

**NORTH CAROLINA PSYCHOLOGY BOARD**  
**Open Session Minutes**  
**August 6, 2021**  
**Teleconference**

The North Carolina Psychology Board met in its regularly scheduled meeting via teleconference on August 6, 2021.

Members present for all or part of the meeting: Helen Brantley, Ph.D., Chair; Stacie MacDonald Jones, M.A., Vice Chair; Katrina Brent; Lisa Duck, MPH; Susan Hurt, Ph.D.; G. Gail Neffinger, Ph.D. and Tonya Omar, M.A.

Others present for all or parts of the meeting: Daniel P. Collins, Executive Director; Marc Davis, Staff Psychologist/Investigator; and Sondra Panico, Assistant Attorney General.

Dr. Brantley reminded Board members that, in accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. Board members were directed to identify any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Board at the meeting and to refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved. Board members were asked to identify any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the Board at the meeting, and instructed that, if one arose during the course of this meeting, to articulate it to the Board.

**General**

1. Open session minutes of May 7, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. The financial report for the period ending June 30, 2021 was reviewed.
3. The Board was updated on COVID-19 issues.
4. The Board was informed of the recent recodification of the Psychology Practice Act.
5. The Board was informed of IT network security efforts in light of recent ransomware attacks.
6. The Board received a report from the Supervisor Training Committee.
7. The Board received a report from the Online State/Ethics Exam Committee.
8. The Board was informed of outreach initiatives.
9. The Board was informed of the ASPPB Annual Meeting being held virtually October 15-16, 2021.

10. The Board discussed the ASPPB survey question on granting permission to take the EPPP 2.
11. The Board discussed the next edition of The Bulletin Board.
12. The Board elected Dr. Brantley as Chair and Ms. Jones as Vice-Chair for the 2020-2021 fiscal year pursuant to G.S 90-270.143.
13. The Board discussed the remaining Board meeting date for 2021 and set meeting dates for 2022.
14. The Board reviewed ethics training due dates.
15. The attached Information Items/Staff Actions were accepted.

### **Legal/Ethical**

16. Case #052110 Claudia Rickard (unlic.) – At its May 7, 2021 meeting, the Board reviewed CPT’s allegation that CR was treating dementia patients with hypnotherapy per CR’s website. Following review of the case report, CR’s response and discussion, the Board instructed staff to remind CR that hypnosis is considered the practice of psychology and for CR to provide an affidavit to the Board that she will not provide services that constitute the practice of psychology until she becomes licensed by the Board. The Board reviewed the affidavit submitted by CR and, following discussion, closed the case.

### **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Upon a motion made and adopted by the Board to hold a closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.18(6), the Board went into closed session to discuss individual applicants or individual licensees, following which, it reported:

### **Legal/Ethical**

17. Byassee, James, Ph.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on August 6, 2021. The Board concludes that the described conduct, if proven at a hearing, would constitute a violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.148(a)(15) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act. The license of the Respondent is REPRIMANDED. Respondent shall complete a minimum of eight to ten hours of tutorials. Respondent shall complete a monitoring program for a period of one year. Respondent is assessed \$300.00 in costs.

18. Edwards, Carmen. Ph.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on August 6, 2021. The described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.15(a)(10), (11) & (17) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, and constitutes violations of Standards 3.04, 3.05(a) & 3.06 of the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct. Respondent shall complete a minimum of eight to ten hours of tutorials. For a period of nine months consisting of at least 1125 hours in the practice of psychology, whichever takes longer to occur, Respondent shall receive face to face supervision at a minimum of one one-hour session per week during any week in which Respondent practices psychology. Following completion

of the tutorials and supervision, Respondent shall submit an essay to the Board explaining the impact of her conduct on her former client and what Respondent learned to prevent this from reoccurring in the future. Respondent is assessed \$300.00 in costs.

19. Giarmo, Christine, Psy.D. - CONSENT ORDER was approved and signed on August 6, 2021. The described conduct constitutes violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-270.148(a)(10), (a)(11), (a)(14), (a)(15) & (a)(19) of the North Carolina Psychology Practice Act, Board Rules 21 NCAC 54 .2803(a), .2804(a) & .2806, and constitutes violations of Standards 2.06, 3.04, 3.05(a), 3.06, 3.09, 9.01(a), 9.02(a), 9.03(a) & 9.06 of the Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct. No later than three months of Board approval of the Consent Order, Respondent shall complete a fitness for practice evaluation by a Board designated evaluator. Following completion of the evaluation, if the Board determines that Respondent is fit to practice based upon the evaluation, then Respondent may continue providing psychological services under PROBATION. Should the Board determine that Respondent is not fit to practice based upon the fitness for practice evaluation, then Respondent's license will be revoked. As of the date of the Consent Order, Respondent shall cease taking on any new forensic cases or forensic evaluations until she successfully completes a graduate level course in psychological assessment. Respondent shall successfully complete a minimum of eight to ten hours of tutorials. For a period of two years consisting of 3,000 hours in the practice of psychology, whichever takes longer to occur, Respondent shall receive face to face supervision at a minimum of one one-hour session per week during any week in which Respondent practices psychology. Respondent's husband shall not provide ancillary services under Respondent's supervision. Respondent is assessed \$300.00 in costs.

20. Igboegwu, Chioma - FINAL DECISION denying Ms. Igboegwu's application for licensure at the Licensed Psychologist level was approved and signed on August 6, 2021. A hearing was held at the Board's May 7, 2021 meeting and, following discussion, the Board determined to deny Ms. Igboegwu's application.

21. Monis, Ann, Psy.D. – A Final Decision denying Dr. Monis' application for licensure at the Licensed Psychologist level due to issues with her internship and the lack of the Supervision Form for her internship was approved at the Board's May 7, 2021 meeting. The Board determined to deny Dr. Monis' application if certain conditions were not met by the Board's August Board meeting. As Dr. Monis did not meet the conditions set forth in the Final Decision, it became effective.

22. Albrecht, William, Ph.D. – Pursuant to a Consent Order with the Board, Dr. Albrecht was required to complete tutorials and to submit an essay to the Board detailing what he learned from the tutorials and how he will apply it in his work with patients in the future. The Board reviewed and approved the tutorial report submitted by April Harris Britt, Ph.D., and the essay submitted by Dr. Albrecht.

23. Tallant, Lisa, Psy.D. – The Board previously proposed to deny Dr. Tallant's application for licensure for failing to submit an official transcript showing that she received a degree in psychology. Dr. Tallant graduated from Argosy University, which closed prior to her applying for licensure in North Carolina. The transcript provided from Argosy to the clearinghouse maintain its records, which was sent to the Board as part of Dr. Tallant's application, did not

indicate the degree awarded. However, the transcript was reviewed by Dr. Brantley and she determined that Dr. Tallant did complete a program in psychology. In addition, Dr. Tallant has been licensed in Georgia since 2000 and documentation was provided to the Board which stated a degree in psychology was required for licensure in Georgia at that time. Dr. Tallant also provided a copy of her diploma from Argosy, which stated a degree in psychology was awarded. Dr. Tallant requested that the Board reconsider its proposed denial. Following discussion, the Board approved the application for licensure.

24. Scott, Jamaal, Psy.D. – Dr. Scott requested an extension of his deadline to retake the EPPP due to family health issues. Following discussion, the Board denied the request.

25. Kolovev, Paul, M.S. – Mr. Kolovev requested to relinquish his license as he stated that he has not practiced psychology in over twenty years and does not intend to practice in the future. Following discussion, the Board approved the request.

26. Miller, Shari Nan, Ph.D. – Dr. Miller is under a CE Consent Order, which required that she complete tutorials. The Board reviewed and approved the tutorial report submitted by Thomas Thompson, Ph.D.

27. Miller, Thomas, Psy.D. – Dr. Miller’s application was reviewed at the Board’s May 7, 2021 meeting due to a DWI conviction in 2018. The Board deferred a decision pending the receipt of additional information about his arrest. The Board reviewed additional information submitted by Dr. Miller and requested that he undergo a substance abuse evaluation.

### **File Review**

#### Admit to State Exam

Jeffrey Barlow, Ph.D.  
Ewa Paziak, Psy.D.  
Erika (Poyle) Baron, Psy.D.  
Lynanne Romano, Psy.D.  
Edward Toyer, Ph.D.

#### Admit to EPPP

Rashidah Brandon, M.A.

#### Admit to Both Exams

Jessica Lands, M.A.  
Cassandra Hanson, M.A.  
Brittany Jones, M.A.  
Alexis Davis, Ph.D

#### Proposed Denial

Christy Fiber Sigmon, Psy.D.  
Bednarchuk, Jakob, M.S.

#### Confirmed Denials

John Campbell  
Jennifer Brady-Chitjian  
Armen Sarkissian

**INFORMATION ITEMS/STAFF ACTIONS**  
**August 6, 2021**

The following reduced supervision files have been reviewed and approved since the last meeting at the indicated level:

Margaret Charbonneau, M.A.-3  
Brittany Kirschner, M.A.-3  
James Stewart, M.A.-2

The following files have been processed since the last meeting:

**Admit to Both Exam**

Abramov, Margarita - LP ()  
Aguiar, Rebecca - PP ()  
Alston, Courtney - PA ()  
Browne, Shavern - LP ()  
Connelly, Jeremy - PP ()  
Feeney, Michael - PP ()  
Griffin, Sarah - PP ()  
Nomamiukor, Faith - PA ()  
Patel, Puja - PA ()  
Rupard, Melinda - PP ()  
Selensky, Jennifer - PP ()  
White, Sarah - PA ()

**Admit to State Exam**

Anderson, Taylor - PP ()  
Bemister, Christi - LP ()  
Benton-Johnson, Jikesha - LP (Mobility)  
Brecher, Peter - LP (Mobility)  
Burkhart-Wilson, Tabitha - PA (Senior)  
Byllesby, Brianna - LP ()  
Cameron, Jennifer - LP ()  
Cardin, Candace - PP ()  
Childs, Matthew - LP ()  
Connelly, Karin - LP ()  
Cook, Laura - LP (Mobility)  
Dehili, Vincent - PP ()  
DiMeo, Andreas - LP (Senior)  
Galles, Jacob - LP ()  
Hendershot, Christian - PP (Mobility)  
Ilsley, Kelly - LP (Mobility)

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Kahn, Andrew - LP (Mobility)  
Mann, Warrenetta - LP (Senior)  
Marsh, Jacqueline - PP ()  
Maurer, Daniel - LP (Mobility)  
McCreight, Sarah - LP (Mobility)  
O'Reilly Foran, Megan - PP ()  
Palmitier, Taylor - LP ()  
Pickett, Harold - LP (Mobility)  
Ragan, Erica - LP (Mobility)  
Ramsey, Jamie - LP (Mobility)  
Redding, Crystal - LP ()  
Rocha, Rene - LP (Mobility)  
Timmons, Daphne - LP ()  
Woodard, Cooper - LP ()  
Yarnall, Marianne - LP (Senior)

**Admit to EPPP**

Brooks, Erica - PP ()  
Cuffee, Tamara - PA (ReApp)  
Hernandez Lopez, Gretchen - LP ()  
Oliver, Ashley - LP ()  
Rogers, Leslie - LP (ReApp)

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Daniel P. Collins  
Executive Director