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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**

August 5, 2024

State Board of Psychology  
August 5, 2024

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Shana M. Walter, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel  
Jared Hinsey, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Carlton Smith, Deputy Chief Counsel, Prosecution  
Division  
Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor  
Patrick Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Adrienne Rachelle McClendon, Esquire, Board  
Prosecutor  
Courtney J. Restemayer, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Thomas Leech II, Board Administrator  
Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, 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  
Chloe Goldman  
Matt Hamm  
Kim Wilson  
Derek Richmond, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,  
Inc.

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2 State Board of Psychology

3 August 5, 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 Jared Hinsey, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the  
8 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on  
9 a number of matters that are currently pending before  
10 the Board and to receive the advice of counsel. The  
11 Board returned to open session at 10:30 a.m.]

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13 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
14 Board of Psychology was held on Monday, August 5,  
15 2024. Donald McAleer, Psy.D., Vice Chair, called the  
16 meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

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18 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

19 [Thomas Leech II, Board Administrator, provided an  
20 introduction of Board members and attendees. A  
21 quorum of Board members was present.]

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23 Approval of minutes of the June 3, 2024 meeting

24 VICE CHAIR MCALEER:

25 The first item on the agenda is

1 approval of the minutes of the June 3,  
2 2024 meeting.

3 Assuming we had a chance to review  
4 that, I would entertain a motion to  
5 accept the minutes unless there is some  
6 discussion or alteration. Any  
7 Discussion?

8 Do we have a motion to approve the  
9 minutes?

10 MS. HARRISON:

11 Motion.

12 VICE CHAIR MCALEER:

13 We need a second.

14 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER EATON:

15 I'll second the motion.

16 MR. LEECH:

17 Dr. McAleer, aye; Deputy Commissioner  
18 Eaton, abstain; Dr. Zehrung, abstain;  
19 Ms. Harrison, aye.

20 [The motion carried. Matthew Eaton and David Zehrung  
21 abstained from voting on the motion.]

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23 [Jared Hinsey, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the  
24 meeting was being recorded, and those who continued  
25 to participate were giving their consent to be

1 recorded.

2 Mr. Hinsey also noted the Board entered into  
3 Executive Session with Board Counsel to have  
4 attorney-client consultations and for the purpose of  
5 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations.]

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7 Report of Board Prosecution

8 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, on  
9 behalf of Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board  
10 Prosecution Liaison, presented the Consent Agreement  
11 for Case No. 23-63-013730.]

12 VICE CHAIR MCALEER:

13 Do I hear a motion to accept the  
14 Consent Agreement decree as presented  
15 by Mr. Anderson?

16 MS. HARRISON:

17 I make a motion.

18 DR. ZEHRUNG:

19 I second.

20 MR. LEECH:

21 Dr. McAleer, aye; Deputy Commissioner  
22 Eaton, aye; Dr. Zehrung, aye; Ms.  
23 Harrison, aye.

24 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent at  
25 agenda item 2, Case No. 23-63-013730 is Cynthia Ann

1 Spanier, Ph.D. ]

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3 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, on  
4 behalf of Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board  
5 Prosecution Liaison, presented the Consent Agreement  
6 for Case No. 20-63-003560.]

7 VICE CHAIR MCALEER:

8 I believe the Board would entertain a  
9 motion to accept the Consent decree as  
10 discussed by Mr. Anderson.

11 Do I hear a motion?

12 MS. HARRISON:

13 I'll make a motion to accept.

14 DR. ZEHRUNG:

15 Second.

16 MR. LEECH:

17 Dr. McAleer, aye; Deputy Commissioner  
18 Eaton, aye; Dr. Zehrung, aye; Ms.  
19 Harrison, aye.

20 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent at  
21 agenda item 3, Case No. 20-63-003560 is Kenneth  
22 Small, Ph.D.]

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24 Report of Board Counsel - No Report

25 [Jared Hinsey, Esquire, Board Counsel, had nothing to

1 report.]

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3 Report of Regulatory Counsel - Regulatory Status  
4 Report

5 [Jared Hinsey, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed Board  
6 members that Jacqueline Wolfgang had nothing new to  
7 report on the status of regulations but offered to  
8 forward any questions to regulatory counsel.]

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10 Report of Board Chairperson

11 [Donald McAleer, Psy.D., Vice Chair, addressed his  
12 and Chair Erickson's presentation at the Pennsylvania  
13 Psychological Association's Convention in June 2024.  
14 He mentioned that Dr. Zehrung also participated and  
15 was introduced to the membership of the association.  
16 He reported receiving positive feedback and the hope  
17 of continued presentations at future conventions.

18 Vice Chair McAleer reminded Board members that  
19 the presentation decision needed to be made early  
20 this year and asked that the matter be put on the  
21 October agenda.]

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23 Report of Acting Commissioner

24 [Matthew Eaton, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of  
25 Professional and Occupational Affairs, on behalf of

1 Arion Claggett, Acting Commissioner, announced that  
2 the State Board of Psychology's website was updated  
3 with the Commonwealth's transition of government  
4 websites for Pennsylvania. He advised Board members  
5 to visit the new website and reach out to Mr. Leech  
6 with any concerns.

7 Deputy Commissioner Eaton noted the request for  
8 proposal (RFP) process to replace the Pennsylvania  
9 Licensing System (PALS) has concluded, and a vendor  
10 has been chosen. He could not reveal the vendor at  
11 this time, because the contract was not fully signed.  
12 He reported having a timeline in place and will begin  
13 conversations with the vendor after Labor Day 2024.  
14 He further explained that the full transition was not  
15 expected to happen until 2025 and would have  
16 additional information in the fall.]

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18 Report of Board Administrator - Application to  
19 Request Approval to Sit for the Psychology  
20 Licensing Examinations

21 MR. LEECH:

22 We have an Application Request Approval  
23 to Sit for the Psychology Licensing  
24 Examinations at agenda item 5, Angela  
25 Gwathney, Ph.D., who began an APA



1                   program and then switched to a non-APA-  
2                   accredited program and requests that  
3                   the Board review her education.

4 VICE CHAIR MCALEER:

5                   I believe the Board would entertain a  
6                   motion to provisionally deny her  
7                   request at this time.

8                   Do I hear a motion to this effect?

9 MS. HARRISON:

10                   Motion.

11 VICE CHAIR MCALEER:

12                   Second?

13 DR. ZEHRUNG:

14                   Second.

15 MR. LEECH:

16                   Dr. McAleer, aye; Deputy Commissioner  
17                   Eaton, aye; Dr. Zehrung, aye; Ms.  
18                   Harrison, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 Report of Board Administrator - Review of Supervised  
22 Experience

23 MR. LEECH:

24                   For the Review of Supervised Experience  
25                   at agenda item 6, Jasmin Rolling,

1           Psy.D., she was unable to contact her  
2           postdoc supervisor to complete the  
3           supervised experience documentation.

4 VICE CHAIR MCALEER:

5           I believe the Board would entertain a  
6           motion to provisionally deny the Review  
7           of Supervised Experience and is  
8           requesting more information.

9                     Do I have a motion to that effect?

10 MS. HARRISON:

11                     Motion.

12 DR. ZEHRUNG:

13                     Second.

14 MR. LEECH:

15                     Dr. McAleer, aye; Deputy Commissioner  
16                     Eaton, aye; Dr. Zehrung, aye; Ms.  
17                     Harrison, aye.

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 MR. LEECH:

21                     At agenda item 7, Kirsten Curtis,  
22                     Psy.D., who was previously tabled from  
23                     the April Board meeting pending  
24                     additional documentation, we put the  
25                     Application back on the agenda for a

1 vote.

2 VICE CHAIR MCALEER:

3 I believe the Board would entertain a  
4 motion to provisionally deny the  
5 Request and Approval of Supervised  
6 Experience.

7 Do I hear a motion?

8 MS. HARRISON:

9 Motion.

10 DR. ZEHRUNG:

11 Second.

12 MR. LEECH:

13 Dr. McAleer, aye; Deputy Commissioner  
14 Eaton, aye; Dr. Zehrung, aye; Ms.  
15 Harrison, aye.

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 Report of Board Members - No Report

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20 Discussion Items - ASPPB June 17, 2024 Letter

21 [Jared Hinsey, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the  
22 receipt of a letter from the Association of State and  
23 Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) Board of  
24 Directors notifying the Board that effective January  
25 1, 2026, the Examination for Professional Practice in

1 Psychology (EPPP) will be one examination with two  
2 parts, EPPP-1 knowledge and EPPP-2 skills.

3 Mr. Jared stated ASPPB intends to offer the  
4 examination as a single fee two-day administration  
5 with the two days occurring within a 30-day period.  
6 He reported that ASPPB is working on finalizing the  
7 details and will have additional details by the end  
8 of September 2024.

9 Vice Chair McAleer commented that there continues  
10 to be some concern among practitioners in  
11 Pennsylvania regarding the whole concept behind the  
12 Part 2 skills-based assessment. He stated the Board  
13 is aware and sensitive to the concerns of the  
14 practicing community and general public. The Board  
15 will continue to stay in communication to fully  
16 understand the nature of the progress to assure an  
17 easy conversion.]

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19 Correspondence

20 VICE CHAIR MCALEER:

21 Item 9 is a request from Deon Allen,  
22 Ph.D., who is requesting EPPP  
23 Accommodations due to an underlying  
24 issue.

25 I believe the Board will entertain

1 a motion to deny his request. Do I  
2 hear any discussion about this?  
3 Hearing none.

4 I would entertain a motion for the  
5 Board to provisionally deny the  
6 request.

7 MS. HARRISON:

8 I'll make a motion.

9 DR. ZEHRUNG:

10 Second.

11 MR. LEECH:

12 Dr. McAleer, aye; Deputy Commissioner  
13 Eaton, aye; Dr. Zehrung, aye; Ms.  
14 Harrison, aye.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 Correspondence - ASPPB - APA D42 Survey

18 [Jared Hinsey, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the  
19 Board received a letter from the ASPPB Division 42  
20 Advocacy Committee seeking to understand how current  
21 practitioners perceive the potential change to allow  
22 the licensure for master's-level practitioners in  
23 psychology to practice independently.

24 Mr. Hinsey provided the website address at  
25 [www.surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com). He also informed anyone who

1 would like a written copy to contact the Board and  
2 also offered to provide a copy in chat.]

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4 Correspondence - ASPPB - APA D42 Survey

5 [Jared Hinsey, Esquire, Board Counsel, also noted  
6 receiving correspondence from the ASPPB concerning  
7 potential regulatory implications of master's-level  
8 licensure. He stated ASPPB has formed a Potential  
9 Regulatory Implications of Master's Licensure (PRI-  
10 LM) Task Force. He mentioned that the information is  
11 available for public comment at [www.asppb.net](http://www.asppb.net) under  
12 PRI-LM Task Force.

13 Vice Chair McAleer reported on a number of  
14 comments at the Pennsylvania Psychological  
15 Association's Convention regarding new master's-level  
16 licensure and issues around the adequacy of training,  
17 titles that would be used, and the scope of practice.

18 Vice Chair McAleer stated it is above and beyond  
19 the purview of the Board to make any comments,  
20 because it would require a change in the law in  
21 Pennsylvania.]

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23 Correspondence - EPPP-2 - Proposed ASPPB Amendment

24 [Jared Hinsey, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed Board  
25 members that there will be a vote to amend Article IV

1 of ASPPB bylaws to add Subsection (c) and (d) during  
2 ASPPB's Annual Meeting in Dallas, TX, October 30,  
3 2024. He explained that Subsection (c) would state  
4 that no member jurisdiction shall be required,  
5 whether as a condition of membership or otherwise, to  
6 participate or utilize any services or programs  
7 offered by the association. The association shall  
8 not make access or availability of a service or  
9 program contingent or member jurisdiction  
10 participating or utilizing another service or  
11 program.

12 Mr. Hinsey also noted Subsection (d) would state  
13 that the association may offer multiple exams as part  
14 of its examination program. At a minimum, the  
15 association shall offer a knowledge-based exam  
16 separate from any skill-based exam. Each exam  
17 offered by the association must be administered on a  
18 single occasion. For purpose of this subsection,  
19 multiple consecutive days of exam administration may  
20 constitute a single occasion. The association may  
21 recommend, but shall not require qualifications to  
22 sit for an exam, timing for administration of exam,  
23 and passing scores.]

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25 New Business

1 [Donald McAleer, Psy.D., Vice Chair, requested the  
2 Board's presentation at the 2025 PPA Convention be  
3 placed on the agenda for the October meeting.]

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5 Upcoming Meeting Dates

6 [Donald McAleer, Psy.D., Vice Chair, noted the  
7 remaining 2024 meeting dates are October 7 and  
8 December 2. He also noted 2025 Board meeting dates  
9 are February 10, April 14, June 16, August 18,  
10 October 20, and December 15.]

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12 Adjournment

13 VICE CHAIR MCALEER:

14 I entertain a motion to close the  
15 meeting.

16 MS. HARRISON:

17 I'll make a motion.

18 DR. ZEHRUNG:

19 Second.

20 VICE CHAIR MCALEER:

21 Thank you so much. That concludes our  
22 meeting today.

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24 [There being no further business, the State Board of  
25 Psychology Meeting adjourned at 10:56 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.



Derek Richmond,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting  
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STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
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TIME	AGENDA
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