

## STATE OF OKLAHOMA Board of Examiners of Psychologists

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD February 16, 2024

The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists Meeting began at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 16, 2024. The meeting was held at the Colcord Center, 421 NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 125, Oklahoma City, OK 73103.

In attendance were: C. Grundy, Ph.D., Chair of the Board; S. Sternlof, Ph.D., Member of the Board; K. Choate, Ph.D., Member of the Board; A. Ivy, Member of the Board; C. Kunzweiler, Member of the Board; R. Pollard, Member of the Board; W. Berman, Member of the Board; B. Warren, Assistant Attorney General; T. Rose, Executive Officer of the Board.

## Announcement and Introduction:

Dr. Grundy announced that a quorum was present to conduct business. He confirmed with Ms. Rose that the meeting was filed with the Secretary of State, and the agenda was posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

## Statement of the Mission of the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists:

Dr. Grundy announced the mission of the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists is to protect the public by regulating the practice of psychology in Oklahoma to ensure that only properly qualified psychologists practice psychology in the state and that the psychology profession as a whole is conducted in the public's best interest.

#### Rule Hearing as published in the Oklahoma Register Volume 41, Number 8; January 2, 2024.

Dr. Grundy announced the purpose of today's hearing is to allow members of the public the opportunity to provide input and/or make comments on the Agency's proposed permanent rule changes before they are put before the Board for adoption. This hearing is being held during the Board's Regular Board Meeting.

The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists has proposed that the following rules be amended:

## CHAPTER 1. Organization of Board and Procedures for Handling Complaints

575:1-1-3. Investigation of requests for inquiry [AMENDED]

#### CHAPTER 10. Licensure of Psychologists

575:10-1-2. Requirements to become licensed as a psychologist [AMENDED]
575:10-1-3. Private Practice Under Supervision [AMENDED]
575:10-1-5. Psychologists' licenses; license status; public inquiries [AMENDED]
575:10-1-6. Directory listing of licensed psychologists [AMENDED]
575:10-1-7. Hiring of psychological technicians by psychologists [AMENDED]
575:10-1-8. Continuing professional education for psychologists [AMENDED]
575:10-1-9. Fees after becoming licensed as a psychologist [AMENDED]

Notice of this hearing was published in Volume 41, Number 8 of the *Oklahoma Register*, on January 2, 2024, in accordance with Oklahoma law.

Ms. Rose confirmed that, to date, the Board office has not received any telephone calls or written comments concerning the proposed permanent rule changes.

Dr. Grundy opened the floor for any members of the public who would like to make a comment. *No comments were heard.* 

Dr. Grundy announced that the public hearing portion of this Regular meeting is adjourned at 10:12 a.m. on Friday, February 16, 2024.

Adoption of proposed amendments to the following permanent rules pursuant to 75 O.S. § 303(E).

**CHAPTER 1.** Organization of Board and Procedures for Handling Complaints 575:1-1-3. Investigation of requests for inquiry [AMENDED]

Dr. Choate motioned to adopt the amendments to the proposed permanent rule changes for Chapter 1, including the modification to 575:1-1-3(b)(5) as discussed. Dr. Sternlof seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Berman, Choate, Kunweiler, Sternlof, Ivy, and Grundy voted for the motion.

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#### CHAPTER 10. Licensure of Psychologists

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Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists MINUTES – February 16, 2024 575:10-1-8. Continuing professional education for psychologists [AMENDED] 575:10-1-9. Fees after becoming licensed as a psychologist [AMENDED]

*Ms.* Pollard motioned to adopt the proposed permanent rule changes for Chapter 10, as amended. Dr. Kunzweiler seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Kunweiler, Choate, Sternlof, Ivy, and Grundy voted for the motion. Berman abstained.

#### Minutes:

Board members reviewed the meeting minutes on November 3, 2023, and December 1, 2023. *Dr. Sternlof motioned to approve the meeting minutes on November 3, 2023, as written. Dr. Grundy seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Kunweiler, Choate, Sternlof, Ivy, and Grundy voted for the motion. Berman abstained.* 

Dr. Choate motioned to approve the meeting minutes on December 1, 2023, as written. Dr. Grundy seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Kunweiler, Choate, Sternlof, Ivy, and Grundy voted for the motion. Berman abstained.

#### Status of Current Request for Inquiries:

Ms. Rose informed Board members that the following Request for Inquiry is pending investigation:

RFI 23-2

## Complaints, Orders, and Miscellaneous Disciplinary Matters:

#### RFI 23-1

On behalf of the Probable Cause Committee, Ms. Warren provided a recommendation to the Board. Ms. Warren informed Board members that an investigation took place, and a Probable Cause Committee ("PCC") Meeting was held on February 9, 2024. The PCC thoroughly reviewed the RFI, the response to the inquiry from the psychologist, the investigation, and any other facts. It was determined that the licensed psychologist previously signed a Consent Order before this Board in November of 2022 and has failed to complete any of the terms and conditions set forth in the Order. Therefore, based upon the information received through this RFI and confirmation from the Board staff that the psychologist has not completed any of the terms and conditions set forth in the Order, the PCC recommends that a *Notice of Violation of Consent Order* is issued and filed against the licensed psychologist in case no. BC 20-4.

Dr. Grundy made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation to file a *Notice of Violation of Consent Order* in case no. BC 20-4 and set the hearing date for April 5, 2024. Dr. Sternlof seconded the motion and the motion passed. *Pollard, Berman, Choate, Kunweiler, Sternlof, Ivy, and Grundy voted for the motion.* 

#### Complaints, Orders, Miscellaneous Disciplinary Matters: RFI 23-1

On behalf of the Probable Cause Committee, Ms. Warren provided a recommendation to the Board. The Probable Cause Committee (PCC) thoroughly reviewed the Request for Inquiry, the psychologists' response to the inquiry, the investigation, and any other facts concerning RFI 23-1. The committee determined that the licensed psychologist previously signed a Consent Order (BC

Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists MINUTES – February 16, 2024 20-4) before this Board in November of 2022. Based upon the information received through RFI 23-1 and the investigation, the PCC recommendation is to issue a *Notice of Violation of Consent Order* against the licensed psychologist in case no. BC 20-4 and set a Hearing Date.

Dr. Grundy made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Probable Cause Committee concerning RFI 23-1 to file a Notice of Violation of Consent Order against the licensed psychologist in case no. BC 20-4 and to set the Hearing Date for April 5, 2024. Dr. Sternlof seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Berman, Choate, Kunweiler, Sternlof, Ivy, and Grundy voted for the motion.

#### RFI 23-3

Ms. Warren presented a recommendation concerning RFI 23-3 on behalf of Dr. Grundy and herself. On February 2, 2024, an informal interview was conducted with the psychologist. At the conclusion of the interview and review of materials, it was determined the psychologist committed no ethical violations. Therefore, the recommendation is to dismiss and close RFI 23-3. Dr. Choate made a motion to accept the recommendation to dismiss and close RFI 23-3. Dr. Ivy seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Berman, Choate, Kunweiler, Sternlof, and Ivy voted for the motion. Grundy abstained.

#### RFI 23-4

Ms. Warren presented a recommendation concerning RFI 23-4 on behalf of Dr. Grundy and herself. On February 2, 2024, an informal interview was conducted with the psychologist. After the interview and review of materials, it was determined that the psychologist violated no statute or ethical rule. Therefore, the recommendation is to dismiss and close RFI 23-4. Dr. Sternlof made a motion to accept the recommendation to dismiss and close RFI 23-4. Dr. Choate seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Berman, Choate, Kunweiler, Sternlof, and *lvy voted for the motion. Grundy abstained*.

#### UC 23-4

On behalf of the Probable Cause Committee, Ms. Warren presented a recommendation to the Board concerning UC 23-4. The complaint alleges that a Licensed Professional Counselor is practicing psychology without a license. Pursuant to the Board's request at the July 21, 2023, special meeting, an investigator was appointed to determine whether the individual was representing himself as a psychologist and/or performing psychological activities without a psychology license.

On October 20, 2023, the Probable Cause Committee thoroughly reviewed the investigation and all facts. The committee determined that the individual does not represent himself as a psychologist or use any protected terms in his work product. However, the committee requested the investigator to gather further information from Pearson Assessment regarding who can purchase their products and their policy on allowing non-psychologists to order advanced products, such as Wechsler instruments.

On January 18, 2024, the investigator provided the new information to the committee.

Given that Pearson does not state that allowing non-psychologists to order advanced products is against their policy and that the individual is not advertising as a psychologist, using any protected term, nor engaging in the practice of psychology without a license, the recommendation of the committee is to dismiss and close UC 23-4. Dr. Choate made a motion to accept the recommendation to dismiss and close UC 23-4. Dr. Berman seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Berman, Choate, Kunweiler, Sternlof, Ivy, and Grundy voted for the motion.

#### BC 22-1 Russel Koch, Ph.D.

Board members reviewed the scholarly paper completed by Dr. Koch and the tutorial report from his supervisor. Dr. Sternlof made a motion to accept that Dr. Koch has successfully completed the requirements in the Consent Order concerning BC 22-1. Ms. Pollard seconded the motion and the motion passed. Ivy, Choate, Pollard, Peters, and Grundy voted for the motion. Sternlof abstained. Pollard, Berman, Choate, Kunweiler, Sternlof, Ivy, and Ivy voted for the motion.

Investigator qualifications, future appointments, and training.

No action was taken.

William Chadwick Ellis, Plaintiff, v. State of Oklahoma, ex. Rel. Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, Defendant, Case No. CV-2023-34, in the District Court of Osage County.

This item was tabled.

<u>Applications approved by the Application Review Committee (November 2023 – January 2024):</u> Dr. Choate motioned to ratify the applications approved November 2023 – January 2024 by the review committee. Ms. Pollard seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Berman, Choate, Kunweiler, Ivy, and Grundy voted for the motion. Sternlof recused.

#### Executive Officer's P-Card Statements for Review and Approval (October 2023 – January 2024):

Dr. Sternlof motioned to approve the Executive Officer's October 2023 – January 2024 P-Card Statements. Dr. Kunzweiler seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Berman, Choate, Kunweiler, Sternlof, Ivy, and Grundy voted for the motion.

#### Administrative Issues:

#### Monthly Budget/Revenue/Expense Report:

Board members reviewed the monthly budget, revenue, and expense reports presented by Ms. Rose. *Ms. Pollard made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Dr. Grundy seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Berman, Choate, Kunweiler, Sternlof, Ivy, and Grundy voted for the motion.* 

#### Appointment of Vice-Chair:

Dr. Grundy made a motion to appoint Dr. Sternlof to serve as the Vice-Chair. Dr. Choate seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Berman, Choate, Kunweiler, Sternlof, Ivy,

Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists MINUTES – February 16, 2024 and Grundy voted for the motion.

#### ASPPB Meeting April 25-28, 2024:

Dr. Grundy made a motion to approve two members to attend the ASPPB Meeting with the Executive Officer. Ms. Pollard seconded the motion and the motion passed. *Pollard, Berman, Choate, Kunweiler, Sternlof, Ivy, and Grundy voted for the motion.* 

#### PSYPACT Updates:

Ms. Rose provided the following:

- PSPYACT Commission Quarterly Newsletter.
- Fourth Quarter PSYPACT Compliance Report.

#### Administrative Updates:

#### Ms. Rose provided the following updates:

- Governor Stitt appointed Dr. William Berman as a member of the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists for a four-year term beginning August 2, 2023, and expiring August 1, 2027. Dr. Berman is replacing Dr. Kathleen Ward and will serve as a licensed psychologist.
- ASPPB Quarterly Newsletter.
- ASPPB will provide a Centre Guided Tour.
- The Associaton of State and Provincial Psychology Boards New Board Member Training is February 22, 2024.
- The next Cabinet Secretary meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2024.

#### Legislative Updates:

Dr. Emily Corley provided members with updates concerning current legislative matters on behalf of the Oklahoma Psychological Association.

#### Public Comment:

Dr. Grundy opened the meeting for public comment. *One comment was heard*.

#### Adjournment:

Dr. Grundy announced that there is no further business to discuss. Dr. Sternlof made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Pollard seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Berman, Choate, Kunweiler, Sternlof, Ivy, and Grundy voted for the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Rose

Teanne Rose Executive Officer

#### ATTACHMENT TO THE AGENDA Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists Application Review Committee Approvals November 2023 – January 2024

Psychological Technicians:	
Psychologist:	Psychological Technician:
Robert Martin, Ph. D.	Dawn Summers, MS
Robert Martin, Ph. D.	Leah Gatlin, Ph.D.
Dr. Steve Sternlof	Jill Mayes
Dr. Renee Allen	Jaylon Calhoun

#### Continuing Professional Education (CPE):

Does Religion Have a Role in Psychology - Sponsor: HAJA; 9hrs CPE hrs; Feb.2-3, 2024. Individuation: Conflict, Creativity and Communion - Sponsor: HAJA; 9hrs CPE hrs; Jan 5-6, 2024. The 7th Annual Beyond Awareness Educational Summit - Sponsor: The Demand Project; 12 hrs CPE hrs; Jan 11-12, 2024.

TEAM-CBT Conference - Sponsor: Thai-An Trueng; 27 hrs CPE; March 26-29, 2024. Shadow - Sponsor: HAJA; 9 hrs CPE; April 5-6, 2024.

#### Applications to sit for Licensure Examinations and/or Practice Under Supervision Agreements:

Kristin Karr, Psy.D.	Approval to sit for exams and PPUS with Cody Commander, Ph.D.
Brooke Millham, Psy.D	Approval for licensure upon successful completion of the exams
LaTosha Ramos-Lake, Psy.D.	Approval for licensure with HSP upon completion of JP exam
Mckenzie Sprowls, Psy.D.	Approval to sit for the exams and PPUS with Dr. Cody Commander, Psy.D.
Anitra Warrior, Ph.D.	Approval of CPQ for licensure with HSP upon completion of JP exam
Mary "Mollie" Rischard-Kimrey, Ph.D	). Approval to sit for the exams and IPUS with Dr. Jessica Capretto
Weston Durham, Ph.D.	Approval to sit for the exams
Camryn Sanders Lopez, Psy.D.	Approval to sit for exams and IPUS with Dr. Scott P. Secor

#### Licensed Health Service Psychologists - November 2023 – January 2024:

Laura Luke-Browning, Ph.D.	License Number: 1444	Issue Date: 11/17/2023
Douglas Southern, Ph.D.	License Number: 1445	Issue Date: 11/17/2023
Susan M. Campbell, Ph.D.	License Number: 1446	Issue Date: 12/13/2023
Kristina G. Shekouh, Ph.D.	License Number: 1447	Issue Date: 12/13/2023
Lucia Ciciolla, Ph.D.	License Number: 1448	Issue Date: 01/01/2024
LaTosha Ramos-Lake, Psy.D.	License Number: 1449	Issue Date: 01/01/2024
Emily Michelle Choquette, Ph.D.	License Number: 1450	Issue Date: 01/09/2024