

**THE KENTUCKY BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGY MINUTES**  
**August 4, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Board of Examiners of Psychology was held on August 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. via Microsoft Teams video teleconference and in-person at 500 Mero St, Frankfort, KY 40601, the Mayo-Underwood Building, PPC Conference Room, 127CW.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jeff Hicks, Ph.D.  
Emily Skaggs, Psy.D.  
Lisa Bond M.S.  
Harwell Smith, Ph.D. - Chair  
Lorilea Conyer M.A.  
Senior  
Eva Markham, Ed.D.  
Dennis Buchholz PhD.  
Jerome Prather

**DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF**

Kristen Lawson, Commissioner  
Lyndsay Sipple, Administrative Supervisor  
Jenna Wells, Fiscal Support Specialist  
Trish Provence, Administrative Specialist Senior  
Staci Taylor, Administrative Specialist

**OTHER**

Mark Brengelman, Board Counsel  
Eric Russ, KPA

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jamie Hopkins, Ph.D.

**GUEST**

Nina Talavera  
Sherri Whitaker  
Stephen Semcho  
Kavya Kandarpa  
Brian Moore  
Ashley Shea  
Nathan Miller  
Zeke Newton  
Keith Miller

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Dr. Smith called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board attempted to review the minutes from the July 4, 2025, meeting; however, corrections were required. Approval was deferred until revisions are made.

**DPL REPORT**

Commissioner Lawson provided an update on staffing within the Department of Professional Licensing (DPL) and announced Lyndsay Sipple as the Acting Supervisor for the Psychology Board. No additional updates or questions were presented.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Board reviewed the year-end financial report for Fiscal Year 2024–2025, as well as the July 2025 report for Fiscal Year 2026.

Mr. Prather inquired about financial projections. Ms. Wells will contact Supervisor Courtney Cook and provide an update prior to the Board retreat.

### **LICENSURE STATUS REPORT**

The Board reviewed the licensure status report as of August 2, 2025.

### **ATTORNEY UPDATE**

No updates were provided.

### **COMPLAINTS / OTHER LEGAL MATTERS**

Dr. Smith noted a substantial backlog of applications due to staffing changes.

- Case 2025-07: Dr. Markham motioned to dismiss; Dr. Smith seconded. Motion carried.
- Board Investigators: Dr. Buchholz motioned to invite the Board investigators to attend the retreat on August 21, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Dr. Markham seconded. Motion carried.
- Mr. Prather expressed concern regarding investigator compensation. He motioned to pay Board investigators the per diem rate; Dr. Smith seconded. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Brengelman confirmed that the administrative regulations regarding per diem have been located and approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

ASPPB Annual Meeting: Scheduled for October 22–26, 2025, in St. Louis. Dr. Hicks requested approval to attend as a delegate representing the Board, along with Dr. Markham, Dr. Smith, and Mr. Brengelman. Dr. Hicks motioned to approve attendance; Dr. Markham seconded. Motion carried. A memorandum of approval will be drafted and submitted to the fiscal department.

Dr. Smith motioned to remove the notice from the website stating applications must be received “10 days before a board meeting”; Dr. Markham seconded. Motion carried.

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

#### **Supervision Report:**

Dr. Buchholz reported that the committee is current on all supervision approvals.

#### **Continuing Education Report:**

Dr. Smith motioned that applicants be permitted to self-certify “yes” on the website for cultural competency continuing education until IT implements a permanent fix. Motion carried.

#### **Credentials Review Committee:**

The Committee presented the following recommendations:

- Approved Renewals, Initial Applications, Post-Doc/HSP Hours, and Nonresident Hours:  
*B.S., S.S., D.P., D.A., E.W., E.D., G.M., H.D-M., J.L., J.M., J.W., K.M., L.M., M.I., M.H., N.M., N.T., R.C., S.V., A.D., K.G.,*

*K.N., S.E.*

- Deferred Applications:

*B.M., C.W., L.B., A.J., A.L., A.B., B.C., C.L., D.A. (Temp Only), E.H., G.G., J.S., J.G., K.M., K.S., R.S., S.S., J.S., K.J.*

**Examination Report:**

Ms. Bond reported that three applications were reviewed and approved. The Excel tracking sheet is current.

**Finance Ad-Hoc Committee:**

No report.

**Disciplined Psychologist Report:**

No report.

**Newsletter Report:**

No report.

**Regulations Committee Report:**

No report.

**NEXT MEETING**

Board Retreat: August 21–22, 2025

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals provided comments:

- Dr. Talavera
- Stephen Semcho
- Ashley Shea
- Cassidy Spradlin
- Zeke Newton
- Kavya Kandarpa
- Keith Miller

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:13 p.m. Dr. Markham seconded. Motion carried.