025, agenda with the motion to amend the lunch**  
41 **break to be 30 minutes at noon and then 30 minutes at 1:45 pm.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

43 In a motion duly made by Dr. Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Dr. Bradley McConnell with unanimous  
44 consent, it was resolved to remove item 14 (Exam Review and Scoring) from the February 6, 2025,  
45 agenda.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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47 **Agenda Item – Courtesy License Report**

48 Ten (10) active courtesy licenses; three (3) licensees were compliant, five (5) were not compliant. Two (2)  
49 licensees received their licenses recently and their reports will not be due until February 5, 2025.

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51 **Agenda Item – Public Comment**

52 Bonni Wulvik - A licensed professional counselor in Alaska. She chose to go back to school to complete  
53 her PhD in Psychology at an accredited institution. Her degree is 100% online with no in-person  
54 practicums. Ms. Wulvik pointed out the geographic challenges in Alaska that act as a barrier for  
55 licensure for individuals who strive to become a licensed psychologist but do not have the means to  
56 move to attend an in-person education. Ms. Wulvik asked the board to reconsider their stance on online  
57 education and to allow online degrees to be accepted for licensure.

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59 Meghna Bathija – No comment.

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61 **Agenda Item – Investigative Report**

62 Jasmin Baustista presented the investigative report covering November 2, 2024 – January 24, 2025. The  
63 report included 12 open cases and 1 closed case.

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65 Off record: 9:25 AM  
66 On record: 9:30 AM

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68 **Agenda Item – Alaska Pacific University**

69 Dr. Farrah Greene-Palmer and Dr. Erika Stannard from Alaska Pacific University (APU) presented course  
70 syllabi that psychology students take to prepare them for testing for a license. This presentation was  
71 part of an ongoing discussion about scope of practice for individuals with a psychological associate (LPA)  
72 license. The board is trying to determine what the passing score should be for the EPPP for individuals  
73 obtaining the LPA license. As of right now, the required passing score is lower than that of a full  
74 psychologist.

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76 In a motion duly made by Dr. Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Dr. Bradley McConnell with unanimous  
77 consent, it was decided to add discussion regarding PSYPACT to the agenda.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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79 Dr. Erin Johnson explained that the board is still in conversation with PSYPACT, but thus far PSYPACT has  
80 not changed any requirements that would make the Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associates

81 comfortable joining PSYPACT specifically regarding APA accreditation. Dr. Johnson would like to hear  
82 APU's stand on PSYPACT. Dr. Greene-Palmer explained that in her experience working with psychology  
83 students at APU, there is a large interest in joining PSYPACT from the students. Dr. Johnson explained  
84 that the board's main concern is that they would have no control over the continuing education (CE)  
85 requirements an individual from out of state would need to obtain to provide telehealth in Alaska.  
86 Another concern is that Alaska Pacific University graduate students would not be able to participate in  
87 PSYPACT. Dr. McConnell added that another concern was about what state would be financially  
88 responsible for costs associated for any investigations. The board remains strong in their opinion to not  
89 join PSYPACT at this time.

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91 **Agenda Item – Alaska Psychological Association**

92 Dr. Tarlow reported that since the last board meeting, the Alaska Psychological Association (AKPA) has  
93 worked on developing questionnaires to best assess what is needed in the community and what training  
94 resources are needed to provide supervision. He also reported that more and more states are moving  
95 away from defining face-to-face in their statutes and regulations as being in the same location at the  
96 same time. During Covid, many states allowed face-to-face interaction to include interactions through  
97 telehealth and AKPA's research has shown that all states who have allowed supervision through  
98 telehealth during Covid have continued to allow it. He reported that the current definition of face-to-  
99 face in the Alaska Statutes and Regulations is being defined as in-person. That definition is reportedly a  
100 huge reason why more individuals are not offering to provide supervision in Alaska. Dr. Tarlow reported  
101 that during their research, AKPA found no research on the connection between telesupervision and  
102 complaints to jurisdiction or harm caused to clients.

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104 **Agenda Item – Regulations Project**

105 **A. Credentialed Psychologists**

106 Jeanne Pace reported that the regulations project is currently out for public comment. The public  
107 comment period closes on February 14, 2025. The results will be discussed at the next board meeting.

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109 The Board scheduled a special meeting for March 14, 2025, at 10:30 am to discuss the regulations  
110 project and review public comments.

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112 **B. Not More Than 24 Consecutive Months**

113 The board discussed how many extensions for temporary licenses should be allowed. The board decided  
114 to postpone that discussion until the next board meeting. The board would like to reach out to the  
115 Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) in the meantime to check on limitations  
116 across the US regarding extensions for temporary licenses.

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118 Off record: 10:53 AM

119 On record: 11:02 AM

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121 **Agenda Item – Finance Report**

122 Melissa Dumas presented the FY25 second quarter financial report.

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124 **Agenda Item – New Business**

125 No new business.

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127 **Agenda Item – Old Business**

128 No old business.

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130 **Agenda Item – Administrative Business**

131 **A. Annual Report**

132 Dr. Erin Johnson will work on the annual report in her own time and provide the draft to the division by  
133 the first week in May.

134 **B. Schedule Future Board Travel**

135 No future board travel planned at this time.

136 **C. Correspondence**

137 **i. Internship**

138 The Board stated the statutes and regulations must be followed regarding the pre-doctoral internship.  
139 The Board discussed that if something could be worked out with the Department of Corrections to  
140 contract with two psychologists to conduct and oversee the internship this would be acceptable.  
141 Statutes and regulations would need to be followed, and the internship would need to be clearly  
142 defined and outlined in a professional brochure.

143 **ii. Online University and Residency**

144 The board had a brief discussion about what was said by Bonni Wulvik during the public comment  
145 section. The board determined that her degree, as it is a 100% online, does not meet the requirements  
146 for licensure.

147 **iii. Mental Health Qualification Concerns in Jails**

148 The board expressed that it is not within their purview to address this matter. The board’s  
149 recommendation is to reach out to the Department of Corrections.

150 **iv. Psychology Licensure Survey**

151 Dr. Erin Johnson will complete the survey and respond to this customer on her own time.

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153 **In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c) and Alaska Constitutional Right to**  
154 **Privacy Provisions, Lorin Bradbury, moved that the Alaska State Board of Psychologists and**  
155 **Psychological Associates Examiners enter executive session for the purpose of subjects that tend**  
156 **to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public**  
157 **discussion. Staff to remain are Marlo Adams, and Miriam Honea. Bradley McConnell**  
158 **seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous consent.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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160 Off record: 1:10 PM

161 On record: 1:18 PM

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163 **v. Practice of Psychology**

164 The board determined that a psychology license is required.

165 **D. AI in Regulations**

166 The board reviewed the AI Position Statement Marital and Family Therapy published.

167 **E. FAQ’s**

168 Frequently asked questions are posted on the Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associates  
169 webpage.

170 **F. Schedule Future Meeting Dates**

171 The board scheduled the next meetings for June 20, 2025, and November 7, 2025.

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173 **Agenda Item – License Review and Action**

174 **In a motion duly made by Bradley McConnell, seconded by Lorin Bradbury with unanimous consent, it**  
175 **was resolved to approve license #227874.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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177 Off record: 1:43 PM

178 On record: 2:15 PM

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180 **In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c) and Alaska Constitutional Right to**  
181 **Privacy Provisions, Bradley McConnell, moved that the Alaska State Board of Psychologists and**  
182 **Psychological Associates Examiners enter executive session for the purpose of discussing matters**  
183 **which by law municipal charter or ordinance, are required to be confidential. Staff to remain are**  
184 **Marlo Adams, and Miriam Honea. Lorin Bradbury seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous**  
185 **consent.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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187 Off record: 2:17 PM

188 On record: 3:29 PM

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190 **Agenda Item – Development and Review of State Law and Ethics Exam (SLEE) Questions**

191 The board reviewed the information provided by the third party. No decision has been made as to  
192 whether the board will opt to have the State Law and Ethics Exam (SLEE) proctored by a third party.

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194 **In a motion duly made by Bradley McConnell, seconded by Lorin Bradbury with unanimous consent it**  
195 **was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 3:30pm.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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Date final minutes approved by the board: <input type="checkbox"/> Board Meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onboard	02.21.2025
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