State of Alaska 1 2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 3 **DIVISION OF CORPORATION, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING** 4 5 **BOARD OF Psychologists and Psychological Associates** Minutes of the meeting May 30th - May 31st, 2024 6 7 8 9 By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.86.030, and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, 10 Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associates originated from the Atwood Building, 575 W 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, Room 1550. 11 12 13 The Chair brought the meeting to order at 09:04 am 14 15 **Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum** 16 Dr. Erin Johnson, Chair, Licensed Psychologist 17 Dr. Bradley McConnell, Licensed Psychologist 18 Dr. Lorin Bradbury, Licensed Psychologist 19 20 **Board Members Absent** 21 None 22 23 **Staff Members Present** 24 Marlo Adams, Occupational Licensing Examiner 25 Jeanne Pace, Program Coordinator I 26 Miriam Honea, Occupational Licensing Examiner 27 Melissa Dumas, Administrative Operations Manager 28 Jasmin Bautista, Investigator III 29 Jenni Summers, Senior Investigator 30 Sylvan Robb, Division Director 31 32 **Members of the Public Present** 33 Anna Stevens 34 35 Agenda Item - Ethics Disclosures 36 All members said they had no potential ethics conflicts to disclose. 37 38 Agenda Item – Mission Statement 39 Mission Statement was read by Lorin Bradbury 40 41 Agenda Item – Review/Approve Agenda 42 In a motion duly made by Dr. Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Dr. Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve the May 30th, 2024, agenda with the motion to amend the ASPPB 43 44 conference update to 9:30 am and move the discussion of the disciplinary matrix to the agenda for May 45 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

<b>Board Member</b>	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	Х			

Bradley McConnell	X		
Lorin Bradbury	X		

# 47 Agenda Item – Public Comment

No public comments made.

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#### Agenda Item – Courtesy License Report

- Six (6) licensees, 3 did not report, 1 does not have to report until next month. Reminder notifications
- were sent. Update: Licensee who had not reported since being licensed was contacted by investigations.
- Licensee stated that they do not intend to use the license. Licensee has been reporting since contact
- with investigations.

# Agenda Item – Customer Correspondence

This is an insurance question, and this is not within the board's purview. Please have the individual reach out to businesses in the profession to see how they handle this.

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# Agenda Item - Director's Update

- In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c) and Alaska Constitutional Right to
- 61 Privacy Provisions, Lorin Bradbury, moved that the Alaska State Board of Psychologists and
- 62 Psychological Associates Examiners enter into executive session for the purpose of matters which by
- 63 law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential. Staff to remain are Jeanne Pace,
- 64 Marlo Adams, and Miriam Honea. Bradley McConnell seconded the motion. Motion passed via
- 65 unanimous consent.

<b>Board Member</b>	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	Х			

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# Agenda Item - ASPPB Conference Update

Dr. Bradley McConnell summarized his experiences at the ASPPB Conference. He presented several ethical complaints that were discussed at the conferences, specifically issues regarding Telehealth.

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# Agenda Item - Investigation Units

Jasmin Baustista presented the investigative report covering January 27, 2024, thru May 15, 2024. The report included 13 open cases and 7 closed cases.

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Psychological Associates Examiners enter into executive session for the purpose of subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public

82 discussion. Staff to remain are Jeanne Pace, Marlo Adams, and Miriam Honea. Bradley McConnell

83 seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous consent.

<b>Board Member</b>	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	Х			

Bradley McConnell	Х		
Lorin Bradbury	X		

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On record 11:02 am

In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c) and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, Lorin Bradbury, moved that the Alaska State Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associates Examiners enter into executive session for the purpose of subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Staff to remain are Jeanne Pace, Marlo Adams, and Miriam Honea. Bradley McConnell seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous consent.

<b>Board Member</b>	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	Х			
Bradley McConnell	Х			
Lorin Bradbury	Х			

94 Off record 11:03 am

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# Agenda Item - Division Update

Melissa Dumas presented the FY24 third quarter financial report.

# Agenda Item - Annual Report

The Board had a brief discussion about the annual report. The board discussed coming up with three or four exam questions each and sending them to the licensing examiner to be posted in Onboard for review by all board members. Discussion was had about encrypted or password protected options to share the exam questions. Exam question review and development of exam questions are due September 30<sup>th</sup>. Licensing examiner to remind board several times before the September due date.

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In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c) and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, Lorin Bradbury, moved that the Alaska State Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associates Examiners enter into executive session for the purpose of subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Staff to remain are Jeanne Pace, Marlo Adams, and Miriam Honea. Bradley McConnell seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous consent.

<b>Board Member</b>	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	Х			
Bradley McConnell	Х			
Lorin Bradbury	Х			

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In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve license #217175.

<b>Board Member</b>	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	Х			
Bradley McConnell	Х			
Lorin Bradbury	Х			

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In a motion duly made by Bradley McConnell, seconded by Lorin Bradbury with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve license #220124.

<b>Board Member</b>	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	Х			
Bradley McConnell	Х			
Lorin Bradbury	Х			

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In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve #179146 approve pending receipt of clarification from applicant that supervision will take place face to face meaning in the same room at the same time.

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Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	Х			
Lorin Bradbury	Х			

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In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve #219707 pending proof of APA and regionally accredited program from applicant.

<b>Board Member</b>	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	Х			
Bradley McConnell	Х			
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136 Recess until May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, at 9:00 am.

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The chair brought the meeting to order at 9:01 am

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#### **Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum**

- 141 Dr. Erin Johnson, Chair, Licensed Psychologist
- 142 Dr. Bradley McConnell, Licensed Psychologist
- 143 Dr. Lorin Bradbury, Licensed Psychologist

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**Board Members Absent** 

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148 Staff Members Present

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Marlo Adams, Licensing Examiner
 Miriam Honea, Occupational Licensing Examiner
 Marilyn Zimmerman, Paralegal II
 Jasmin Bautista, Investigator III

#### **Members of the Public Present**

Anna Stevens

# Agenda Item - Alaska Psychological Association Update

Dr. Marvo Reguindin, invited Dr. Kevin Tarlow and Soveyra Roasas to give their update from the PLSC conference in Washington. Dr Kevin Tarlow reported that several regulatory changes on state and national level were discussed at the conference. One of which is the new regulatory change to turn the psychological education matrix into a multi-tiered profession. In addition, Dr. Kevin Tarlow mentioned that the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the Psychology field was also discussed at the conference. He stated that the technology is ahead of the current statutes and regulations and questioned how the use of AI can be safely incorporated without compromising the privacy of patients.

Dr. Kevin Tarlow then went on to inform the Board of the monthly ethics consultation meetings held over zoom, which gives the community of professional psychologists the opportunity to discuss and brainstorm specific ethical concerns and issues that they have encountered in their work of professional psychologists.

Soveyra Roasas communicated her concerns from a graduate level the challenges of finding a supervisor because of the limited number of available psychologists in the state of Alaska. Dr. Erin Johnson proposed for AK-PA to create a list of psychologists who would be willing to start supervising. The board would check that the individual meets the institutional qualifications to become a supervisor. Dr. Tarlow proposed to extend the options to find a supervisor by allowing supervision through telehealth. He stated that many of the 50 states have allowed broader supervision, however there is no sufficient data yet on how that affects the quality of education for the supervisee. The board then extensively discussed the potential risks of supervision through telehealth, being primarily concerned about privacy and ethical issues increasing. The Board reiterated that the primary responsibility of the Board is to protect the public. The board concluded that more data is needed before deciding if supervision through telehealth could be a potential option for the state of Alaska.

Off record 9:59 am
On record 10:02 am

In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c) and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, Lorin Bradbury, moved that the Alaska State Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associates Examiners enter into executive session for the purpose of subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. Staff to remain are Jeanne Pace, Marlo Adams, and Miriam Honea. Bradley McConnell seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous consent.

<b>Board Member</b>	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	Х			
Bradley McConnell	Х			
Lorin Bradbury	Х			

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# 197 Agenda Item – Disciplinary Matrix

a. CE Matrix

Marilyn Zimmerman presented the CE matrix to the Board. If an individual is selected for a random audit after renewal and cannot show that they have met the requirements, the matrix is applied, and a consent agreement is presented to the Board for disciplinary action.

b. Review of Draft Matrix

The Board had an extensive discussion about the possible benefits of having a disciplinary matrix in place but ultimately decided not to pursue the creation of the matrix.

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<b>Board Member</b>	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	Х			
Bradley McConnell	Х			
Lorin Bradbury	Х			

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# In a motion duly made by Bradley McConnell, seconded by Lorin Bradbury with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve license #218585.

<b>Board Member</b>	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
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Bradley McConnell	Х			
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# Agenda Item – Regulations

The board decided to postpone the discussion of any possible regulation's projects and their specific language to next meeting, which is scheduled in August. The board briefly reviewed the answers for the FAQ section on the board of psychologists and psychological association website.

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#### Agenda Item – Annual Report

The board reviewed the annual report draft.

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In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, second by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve the 2024 Annual Report.

<b>Board Member</b>	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	Х			
Bradley McConnell	Х			
Lorin Bradbury	Х			

Next meeting is scheduled for August 15-16, 2024, via Zoom.

In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous it was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 2:41 pm.

<b>Board Member</b>	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	Х			
Bradley McConnell	Х			
Lorin Bradbury	Х			

Date final minutes approved by the board:	07.08.2024
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