

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 November 14, 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 9 Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Psychologists and Psychological Associates originated
11 via Zoom.

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13 The chair brought the meeting to order at 9:15 am.

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

18 **Board Members Absent**

19 None

20 **Staff Members Present**

21 Marlo Adams, Licensing Examiner III
22 Miriam Honea, Licensing Examiner III
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24 **Members of the Public Present**

25 Keith Happawana
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27 **Agenda Item -- Mission Statement**

28 The mission statement was read.
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30 **Agenda Item – Review/Approve Agenda**

31 In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it
32 was resolved to approve the November 14, 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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35 **Agenda Item – Ethics Disclosures**

36 Board members had no ethics conflicts to disclose.
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38 **Agenda Item – Courtesy License Report**

39 There are nine active courtesy licenses. Four are noncompliant. Those noncompliant for more than a
40 month were referred to the division to work with licensees to bring them into compliance. Compliance
41 notices were sent to licensees.
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43 **Agenda Item – Public Comment**

44 Keith Happawana – Seeking information on the scope of practice for licensed psychological associates.

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46 This is an ongoing discussion for the board. The board would like to gather all information first and
47 respond to the scope of practice question in writing.

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49 The Board would like a copy of the older version of statutes and regulations before repeals were made
50 to the psychological associate section of the statutes and regulations.

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52 **Agenda Item – Investigative Report**

53 This report is for the period of August 1, 2024, through November 1, 2024. There are 6 open cases, 4
54 closed cases. This report includes continuing education cases.

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56 **Agenda Item – Regulation Projects**

57 EPPP Part 2 update was given. The goal is to integrate the skills questions as part of multiple-choice
58 knowledge-based questions and combined into one exam. The board asked the licensing examiner to
59 contact ASPPB about the January 2026 start date.

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61 The board discussed where in the statute and regulations is the authority to keep extending the
62 temporary license and whether wording is needed to make this section clearer.

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64 The board asked for the chain of application(s) when determining to approve a request to extend or
65 request for alternate supervision.

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67 **In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it**
68 **was resolved to approve adding the word supervised to the title of regulation 12 AAC 60.080.**

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

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71 Discussion of whether location of temporary licensee and supervisor location on a past alternate
72 supervision form was tabled for executive session discussion later in the meeting.

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74 There was discussion had by the board about unsupervised independent private practice. It was
75 determined that it is possible that someone is practicing as a licensed professional counselor (LPC) in a
76 private practice and working on a psychologist license and are supervised part-time by a psychologist.

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78 The board determined it was best to leave good cause in 12 AAC 60.080 broadly defined as defining
79 good cause too specifically, becomes restrictive.

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81 The Board discussed supervisor documentation of supervisees. The Statement of Supervised Experience
82 is the documentation form used to fulfill this requirement.

83 The board discussed 12 AAC 60.020 (b) and the EPPP is not required to obtain a temporary license.

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85 Discussion regarding removal of 12 AAC 60.020(b)(4) from the psychology statutes and regulations was
86 tabled until next meeting. Regulation specialist to find prior minutes as to why this was added to the
87 statutes and regulations for review by board.

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89 Discussion took place regarding extension of temporary license. Leaving reasons to extend open ended
90 allows for someone to continue working while they are still pursuing passing the EPPP. Authority to
91 extend comes under AS 08.86.135.

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93 The Board discussed, at length, the need for referencing the statute(s) that give(s) authority for
94 credentialed licensing pertaining to educational requirements. Statutes .160, .160(b) and .130 do not
95 reference the face-to-face element. Discussion was tabled until after lunch.

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97 **Agenda Item – AK Psychological Association**

98 Introductions were made. Marvo Reguindin, executive director of Alaska Psychological Association.
99 Rebekah Burket, member at large Alaska Psychological Association (AKPA). Kevin Tarlow, secretary
100 executive board for AKPA. Soveyra Rosas, student representation for AKPA.

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102 AKPA discussed workforce development and supervised practice opportunities and challenges unique to
103 Alaska. AKPA looking at creating consortium regarding funding to compensate supervisors. AKPA to look
104 at grant funding to compensate clinical supervisors.

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106 Discussion was had on the ways AKPA and the psychology board can collaborate regarding supervision.
107 An email with a survey went out, however, the email related to supervision went out on AKPA's listserve
108 but it was not from AKPA and it was not the survey AKPA expressed they would send out. Licensing
109 examiner to forward this email to AKPA executive director.

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111 It was brought up at the last meeting on how AKPA can help with Medicaid compensation. AKPA and this
112 board want to be in alignment to ensure protection of the public.

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114 Development of a toolkit containing items like a draft memorandum of agreement and checklist for
115 supervisors to follow was suggested.

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117 Student representative from AKPA made the following statement. Collaboration between students,
118 universities, and professionals is considered what is best for clients and the public. All our training
119 programs have unfunded practicum hours for students. Good supervision is one of the most important
120 parts of our training.

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122 Discussion was had concerning half of the applicants' doctoral programs are not APA accredited. This
123 gives the board pause regarding PSYPACT. If AKPA can send the Alaska Pacific University (APU) contacts
124 to the licensing examiner so the board can get APU's take on who this will affect the most. Invite APU
125 folks to next board meeting.

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127 Janet Orwig with PSYPACT gave the board a presentation at a previous meeting.

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129 Off record 10:56 AM
130 On record 11:03 AM

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132 **Agenda Item – Financial Report**

133 Operations manager for the division gave the 2024 fourth quarter finance report.

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135 **Agenda Item – SLEE Third Party Proctor Update**

136 Vendor prefers multiple choice questions as essay questions can be an additional cost. The division
137 would submit questions to the vendor. The division would submit perimeters for the exam. The cost is
138 \$80 for the exam. No estimated start date for the proctoring of the exam until the questions have been
139 submitted. There are safeguards in place for both an open and closed exam. The testing agent views the
140 room. Testing agency verifies type of books that are allowed to use in an open book exam. ProV can
141 develop test questions. Board would like to know how much ProV charges for development of exam
142 questions. Board requested ProV send sample questions and for licensing examiner to upload the
143 sample questions into Onboard for board review and vote.

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145 **Agenda Item – I/O Psychology Presentation**

146 Dr. Elliot Lasson is a licensed Industrial/Organizational (I/O) psychologist and American Board of
147 Professional Psychology (ABPP) board certified Dr. Lasson defined I/O Psychology as being psychology as
148 it relates to the workplace. Challenges of I/O psychologists were discussed. A board member suggested
149 that I/O psychology could be added as an exception in the statutes and regulations and recommended
150 working on this at the legislative level.

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152 Off record 12:08 pm

153 On record 1:00 pm

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155 **Agenda Item – Regulation Projects (Continued)**

156 The board decided that more time was needed to review the licensed by credentials portion of the
157 regulations. This was tabled until the next board meeting scheduled in February.

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159 **In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c) and Alaska Constitutional Right to**
160 **Privacy Provisions, Bradley McConnell, moved that the Alaska State Board of Psychologists and**
161 **Psychological Associates Examiners enter into executive session for the purpose of subjects that tend**
162 **to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public**
163 **discussion. Matters which by law municipal charter or ordinance are required to be confidential. Staff**
164 **to remain are Marlo Adams and Miriam Honea. Lorin Bradbury seconded the motion. Motion passed**
165 **via unanimous consent.**

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

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167 Off record 1:12 PM

168 On record 3:04 PM

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170 **Agenda Item – Application Review**

171 **In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it**
172 **was resolved to approve #226737 psychological associate application pending with board review of**
173 **evidence at least one course in each of the following areas: biological basis of behavior, cognitive-**
174 **affective basis of behavior, and social basis of behavior.**

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

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In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it was resolved to approve #228281 application by credentials.

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

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Examination scoring will take place independently. Score sheets to be sent to licensing examiner Monday, November 18, 2024.

Agenda Item – New Business/Board Travel

Brad McConnell Association of State and Provincial Psychological Boards (ASPPB) Midyear conference
Location: Montreal
Dates: April 24-27, 2025

Lorin Bradbury ASPPB Annual Meeting
Location: TBA
Dates: October 22-26, 2025

Agenda Item – Old Business

Legal Testimony as Practice of Psychology

Board determined testimony is practice of psychology.
The recommendation was to hold off in talking to law until the board had a project to save money.

Residency

Correspondent didn't respond back to the board's questions about their school's residency.
Lorin Bradbury to draft a statement to go into definitions page as to what residency is. Board to vote on drafted statement and vote in Onboard on this matter.

Agenda Item - Administrative Business/Customer Correspondence

- A. Legislation for PSYPACT – the action today is to get APU contact info to speak with a school that is not APA accredited. The psychology program is self-funded so there could be a decrease in the programs funding if the board chooses to go with PSYPACT. Another consideration is administrative licensing complaints.
- B. Board position on PSYPACT– The board needs more information and clarification from ASPPB. PSYPACT is in constant discussion. This is an on ongoing matter for the board.
- C. Request for AK to join PSYPACT – No response from board. Board took note of this correspondence.
- D. Public Comment on EPPP Part 2 – This should be addressed with makers of EPPP not with the psychology board.
- E. LPA – Draft response noted earlier in meeting.

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215 F. Request for Information – Capella University asked the Board to participate in a survey so the
 216 university can obtain clear and current information on telehealth coursework
 217 requirements, expectations for clinical training direct in-person and telehealth hours,
 218 and clinical training in-person and telehealth supervision requirements. The Board
 219 doesn't have an official stance on this. Board determined they did not need to complete the
 220 survey.

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 222 **Agenda Item – Schedule Future Meetings**

223 February meeting set for 6-7 (virtual). June meeting set as one day meeting on June 20th.

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 225 **Agenda Item – SLEE Discussion**

226 Tabled until further information is available.

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 228 **In a motion duly made by Lorin Bradbury, seconded by Bradley McConnell with unanimous consent, it**
 229 **was resolved to adjourn the November 14, 2024, meeting at 3:32 pm.**

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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	December 27, 2024
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