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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Monday, December 2, 2024

State Board of Psychology
December 2, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:

Steven K. Erickson, Ph.D., Chair
Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
Professional and Occupational Affairs - Absent
Donald McAleer, Psy.D., Vice Chair
Katherine Bradley, Ph.D., Secretary
David Zehrung, Ph.D.
LaJewel Harrison, MBA, Public Member
Dr. Daniel Warner

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Dana Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel
Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
Adam Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Patrick Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Burke V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Adrienne Rachelle McClendon, Esquire, Board
Prosecutor
Courtney J. Restemayer, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Anthony Hong, Board Administrator
Thomas Leech II, Board Administrator
Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State
Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director,
Department of State
Nichole Wray, Division Chief, Department of State

ALSO PRESENT:

Molly Cowan, Psy.D., Director of Professional
Affairs, Pennsylvania Psychological Association
Rachael Baturin, MHP, JD, Pennsylvania Psychological
Association
Michael Pogue-Geile, Ph.D., Clinical Program Chair,
Psychology Professor, Department of Psychology,
University of Pittsburgh
Emily A. Behrens
Jennifer Smeltz, Republican Executive Director,
Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
Committee
Citrini Nata Devi, Ph.D.

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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

Mariann Burnetti-Atwell- CEO of the Association of
State and Provincial Psychology Boards
Dr. Hao Song- ICE-CCP, Association of State and
Provincial Psychology Boards
Rachel Wilbur-Adams, Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

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2 State Board of Psychology

3 December 2, 2024

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
6 at 9:30 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
7 with Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, for
8 the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
9 deliberations and to receive the advice of counsel.
10 The Board returned to open session at 10:30 a.m.]

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12 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
13 Board of Psychology was held on Monday, December 2,
14 2024. Steven K, Erickson, Ph.D., Chair, called the
15 meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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17 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
18 Board entered into Executive Session and discussed
19 the consent agreements that will be presented along
20 with several Agenda Items and to receive the advice
21 of counsel.]

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23 Roll Call

24 [Steven K, Erickson, Ph.D., Chair, requested a roll
25 call of Board members and introduction of attendees.]

1 A quorum of Board members was present.]

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3 Approval of minutes of the October 7, 2024 meeting

4 MS. WUCINSKI:

5 I believe the Board would entertain a
6 motion to approve the minutes from the
7 October 7, 2024 Board meeting.

8 MS. BRADLEY:

9 I'll make a motion.

10 VICE CHAIR MCALEER:

11 Dr. McAleer would second.

12 MS. WUCINSKI:

13 Dr. Erickson, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye;
14 Dr. Bradley, aye; Dr. Zehrung, aye; Ms.
15 Harrison, aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 APPOINTMENT(S)

19 ASPPB-EPPP part 2 Presentation at 10:35 AM

20 [Mariann Burnetti-Atwell-Atwell, CEO of the
21 Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards
22 (ASPPB), presented with updated information to the
23 Board in response to a request from the Board for an
24 update on the Association's plan to implement a two-
25 part exam beginning January 2026.

1 Dr. Burnetti-Atwell advised that the Association
2 was moving forward with that plan; however, over the
3 last year, there had been significant conversation
4 about how that was really not being embraced. The
5 Board stated Dr. Burnetti-Atwell decided to stop
6 moving forward with that plan for January of 2026 and
7 instead take the time to develop a working group
8 comprised of individuals representing a broad
9 spectrum of jurisdictional representation that would
10 look at reimagining the exam. The group would be
11 collaborating with the Board but would also be
12 focused on setting up town halls to allow for maximum
13 feedback on the matter. Dr. Burnetti-Atwell stated
14 there was also to be a subcommittee of the Board
15 created.

16 She further anticipated that there would be a
17 person from the Board/subcommittee that would chair
18 the working group in order to ensure open
19 communication from all entities involved.
20 Additionally, she stated a job task analysis group
21 formed would be formed as well.

22 Dr. Burnetti-Atwell informed the Board of upcoming
23 timeframes in which she hoped specific goals for the
24 reimagining of the exam will be met.

25 Lastly, Dr. Burnetti-Atwell stated the current

1 format of the two-part exam being available while
2 being reimagined. But she also clarified, because of
3 the significant feedback received expressing a low
4 desire for a two-part exam, at this point in time,
5 the ASPPB Board was no longer reimagining a two-part
6 exam.]

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8 Report of Board Prosecution

9 [Adrienne McClendon, Esquire, Prosecuting Attorney,
10 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 22-63-
11 006195.]

12 MS. WUCINSKI:

13 I believe the Board would entertain a
14 motion to accept the Consent Agreement
15 at Case No. 22-63-006195.

16 DR. BRADLEY:

17 I'll make the motion.

18 DR. MCALEER:

19 Second.

20 MS. WUCINSKI:

21 Is there any questions or discussion?

22 Roll call.

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24 Dr. Erickson, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye;

25 Dr. Bradley, aye; Dr. Zehrunge, aye; Ms.

1 Harrison, aye; Dr. Warner, abstain.
2 [The motion carried. Dr. Daniel Warner abstained
3 from voting on the motion. The Respondent's name is
4 Citrini Nata Devi, Ph.D.]

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6 [Patrick Greene, Esquire, Prosecuting Attorney,
7 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 23-63-
8 017297.]

9 MS. WUCINSKI:

10 Do the board members have any
11 questions? If not, I believe the Board
12 would entertain a motion to accept the
13 Consent Agreement at Case No. 23-63-
14 017297.

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16 DR. BRADLEY:

17 I'll make the motion.

18 DR. MCALEER:

19 Second.

20 MS. WUCINSKI:

21 Are there any questions or comments?

22 Roll call.

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24 Dr. Erickson, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye;

25 Dr. Bradley, aye; Dr. Zehrunge, aye; Ms.

1 Harrison, aye; Dr. Warner, abstain.
2 [The motion carried. Dr. Daniel Warner abstained
3 from voting on the motion. The Respondent's name is
4 Shelley F. Milestone, Ph.D.]

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7 Report of Regulatory Counsel - Regulatory Status
8 Report

9 [Dana Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed
10 Board members that Agenda Item No. 5, Regulation 16A-
11 6327, is entitled Accreditation and currently in the
12 30-day comment period. A final rulemaking will
13 transpire once all comments regarding this regulation
14 are received.

15 She further stated Agenda Item No. 6 is a
16 representation of all pending regulations for the
17 Pennsylvania State Board of Psychology. Board
18 members were directed to Jacqueline Wolfgang,
19 Esquire, Senior Regulatory Counsel, with any
20 questions.]

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22 MS. WUCINSKI:

23 Agenda Item No. 7. I believe the Board
24 would entertain a motion to
25 provisionally deny the application to

1 request approval to sit for the
2 psychology licensing examination of
3 Lisa Nyabinji-Said.

4 DR. BRADLEY:

5 I'll make the motion.

6 DR. MCALEER:

7 Second.

8 MS. WUCINSKI:

9 Are there any questions or concerns,
10 comments? Roll call.

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12 Dr. Erickson, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye;
13 Dr. Bradley, aye; Dr. Zehrung, aye; Ms.
14 Harrison, aye; Dr. Warner, abstain.

15 [The motion carried. Dr. Daniel Warner abstained
16 from voting on the motion.]

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18 MS. WUCINSKI:

19 For Agenda Item No. 8, this agenda item
20 number is tabled to allow the Board
21 Administrator to obtain additional
22 information regarding applicant's
23 practice in New York.

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25 MS. WUCINSKI:

1 [Donald McAleer, Psy.D., Vice Chair, reported to
2 Board members that Dr. Zehrung and he had attended
3 the Association of State and Provincial Psychology
4 Boards (ASPPB) meeting in Dallas in October 2024.
5 Dr. McAleer stated changes had been made prior to
6 that board meeting due to the fact that the State of
7 Texas had filed a proposed amendment to the governing
8 bylaws of the ASPPB, thereby changing the way the
9 ASPPB was able to function and based on a current
10 ASPPB mandate requiring all member jurisdictions to
11 use the EPPP Part A or Part 1 and 2 beginning in
12 January of 2026. The ASPPB took the implications of
13 this proposed amendment very seriously by having
14 legal counsel represent them at the meeting and
15 having a professional parliamentarian present.

16 Dr. McAleer continued by stating that there was
17 much contention about this mandate from several state
18 and public entities.

19 Dr. McAleer also informed Board members that the
20 Texas State Board of Examiners filed for an amendment
21 to the ASPPB bylaws by declaring that each state
22 should be allowed to set their own criteria for
23 licensure. Additionally, students ready for
24 licensure did not believe in the measurability or
25 standard of one's competence to become a licensed

1 psychologist based a repeatable exam or having to pay
2 the cost for a second exam.

3 He further informed Board members that the Texas
4 Board had filed a Federal Trade Restriction with the
5 Federal Trade Commission on Restriction of Practice,
6 thereby possibly leading to jail time or fines for
7 people involved. The ASPPB then voted to suspend the
8 requirement that member jurisdictions begin using the
9 exam in January of 2026.

10 Dr. McAleer, in conclusion, stated input related
11 to this exam will continue to come in from a broad
12 spectrum of liaisons and stakeholders in the
13 psychological community, as well as the scientific
14 and the advocacy of professional association
15 communities. The mandate originally set by the
16 ASPPB, requiring the two-part exam for licensure, is
17 now over and done. Exempt from this suspension of
18 the two-part exam are states that have already
19 adopted the exam, and the ASPPB will continue to
20 their test development, so those states will have
21 adequate tests in part two.

22 David Zehrung, Ph.D., Board Member, attended the
23 ASPPB meeting held in Dallas with Dr. McAleer. He
24 presented on the role of AI in the practice of
25 psychology, and hence, the potential grappling with

1 this combination in the coming years as it pertains
2 to the regulation of psychology in various
3 jurisdictions.

4 Dr. Zehrung stated there was a workshop held as
5 well with an overview of AI in the fields of both the
6 healthcare and mental healthcare industry.

7 Additionally, Dr. Zehrung spoke about a separate
8 session of the workshop that focused on potential AI
9 related complaints in the practice of psychology,
10 such as informed consent, algorithmic bias, and dates
11 of the data sets upon which AI results have been
12 trained.

13 Dr. Zehrung concluded his presentation by stating
14 that he believed this type of treatment was already
15 in use by practicing psychologists.]

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18 Discussion Items - Election of Officers

19 MS. WUCINSKI:

20 Is there a nomination for Chair for the
21 State Board of Psychology? This will
22 be effective January 1, 2025.

23 DR. ZEHRUNG:

24 I would like to nominate Dr. McAleer.

25 CHAIR ERICKSON:

26 I'll second the motion.

1 MS. WUCINSKI:

2 Are there any other nominations for
3 Chair? If there are no other
4 nominations, is there a motion to elect
5 Dr. McAleer as the Chair of the State
6 Board of Psychology effective January
7 1, 2025?

8 DR. BRADLEY:

9 I will happily so motion.

10 DR. WUCINSKI:

11 Is there a second?

12 MS. HARRISON:

13 I'll second.

14 MS. WUCINSKI:

15 Any other discussion? We can do a roll
16 call.

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18 Dr. Erickson, aye; Dr. McAleer,
19 abstain; Dr. Bradley, aye; Dr. Zehrung,
20 aye; Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr. Warner,
21 abstain.

22 [The motion carried. Dr. Donald McAleer and Dr.
23 Daniel Warner abstained from voting on the motion.]

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25 CHAIR ERICKSON:

1 Ms. Harrison, would you be interested
2 in being Vice Chair?

3 MS. HARRISON:

4 Certainly.

5 MS. WUCINSKI:

6 We have a nomination for Ms. Harrison
7 as the Vice Chair. Is there a second?

8 DR. MCALEER:

9 Second.

10 MS. WUCINSKI:

11 Any other nominations for Vice Chair?
12 Any questions? Is there a motion to
13 elect LaJewel Harrison as Vice Chair of
14 the State Board of Psychology effective
15 January 1, 2025?

16 DR. BRADLEY:

17 I'll motion.

18 DR. MCALEER:

19 Second.

20 MS. WUCINSKI:

21 Roll call.

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23 Dr. Erickson, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye;
24 Dr. Bradley, aye; Dr. Zehrung, aye; Ms.
25 Harrison, abstain; Dr. Warner, abstain.

1 [The motion carried. LaJewel Harrison and Dr. Daniel
2 Warner abstained from voting on the motion.]

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4 CHAIR ERICKSON:

5 Is anybody interested in taking the
6 Secretary position on?

7 DR. ZEHRUNG:

8 Sure.

9 CHAIR ERICKSON:

10 Dr. Zehrung is willing to do it.

11 MS. WUCINSKI:

12 Dr. Erickson nominated Dr. Zehrung. Is
13 there a second?

14 DR. BRADLEY:

15 I'll second.

16 MS. WUCINSKI:

17 Are there any other nominations for
18 Secretary? Hearing none. Is there a
19 motion to elect Dr. David Zehrung as
20 Secretary of the State Board of
21 Psychology?

22 CHAIR ERICKSON:

23 I make the motion.

24 MS. HARRISON:

25 Second.

1 MS. WUCINSKI:

2 Any other questions or comments? Roll
3 call.

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5 Dr. Erickson, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye;
6 Dr. Bradley, aye; Dr. Zehrung, abstain;
7 Ms. Harrison, aye; Dr. Warner, abstain.

8 [The motion carried. Dr. David Zehrung and Dr.
9 Daniel Warner abstained from voting on the motion.]

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11 Discussion Items - 2026 Board Meeting Dates

12 [Steven K. Erickson, Ph.D., Chair, noted 2026 meeting
13 dates are February 16, April 13, June 15, August 17,
14 October 19, and December 21.]

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16 Correspondence - Andrea Shreve - CE Waiver Request

17 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Acting Senior Board
18 Counsel, noted item 12 was tabled.]

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20 Correspondence - Jennifer Stone Letter

21 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Acting Senior Board
22 Counsel, referred to correspondence from Jennifer
23 Stone asking for an advisory opinion from the Board,
24 noting the Board cannot provide an advisory opinion.]

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1 Discussion Items - 2026 Board Meeting Dates

2 MS. WUCINSKI:

3 Is there a motion to approve the 2026
4 Board meeting dates?

5 CHAIR ERICKSON:

6 So moved.

7 MS. WUCINSKI:

8 Second?

9 DR. MCALEER:

10 Second.

11 MS. WUCINSKI:

12 Any other discussion? Roll call.

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14 Dr. Erickson, aye; Dr. McAleer, aye;

15 Dr. Bradley, aye; Dr. Zehrunge, aye; Ms.

16 Harrison, aye; Dr. Warner, abstain.

17 [The motion carried. Dr. Daniel Warner abstained
18 from voting on the motion.]

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20 Correspondence - ASPPB's Special Edition Newsletter

21 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Acting Senior Board

22 Counsel, noted ASPPB's Special Edition Newsletter for
23 the Board's review.]

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25 FYI Items - ASPPB's October 2024 Newsletter

1 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Acting Senior Board
2 Counsel, also noted ASPPB's October 2024 Newsletter
3 for the Board's review.]

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5 [Steven K. Erickson, Ph.D., Chair, requested
6 information concerning the open positions for
7 professional and public Board members.

8 Ms. Wucinski offered to have Ms. Pachter Schulder
9 report on that at the next meeting.]

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11 Adjournment

12 CHAIR ERICKSON:

13 I will make a motion to adjourn the
14 meeting.

15 DR. BRADLEY:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR ERICKSON:

18 We are adjourned.

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20 [There being no further business, the State Board of
21 Psychology Meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Psychology meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Psychology meeting.



Rachel Wilbur-Adams,

Minute Clerk

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