



## **Tennessee Board of Psychological Examiners Meeting**

**Monday, January 27, 2025**

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### **MINUTES**

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The Board meeting of the Tennessee Board of Psychological Examiners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Iris Room, Ground Floor, Metro Center Complex, 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37243 by Timothy Arentsen, Board Vice Chair on Monday, January 27, 2025.

Board members present:	Alicia Victory Timothy Arentsen John Tyler Overstreet D. Malcolm Spica Amy Nicholson Susan Douglas
Board member(s) absent:	Brittany Lett, Consumer Member Amanda Spiess Ebony Webb
Staff present:	Katherine Trawick, JD, General Counsel Candyce Wilson, Board Director Alexis Whitaker, Administrative Director Regina Lewis, Board Administrator

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

Ms. Katherine Trawick presented and discussed the conflict-of-interest policy

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Dr. Alicia Victory motioned to nominate Dr. Timothy Arentsen for Board Chair. Mr. Overstreet seconded the motion, and it passed. Dr. Victory motioned to elect Dr. Spica for Vice Chair, Dr. Susan Douglas seconded the motion, and it passed.

### **APPLICANT INTERVIEW**

Dr. Peter Young appeared before the Board on an expired suspended license and has applied for reinstatement. Ms. Trawick explained that we currently lack an order of compliance, in which Dr. Young explains he is pending the evaluation from TCAF which will result in him receiving an order of compliance. Ms. Candyce Wilson put it on record that our administrative office does have a reinstatement application submitted by Dr. Young for reactivation of licensure despite not having a current order of compliance. Ms. Trawick explained to the Board Dr. Young's options for reinstatement with

contingencies without the order of compliance. Dr. Spica motioned to let Dr. Young withdraw his application. Dr. Victory seconded the motion, and it passed.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The previous board meeting minutes were deferred until next Board Meeting on March 27, 2025.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REPORT**

Ms. Wilson presented the administrative office report. A request has been made to add licensure numbers for Behavior Analysts, Assistant Behavior Analysts and Certified Psychological Testing Technicians (once licensure commences).

#### **OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT**

Ms. Trawick present the Office of General Counsel report. Ms. Trawick reported there were six (6) open complaints, seven (7) on disciplinary action, one (1) on reprimand with terms, two (2) on probation with terms, two (2) on suspension with terms, one (1) practicing without a license on terms, and one (1) licensee that has been revoked or suspended. Ms. Trawick also discussed the upcoming rulemaking hearing scheduled for our next Board meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, Ms. Trawick reviewed TCA § 33-3-206 as it pertains to licensees of this Board.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board reviewed correspondence from Elliott Lasson and discussed if they would like him to appear before the Board for a presentation. If he appeared, the Board would prefer the presentation be limited to 30 minutes. Dr. Pamela Auble, with TPA, offered to extend a call in lieu of a presentation at an upcoming Board Meeting. Mr. Overstreet made a motion to allow Dr. Auble to call and provide information to Elliott Lasson and to receive more information on whether a presentation would be appropriate. Dr. Spica seconded the motion, and it passed.

#### **RATIFICATION OF NEW LICENSEES**

The Board reviewed the newly licensed and reinstated psychologist, psychological assistants, and behavior analyst licensees since the last Board meeting. Dr. Victory motioned to ratify the psychologist list. Mr. Overstreet seconded the motion, and it passed. Dr. Victory motioned to ratify the psychological assistants list. Dr. Douglas seconded the motion, and it passed

#### **PSYPACT UPDATE FROM DR. MARK FLEMING**

Dr. Fleming will present an update at the next Board Meeting on March 27, 2025

#### **UPDATE FROM DR. PAMELA AUBLE FROM TPA**

Dr. Auble presented the Board with an update from a retreat she attended the weekend prior. TPA wanted to give a thanks to the Board and Administrative office for the time and outcome of the discussion of EPPP-2 that was on the Agenda at the September 26, 2024, Board Meeting.

The only issue TPA currently has is the ongoing issues with CE Broker. CE Broker was created to eliminate in person CE audit reviews and have some automation of CE audit reviews. Dr. Auble broke down some of the issues CE broker is experiencing but can't say at this time if it can, and/or if it will be resolved. TPA works on legislation that affects psychologists, and they are currently working on two bills. One bill is about prescriptive authority for all psychologists.

The second bill is on test security. Dr. Auble hopes to have an update at the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting on how both bills are progressing.

Dr. Spica offered to draft a position statement letter, detailing the Board's support, on both bills. Dr. Douglas made a motion to allow Dr. Spica to take on said task. Dr. Victory seconded the motion, and it passed. The letter will be signed by the Chair and provided to TPA.

Ms. Trawick updated the Board members on other current legislative matters.

#### **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ANY NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING EPPP-2 EXAMINATION**

Dr. Arentsen provided an update from ASPPB from the annual meeting he attended. ASPPB changed their position from mandating the states convert to the EPPP-2, to now switching to a revised EPPP which is now TBD.

#### **DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ANY ACTION REGARDING RULE CHANGES RELATED TO THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

Dr. Arentsen wanted the board to discuss the use of AI by Psychologists and the lack of informed consent. Dr. Douglas suggested adding a standing meeting item to the agenda in the future to discuss the topic of technology and digital therapeutics. Dr. Arentsen suggested merging as a small committee or workgroup with TPA, starting with just one representative from the Board. Dr. Susan Douglas offered to help as a citizen but not as a board member. Ms. Trawick confirmed Dr. Douglas would represent as a board member until she officially resigns. Dr. Arentsen offered to represent as a board member. Dr. Douglas made a motion to allow Dr. Arentsen and Ms. Trawick to work within a workgroup with TPA around emerging technologies, to bring the latest information to the Board. Dr. Spica seconded the motion, and it passed.

#### **DISCUSSION ON QUORUM CONCERNS**

Mr. Overstreet made a motion for a letter to be drafted and sent to the Governor's office regarding filling the Board's vacant seat(s) due to a lack to establish a quorum for the previous 2024 meetings. Dr. Victory seconded the motion, and it passed.

#### **TCAF UPDATE FROM BRIAN WIND**

The Board reviewed the TCAF update letter from Brian Wind in his absence. No questions or concerns were presented regarding the update.

#### **DISCIPLINARY ORDER(S)**

##### **Order of Compliance**

Judiann Jones – Ms. Trawick presented the order of compliance packet to the Board. Mr. Overstreet motioned to approve the order of compliance. Dr. Victory seconded the motion, and it passed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 am.