

1 State of Alaska
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATION, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
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5 BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES

6 Minutes of the meeting August 15th, 2024
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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 Board of Psychology and Psychological Associates originated via Zoom.
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12 The Chair brought the meeting to order at 9:03 am
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14 **Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum**

15 Dr. Erin Johnson, Chair, Licensed Psychologist

16 Dr. Bradley McConnell, Licensed Psychologist

17 Dr. Lorin Bradbury, Licensed Psychologist
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19 **Board Members Absent**

20 None
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22 **Staff Members Present**

23 Marlo Adams, Licensing Examiner III - Advanced

24 Miriam Honea, Licensing Examiner III - Advanced

25 Alison Osbourne, Regulations Specialist

26 Erika Prieksat

27 Amy Kennedy, Paralegal

28 Jasmin Bautista, Investigator III
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30 **Members of the Public Present**

31 None
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33 **Agenda Item – Ethics Disclosures**

34 All members said they had no ethics conflicts to disclose.
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36 **Agenda Item – Courtesy License Report**

37 Seven (7) active courtesy licenses reported, 1 compliant licensee and 6 non-compliant licensees. Follow-
38 up is needed with non-compliant licensees.
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40 **Agenda Item – Review/Approve Agenda**
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42 In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it
43 was resolved to approve the August 15, 2024, agenda as presented.
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Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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46 **Agenda Item – Public Comment**

47 No public members in attendance.

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49 **Agenda Item – Customer Correspondence**

50 **i. Testimony as Practice of Psychology**

51 The question was discussed whether someone who is testifying in Alaska is required to be licensed in
52 Alaska. The Board took a close look at the statutes and regulations and decided that the statutes read
53 that you must be licensed in Alaska to give testimony. However, they agreed that the language used in
54 the statutes and regulations could be modified to make it clearer. The Board asked to send this inquiry
55 to the Department of law to determine what changes can be made to prevent future questions
56 regarding this matter.

57 **ii. EPPP – Part 2**

58 Texas is suing ASPPB regarding the EPPP Part 2. ASPPB has been clear that if you don't want EPPP
59 Part 2 then you don't get Part 1. The Board discussed that they had not seen the EPPP Part 2 exam
60 and that ASPPB used to allow board members to take it for free to experience the exam. The Board
61 members have not seen EPPP Part 2 study materials. Board members discussed concern over
62 psychological associates' ability to receive a lower EPPP score than do psychologists to pass the
63 exam. Ontario removed the scope of practice for psychological associates; however, they kept the
64 score at the same rate as psychologists. There is a reduced fee to take part 1 and part 2; one fee
65 required for both exams.

66 **iii. Licensure I/O Psychologists**

67 The Board licenses psychologists so I/O's may apply as any other psychologist.

68 **iv. Alaska Behavioral Health Association**

69 No response from the Board is needed.

70 **v. Request for PSYPACT Introduction in Alaska**

71 No response from the Board is needed.

72 **vi. Clarification Regarding "Full-Time Residence"**

73 The board would like to know how the correspondent defines full-time residence. Is it predoctoral
74 or is it a year of course work in-person? The Board would like to gather information on what online
75 schools are doing like the University of Phoenix for in-person learning. The Board would like to ask
76 APA what nontraditional programs are APA accredited. The board would like to look at other
77 jurisdictions to see how they are handling this.

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80 **vii. Consultation Question**

81 The Board determined yes, the supervisee should report, and links were provided to the supervisee
82 for ease of reporting.

83 **Agenda Item – Janet Orwig**

84 Dr. Janet Orwig gave a short presentation about the PSYPACT program. PSYPACT is a program that
85 allows licensed psychologists to work with clients in another state through telehealth. Additionally, a
86 licensed psychologist may cross the border with an e-passport and spend 30 days in each state that is
87 part of the PSYPACT program to practice. The requirements to be part of the compact are 3 hours of
88 continuing education credits per renewal period that specifically caters to telehealth. After a summary
89 about the PSYPACT program, the floor was opened for questions to the board. Dr. McConnell
90 questioned who would be responsible for the costs of a possible investigation; the home state where
91 the licensee holds his primary license or the state in which he practices through the PSYPACT
92 agreement. Dr. Orwig explained that the state the individual practiced in would start the investigation
93 and cover those costs; however, only the state of residency can take disciplinary actions. Furthermore,
94 the Board would like to see specific education catered to licensees from different states who wish to
95 practice in Alaska as the board recognized some of the circumstances that are unique to Alaska. The
96 board chair asked about the number of complaints PSYPACT had received. Forty-two (42) states are part
97 of the compact, and Dr. Orwig ensured the board that they have received 0 complaints thus far.

98 APA accreditation is required for PSYPACT. A person who has not graduated from an APA-accredited
99 doctoral program will need to seek licensure separately for each state.

100 . All applying for PSYPACT will have an internship but may not have a postdoctoral. An individual can get
101 licensed and then immediately apply for an E-Passport.

102 **Agenda Item – Alaska Psychological Association (AK-PA)**

103 Kevin Tarlow presented the board a short summary of the topics that were discussed at the annual
104 Alaska Psychological Association (AK-PA) meeting. One of the main topics discussed was the question of
105 how to grow the psychologist community in Alaska and ensure that licensed psychologists who received
106 their education in Alaska will stay and practice in Alaska. Some of the concerns and reasons why
107 individuals tend to leave Alaska are the limited number of clinical supervisors and postgraduate
108 experience that is offered in Alaska. A tight budget and increased liability were identified as two of the
109 reason why Alaska does not have more clinical supervisors offering their services to supervisees. Dr.
110 Evans summarized that one of the next steps would be to speak to the Trust about increasing the
111 budget to be able to offer more supervision. Dr. McConnell suggested to initiate a conversation with
112 Medicaid and request to be reimbursed more frequently. Medicare does not reimburse/ pay providers
113 which is a huge reason why providers don't want to work with them, which consequently, hurts Alaska
114 who do not have private insurance.

115 **Agenda Item – Investigative Report**

116 Jasmin Baustista presented the investigative report covering May 16, 2024, thru July 31,2024. The report
117 included 8 open cases and 6 closed cases.

118 Off record 10:56 AM

119 On record 11:02 AM

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121 **Agenda Item – Regulations Project**

122 **A. Define “Synchronous”**

123 A “Synchronous” course is a course where students and instructors engage with course content and
124 each other at the same time, in real time. A synchronous course can be in person or online, but the
125 course cannot be pre-recorded or self-study.

126 **In a motion duly made by Bradley McConnell, second by Lorin Bradbury with unanimous consent, it**
127 **was decided to amend the definition of “synchronous” and remove (e) from 12 AAC 62.260.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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129 **B. Review EPPP regs 2 from Other State and Draft Regulations**

130 This item was tabled until the special September 20th meeting.

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132 **C. Define Face-to-Face**

133 “Face-to-Face” means physically present in the same setting at the same time, which cannot be
134 facilitated through electronic media.

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136 **In a motion made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell, with unanimous consent, it was**
137 **decided to add the definition of “Face-to-Face” to 12 AAC 60.990.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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139 Off record 12:05 PM

140 On record 12:41 PM

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142 **D. Add Reference 08.86.130 and 08.86.160 (b) on AAC 60.010, AAC 60.020, AAC 60.030, AAC**
143 **60.035, AAC 60.036 to Section on Requirements for Credentialed Psychologists**

144 This item was tabled until the next Board meeting. The board determined a need to define “full-time
145 residence.”

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147 **E. 12 AAC 60.065 – Psychology Courtesy License Check Sheet Dated November 2016**

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149 In a motion made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell, with unanimous consent, it was
 150 decided to remove (b) from regulation 12 AAC 60.065 with the intent to allow the division to make
 151 changes to the Psychology License Check Sheet as necessary.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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Agenda Item – Consent Agreements (Erika Prieksat)

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

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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 163 Off record 1:15 PM
 164 On record 1:23 PM
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166 In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it
 167 was resolved to accept the voluntary surrender of license #143807.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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 to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public
 discussion. Staff to remain are Marlo Adams and Miriam Honea. Bradley McConnell
 seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous consent.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair			X	
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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177 Off record 1:26 PM

178 On record 1:30 PM

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180 In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it
181 was resolved to approve the consent agreement for license #157805.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair			X	
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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183 In a motion duly made Lorin Bradbury seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it
184 was resolved to approve the consent agreement for license #PSYA457.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair			X	
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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188 Psychological Associates Examiners enter into executive session for the purpose of subjects that tend
189 to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public
190 discussion. Staff to remain are Marlo Adams and Miriam Honea. Bradley McConnell
191 seconded the motion. Motion passed via unanimous consent.

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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193 Off record 1:31 PM

194 On record 1:40 PM

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196 **Agenda Item – Regulations Projects (Continuation)**

197 **F. 12 AAC 60.080 (a) (2) “not more than 24 consecutive months.”**

198 After a brief discussion, the board decided to table this agenda item until the next Board meeting.

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200 **Agenda Item – Customer Correspondence (Continuation)**

201 **viii. Clarification Regarding “In Full-Time Residence”**

202 After a brief discussion, the Board decided to table this discussion.

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204 **ix. Consultation Question**

205 The Board decided that if there is a good reason to believe kids are in danger then the individual is
206 required to report this instance, which is a consistent approach in such matter across all boards.

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208 **Agenda Item – Schedule Future Meetings**

209 Future meetings are schedule for November 14-15 (video conference) and February 6-7, 2025, (possibly
210 in-person in Juneau.)

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212 **Agenda Item – Electronic Administration of SLEE**

213 Marlo Adams reviewed concerns from applicants and licensees about the State Law and Ethics Exam
214 (SLEE) being in person. Some found the requirement of taking the SLEE exam in Anchorage as a barrier
215 to licensure for individuals who live remotely and out of state and cannot cover the expenses of
216 traveling to Anchorage. Other concerns are that the SLEE contains predominantly ethics questions and
217 no state law questions. The board asked that the division provide information and costs of third-party
218 administration of the SLEE. This topic to be discussed further at the special September 20th meeting if
219 the division has the necessary information ready to share.

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221 **Agenda Item – Tabled Applications/ Application Review**

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

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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230 Off record 3:15 PM

231 On record 4:14 PM

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233 **In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it**
234 **was resolved to approve #227205.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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236 **In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it**
237 **was resolved to approve #226737 pending course syllabi and proof of passing EPPP score.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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239 **In a motion duly made by Bradley McConnell, seconded by Lorin Bradbury with unanimous consent, it**
240 **was resolved to approve #227938.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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242 **In a motion duly made by Bradley McConnell, seconded by Lorin Bradbury with unanimous consent, it**
 243 **was resolved to approve #228568.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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245 **Agenda Item – New Business**

246 No new Business to report.

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248 **Actions for board to complete:**

- 249 • Research other state’s regulations regarding EPPP Part 2
- 250 • Look at continuing supervision beyond allotted time
- 251 • Schedule meetings after February
- 252 • Revisit LPA scope of practice
- 253 • Look into extra requirements with PSYPACT
- 254 • Continue discussion on “in-residence.” Look at online programs
- 255 • Email dates of upcoming board meetings to members

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257 **In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent it**
 258 **was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 4:18 pm.**

Board Member	Approve	Deny	Recuse	Absent
Erin Johnson, Chair	X			
Bradley McConnell	X			
Lorin Bradbury	X			

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Date final minutes approved by the board: <input type="checkbox"/> Board Meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onboard	September 16, 2024
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