

MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

April 10, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

Synergy Business Park – Kingstree Building

Upstate Conference Room

110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29210

Board Members Present

Andrea “Andie” Eaton, Psy.D., Chair
David E. Barrett, Ph.D., Vice Chair
Amanda J. Cleveland, Ph.D., Member
Marjorie G. Cloninger, Ph.D., Member
Amanda Grant, Member
Claire Phillips, Psy.D., Member

Absent Member

Nicholas Bagnell, Psy.D., Member
Mary-Catherine M. Riner, Ph.D., Member

SCLLR Staff Members Present

Megan Flannery, Advice Counsel
Sherrie Butterbaugh, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
Yarikza Alexander, Office of Investigations
Pam Dunkin, Board Executive

Present

Creel Court Reporter

Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the office of the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Psychology, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive in Columbia, SC, on the Board website and provided to any requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the 1976 South Carolina Code, as amended, relating to the Freedom of Information Act. A quorum is noted as present. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

NOTE: These Minutes are a record of the motions and official actions taken by the Board and a brief summary of the meeting.

Meeting Called to Order

Dr. Andrea “Andie” Eaton, Psy.D., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the Upstate Conference Room located at the Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building at 110 Centerview Drive, in Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION

Dr. Cleveland made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Phillips and it passed.

Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members

MOTION

Dr. Cloninger made a motion to approve the absence of Nicholas Bagnell and Mary-Catherine M. Riner. The motion was seconded by Dr. Phillips and it passed.

Approval of the Minutes – January 9, 2026

MOTION

Dr. Barrett made a motion to approve the January 9, 2026, minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cleveland and it passed.

Chairperson Remarks:

Dr. Eaton addressed the board and did not have any remarks.

Legislative Update - Virginia Wetzel, LLR Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs

Ms. Wetzel provided information on the status of bills H39-74, H30-21 and S788 regarding artificial intelligence (AI), and then the discussion exuded.

Disciplinary Hearing – Closed Session

MOTION

Dr. Barrett made a motion to go into executive session for legal advice. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cleveland and it passed.

No motions were made or taken during executive session.

The board reconvened in public session and no votes were taken in open session. The motion and second were not captured.

NOH-MOA - 2023-25

MOTION

Dr. Cleveland made a motion to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Barrett and it passed.

MOTION

Dr. Cleveland made a motion to come out of closed session and return to open session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cloninger and it passed.

MOTION

Dr. Barrett made a motion to accept the NOH-MOA case #2023-25 and licensure has been permanently revoked. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cleveland and it passed.

Administrative Reports

Office of Investigations and Enforcement Reports (OIE Report - Information Only) – Yarikza Alexander, presented the OIE and statistical report as information only to the board.

Investigative Review Conference (IRC Report – Information Only) – Yarikza Alexander, Office of Investigations presented the board with the three (3) case dismissals and one letter of caution from the IRC report.

MOTION

Dr. Cleveland accepted the IRC recommendations for the following three (3) case dismissals: 2025-13, 2025-33 and 2025-38. The motion was seconded by Dr. Phillips and it passed.

MOTION

Dr. Phillips accepted the IRC recommendations for the following one letter of caution: 2019-20. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cloninger and it passed.

Office of Disciplinary Counsel Report (ODC – Information Only) – Sherrie Butterbaugh, presented the “ODC” report as information only to the board.

Ms. Butterbaugh provided the board with the following status report: 14 open cases, 7 pending hearings and agreements, 0 pending closure, 0 closed and 9 appeals.

Board Executive Reports/Remarks – Pam Dunkin

Ms. Dunkin presented the following items below to the board for informational purposes only.

- Finance Report
- CE Broker Report
- Review List of New Licensees (12/6/2025 – 3/7/2026)
- Number of Active Credentials as of 3/27/2026

New Business

a. Board Member Reports:

- 2026 South Carolina Psychological Association (SCPA): March 13-14, 2026, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina – Dr. Claire Phillips

Dr. Phillips attended the 2026 South Carolina Psychological Association conference at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, March 13-14, 2026 and discussed artificial intelligence (AI) issues and impacts of its implementation then discussions exuded.

b. Upcoming Travel Meetings –Vote on Attendees:

- The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) Annual Meeting: October 14-18, 2026 in Reno, Nevada

MOTION

Dr. Cleveland approved three (3) board members, advice counsel and one staff person to attend the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cloninger and it passed.

c. Electronic Licenses – Discussion & Vote – Pam Dunkin

MOTION

Dr. Phillips approved the board to move forward with a new process in electronic licenses. This process will replace licensees being issued paper pocket card and wall certificates. The motion was seconded by Dr. Barrett and it passed.

Public Comments - None

Adjournment

There being no further board business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.