

**SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY**  
**Friday, June 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Synergy Business Park in the Kingtree Building**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Room 105**  
**Columbia SC 29210**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present**

Shirley Vickery, Ph.D, Chairperson  
Christiana DeGregorie, Ph.D, Vice-Chair Person  
Virginia Cooper, Ph.D, Member  
Martha Durham, Ph.D, Member  
Isabelle Mandell, Ph.D, Member  
Sandra McCloy, Ph.D., Member

**Absent Member**

Alisa Liggett, Public Member

**Staff Present**

Hardwick Stewart, Advice Counsel  
Marlo Thomas-Koger, Board Administrator  
Sheliah Jones, Board Assistant

Public Notice of this meeting was properly posted at the office of the South Carolina Board of Examiners for the licensure of Psychology, Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building, 110 Centerview Drive in Columbia, SC, was posted on the Board website and provided to any requesting persons, organizations, or 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/not present. All votes referenced herein were unanimous 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.*

**Call to Order**

Dr. Vickery, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. The meeting was held in Room 105 located in the Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building at 110 Centerview Drive, in Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

**Introduction of the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Director Emily Farr:**

Director Emily Farr of the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation addressed the Board.

**Legislative Update:** Katie Phillips, South Carolina Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) Office of Communications and Government Affairs addressed the Board.

**Approval/Disapproval of Absent Members**

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. DeGregorie made a motion to excuse Ms. Liggett's absence. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Cooper. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Durham made a motion to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Cooper. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Mandell made a motion to approve April 26, 2019, meeting minutes – with corrections noted. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. DeGregorie. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## **Administrative Reports**

**Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE/IRC) Report:** Serrena Swartz and Selina Ruffins, Office of Investigations and Enforcement presented two (2) cases for dismissal, two (2) formal complaints, a letter of caution and a cease and desist, to the Board.

### **IRC Recommendations:**

**Dismissal Cases#:** 2018-11 and 2018-13

**Formal Complaints#:** 2018-5 and 2018-10

**Letter of Caution#:** 2019-2

**Cease and Desist#:** 2019-4

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. DeGregorie made a motion to accept the IRC recommendations for two dismissals, two formal complaints, one letter of caution and one cease and desist. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Durham. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Board reviewed the statistical report as information.

**Office of General Council (ODC) Report:** Tina Brown, Office of Disciplinary Counsel addressed the board.

**Financial Report:** Abhijit Deshpande, from Finance and Procurement addressed the board.

The Board reviewed the finance report as information.

**The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB): Enhanced Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) Part 2 – Matt Turner:** Matt Turner from ASPPB gave a presentation before the board.

**Request for Supervision for Number of Hours Required for Clinical Supervision and Approval of a Georgia Supervisor – Dr. Courtney Zents:** Dr. Zents made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Cooper made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Dr. Zents request. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Durham. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Executive Session:** No votes were taken during executive session.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. DeGregorie made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cooper. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Durham made a motion not to approve Ms. Zents request. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. DeGregorie. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## **Application Hearings**

**Dr. Christopher Troyer:** The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Dr. Troyer should be granted a Psychology license in South Carolina. Dr. Troyer made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Durham and Dr. Cooper made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Dr. Troyer's application. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. DeGregorie. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Executive Session:** No votes were taken during executive session.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. DeGregorie made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Dr. McCloy. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Cooper made a motion that Dr. Troyer's preliminary application for licensure in South Carolina be denied. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Durham. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Dr. Milton Lowder:** The purpose of this hearing was to determine if Dr. Lowder should be granted a Psychology license in South Carolina by re-application. Dr. Lowder made a personal appearance before the Board and was not represented by legal counsel.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Durham made a motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice from counsel regarding Dr. Lowder's re-application. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Cooper and Dr. DeGregorie. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Executive Session:** No votes were taken during executive session.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. DeGregorie made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Dr. McCloy. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. Mandell made a motion that Dr. Lowder's preliminary re-application for licensure in South Carolina be approved and reinstated retroactive to December 1, 2017, which is the first date of the lapse with conditions. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Cooper. All were in favor and the motion passed.

### **New Business**

**Travel Meetings and 2019-2020 Travel Budget:** The Board discussed travel meetings and reviewed the 2019-2020 travel budget as information.

**Meal Allowance Ceiling Increase:** The Board reviewed the meal allowance ceiling increase as information.

### **Discussion Topics**

The Board reviewed the list of new licensees as information.

The Board discussed the 2019 Renewals.

The Board discussed Continuing Education (CE) Broker.

The Board reviewed and discussed The Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) Interjurisdictional Practice Certificate (IPC) Program Announcement.

**Enhanced Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) Part 2 - Dr. Vickery:** The Board discussed the pilot exam invitation for the Enhanced Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology (EPPP) Part 2. Dr. Vickery recommended that Dr. Degregorie have the first choice to participate and Dr. Cooper have a second choice or they both can participate.

The Board reviewed the 2019 and 2020 Board Meeting dates as information.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** In open session, Dr. DeGregorie made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved by Dr. Cooper. All were in favor and the motion passed. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05p.m.

Marlo Koger  
Marlo Koger, Administrator  
S.C. Board of Examiners in Psychology

Date 9/27/19