



## STATE OF OKLAHOMA Board of Examiners of Psychologists

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD September 27, 2024

The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists Meeting began at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 27, 2024. The meeting was held at the Colcord Center, 421 NW 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73103.

In attendance were: S. Sternlof, Ph.D., Chair of the Board; Alan Ivy, Ph.D., Vice-Chair of the Board; K. Choate, Ph.D., Member of the Board; W. Berman, Member of the Board; M. Shepherd, Ph.D., Member of the Board; R. Pollard, Member of the Board; C. Kunzweiler, Member of the Board; B. Warren, Assistant Attorney General; T. Rose, Executive Director of the Board.

#### **Announcement and Introduction:**

Dr. Sternlof announced that a quorum was present to conduct business. He confirmed with Director 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. Sternlof 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.

#### **Presentation of Probable Cause Committee Summaries and Recommendations to the Board:**

**RFI 24-3:** Ms. Warren provided a recommendation to the Board concerning RFI 24-3. The Request for Inquiry alleges that a licensed psychologist violated the ethics code and acted in an unprofessional manner. After review of the RFI and the psychologist's response, the RFI fails to support any Board rule or ethical violations. Therefore, on behalf of Dr Sternlof and myself, we recommend that this RFI be dismissed, and the file be closed.

*Dr. Berman made a motion to accept the recommendation to dismiss and close RFI 24-3. Ms. Pollard seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Berman, Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Choate, Ivy, and Sternlof voted for the motion.*

**Complaints, Orders, and Miscellaneous Disciplinary Matters:**

*As a member of the Probable Cause Committee, Dr. Sternlof recused and left the room.*

*Dr. Ivy presided as Chair.*

**Complaint No. BC 24-2; Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists vs. Jana Lynch, Ph.D.**  
- Presentation of Proposed Notice of Board Complaint and Voluntary Agreement to Enter a Board-Approved Treatment and Monitory Program in Lieu of Prosecution.

Board members reviewed the Proposed Notice of Board Complaint and Voluntary Agreement to Enter a Board-Approved Treatment and Monitory Program in Lieu of Prosecution, agreed to and signed by Jana Lynch, Ph.D. *Ms. Pollard made a motion to accept the agreement as presented. Dr. Choate seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Berman, Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Choate, and Ivy voted for the motion. Sternlof was not present.*

*Dr. Sternlof returned to the room.*

**Possible Executive Session, pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4), with the advice of legal counsel, for the purpose of confidential communications between the Board and its attorney concerning the following pending litigation:**

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

Ms. Warren stated for the record that Executive Session may be entered into pursuant to 25 O.S. 307(B)(4), for the purpose of confidential communication between the Board and its attorney concerning pending litigation.

*Dr. Sternlof made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Dr. Kunzweiler seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Berman, Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Choate, Ivy, and Sternlof voted for the motion.*

*Board members went into Executive Session.*

*Board members returned to the Open Session.*

*Dr. Choate made a motion to exit the Executive Session and return to the Open Session. Dr. Ivy seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Berman, Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Choate, Ivy, and Sternlof voted for the motion.*

Ms. Warren stated for the record and the minutes that during the executive session, no items were discussed that were not listed on the agenda no actions were taken.

**Updated Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) EPPP (Part 1 – Knowledge) and EPPP (Part 2 – Skills):**

Board members were provided the proposed amendment to the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) Bylaws, proposed by the Texas Behavioral Health Council (BHEC), which oversees the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. The proposed bylaw amendment will come up for a vote of the members during the ASPPB Meeting October 30 – November 3, 2024. Also provided was correspondence from the ASPPB dated September 23, 2024, concerning the proposed amendment and additional correspondence received regarding the decision by ASPPB to mandate the adoption of the EPPP "Part 2" skills exam.

*Dr. Berman made a motion to vote in support of the proposed bylaw amendment at the ASPPB Meeting. Dr. Choate seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Berman, Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Choate, Ivy, and Sternlof voted for the motion.*

**Master's Level Licensure Committee report and their request for guidance on the Committee's primary objective:**

The Master's Level Licensure Committee met and reviewed the information provided by the ASPPB Potential Regulatory Implications of Master's Licensure (PRI-LM Task Force), a task force formed to suggest a license title and scope of practice for those trained in psychology master's programs to assist member jurisdictions that were considering creating a pathway for licensure for those individuals. Dr. Choate reported that the committee members are requesting guidance from the Board on the Committee's primary objective. After discussion, board members suggested that the committee gather information from other jurisdictions with master's level licensure regarding supervision, implementation, and regulation.

**Potential changes to permanent rules OAC Title 575, Chapters 1 and 10.**

Dr. Sternlof made a motion to create a Rules Committee comprised of Ms. Pollard, Dr. Shepherd, DR. Kunzweiler, Ms. Warren, and Ms. Rose to address potential Rule Changes to permanent rules OAC Title 575, Chapters 1 and 10. Dr. Kunzweiler seconded the motion and the motion passed. *Pollard, Berman, Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Choate, Ivy, and Sternlof voted for the motion.*

**Standard requirements for hiring a Psychological Technician:**

Dr. Sternlof made a motion to create a committee comprised of Dr. Choate, Dr. Ivy, Dr. Brian, Ms. Warren, and Ms. Rose to review the current rules and requirements for Psychological Technicians. Dr. Choate seconded the motion and the motion passed. *Pollard, Berman, Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Choate, Ivy, and Sternlof voted for the motion.*

**Applications approved by the Application Review Committee July – August 2024:**

*Dr. Choate motioned to ratify the applications approved July – August 2024 by the review committee. Dr. Ivy seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Berman, Kunzweiler, Choate, and Ivy voted for the motion. Shepherd and Sternlof recused.*

**Executive Director's P-Card Statements for Review and Approval (July - August 2024):**

*Dr. Shepherd motioned to approve the Executive Director's July - August 2024 P-Card Statements. Ms. Pollard seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Berman, Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Choate, Ivy, and Sternlof 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. *Dr. Choate made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Dr. Berman seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Berman, Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Choate, Ivy, and Sternlof voted for the motion.*

**Interim Study 2024-039:**

Ms. Warren provided an update regarding Interim Study 2024-039.

**PSYPACT Updates:**

Board members were provided the Newsletter.

**ASPPB Updates:**

Ms. Rose announced that Dr. Kathleen Ward is a candidate for the ASPPB Member-at-Large position, which will be voted on at the upcoming ASPPB Annual Meeting October 30 – November 3, 2024. Dr. Sternlof, Ms. Warren, and Ms. Rose will attend the meeting.

**Administrative Updates:**

Ms. Rose provided the following updates:

- Mary A. Shepherd, Ph.D., was appointed by Governor Stitt as a member of the Board for a four year term expiring August 1, 2028.
- Dr. Shepherd attended the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards New Board Member Training and the New Board Member Training with Ms. Rose and Ms. Warren.

**Legislative Updates:**

Ms. Fowble updated the Board on behalf of the Oklahoma Psychological Association.

**Public Comment:**

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

**Adjournment:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Teanne Rose  
Executive Officer

**ATTACHMENT TO THE AGENDA**  
**Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists**  
**Application Review Committee Approvals**  
**July – August 2024**

**Psychologist:**

Bart Trentham, Ph.D.  
Sumali "Molly" Fernando, Psy.D.  
Renee Allen, Ph.D.  
LaTosha Ramos Lake, Ph.D.  
Eileen Parker, Ph.D.  
Cynthia Muhamedagic, Ph.D.  
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Sheena Mehta, Ph.D.  
Wendi L. Betz, Ph.D.

**Psychological Technician:**

Ryan Boyles, M.S., L.P.C.  
Breanna Horn  
Ashley Riggs  
JaLeesa Giles  
Souleiman Al-Khoury  
Elizabeth Varner  
Bailey Adams  
Jill Mayes  
Rhema Abercrombie

**Applications to sit for Licensure Examinations and Practice Under Supervision Agreements:**

Michelle Hestand-Olson, Ph.D.	Approval of resubmission of application to sit for licensure exams
Lois Jones, Ph.D.	Approval to sit for the exams and PostDoc at OU
Taylor Cieminski, Ph.D.	Approval to sit for the JP exam and practice for 1 year with WI license
Kacey Gilbert, Ph.D.	Approval of resubmission of application to sit for licensure exams
Chelsea Cody, Ph.D.	Approval to sit for the exams -IPUS w/OSU
David Cole Milton, Ph.D.	Approval to sit for the exams -IPUS w/Joseph James, Psy.D.
Kyla Molina, Psy.D.	Approval to sit for the exams - PPUS w/Dr. Glenna Stumblingbear-Riddle
Olivia Oppermann, Psy.D.	Approval to sit for the exams and PPUS with Dr. Cody Commander
Megan Benham, Psy.D.	Approval to sit for the exams and IPUS with Dr. Ashliegh Coser
Noah Anthony Cole, Psy.D.	Approval to sit for exams and exempt Postdoc with Indian Health

**Licensed Health Service Psychologists – July - August 2024:**

Cassandra Sturyzc-Taylor, Ph.D.	License Number: 1461 Issued Date: 7/22/2024
Kelli Anna Freeman, Ph.D.	License Number: 1462 Issued Date: 8/14/2024
Christina L. Duncan, Ph.D.	License Number: 1463 Issued Date: 8/19/2024
Daniel Guzman, Ph.D.	License Number: 1464 Issued Date: 8/28/2024