

THE KENTUCKY BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGY MINUTES
March 2, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Examiners of Psychology was held on March 2, 2026, 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

Lisa Bond M.S. – Chair
Harwell Smith, Ph.D.
Eva Markham, Ed.D.
Jay Prather – Citizen at Large
Dennis J. Buchholz, Ph.D.
Lorilea Conyer M.A.
Jamie Hopkins, Ph.D.
Emily Skaggs, Psy.D.

DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF

Kristen Lawson, Commissioner
Lyndsay Sipple, Administrative Supervisor
Jenna Wells, Fiscal Support Specialist
Lisa Traylor, Administrative Specialist Senior
Trish Bolton, Administrative Specialist Senior

OTHER

Mark Brengelman, Board Counsel
Mike Nickels, Counsel

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeffrey Hicks, Ph.D.

GUEST

Eric Russ, KPA
Jenny Fridy

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Ms. Bond called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

February 2, 2026: Motion was made by Dr. Buchholz to amend meeting minutes as follows:

- First page last bullet, replace “Denied” with “had no additional information”.
- Remove February per diem and honoraria.
- Add additional per diem and honoraria for 12/3/25 and 1/12/26 to be paid for Jay Prather.

Motion was seconded by Dr. Markham, and the motion carried.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Lawson informed the board of the following House Bills that have been introduced in legislation that could have a potential impact on the Psychology board if passed.

- HB 455 - AI and declaring an emergency.
- HB 634 - Coverage of mental health wellness examinations.
- HB 657 - Professional licensing background checks.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Mrs. Wells informed the board that 92% of the allocated budget for Psychology has been utilized.
 - Mr. Prather made a motion to defer all per diem and honoraria for board members until the next fiscal year. Dr. Buchholz seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
 - Dr. Buchholz made a motion to defer all non-essential board work for board attorney Mark Brengelman until the new fiscal year. Dr. Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
 - Mr. Prather made a motion to move \$6,000 from per diem and honoraria budget for board members to Psychology examiners honoraria budget. Dr. Buchholz seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

LICENSURE STATUS REPORT

No questions.

ATTORNEY UPDATE

- Board Counsel reported that the audit of the complaint process will be deferred until the next fiscal year.

COMPLAINTS/OTHER LEGAL MATTERS

No business.

OLD BUSINESS

No business.

NEW BUSINESS

Contracts for review:

- Mr. Prather made a motion to approve the Department of Professional Licensing's FY27 contract. Motion was seconded by Dr. Markham, and the motion carried.
- Dr. Buchholz made a motion to approve Board Attorney Mark Brengelman's FY27 contract. Motion was seconded by Dr. Markham, and the motion carried.
- Dr. Hopkins made a motion to approve DPL to post the RFP for investigative services for FY27.
 - Dr. Smith abstained from voting.
 - Motion was seconded by Dr. Markham, and the motion carried.
- Dr. Buchholz made a motion to authorize the RFP committee to meet and review RFP. Motion was seconded by Dr. Markham, and the motion carried. Ms. Bond assigned Dr. Buchholz and Dr. Markham to the RFP committee to review and score bids for investigative services.
- Dr. Buchholz made a motion to pay the ASPPB dues. Motion was seconded by Dr. Markham, and the motion carried.
- Dr. Skaggs made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(j)(k) for application review at 11:45am. Motion was seconded by Ms. Conyer, and the motion carried.
- Mr. Prather made a motion to open the meeting at 12:33pm. Motion was seconded by Dr. Skaggs, and the motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Supervision Report:

The supervision committee informed the board that there were 13 approvals and 10 incompletes.

Continuing Education Report:

All Continuing Education reports are up to date.

Credentials Review Committee:

The Committee provided the following recommendations to the Board:

60 applications reviewed:

- 30 Approved Renewals, Initial Applications, Post – Doc/HSP Hours & Nonresident Hours
- 30 Deferred due to missing documents.

Examination Report

For March, 7 applications were received:

- 5 EPPP approved; 2 deferred due to incomplete information.
- 1 structured exam approved; 1 denied

Current status for wait-list of structured exams:

- 3 structured exam candidates cancelled their scheduled exam this month.
- 4 candidates are scheduled for the structured exam this month.
- 6 on the wait list for structured exam.

Finance Ad-Hoc Committee

The committee will be meeting at a later date to discuss FY27 budget.

Disciplined Psychologist Report:

Two applicants are currently being processed for disciplinary actions.

Newsletter Report:

- Mr. Prather and Mrs. Bond presented the drafted newsletter for March for review. Dr. Smith recommended acknowledging the retirement of Dr. Sheila Schuster to the newsletter. Dr. Skaggs recommended adding a statement in the March newsletter to encourage applicants who have questions to attend a credentialing committee meeting for clarification.
- Mr. Prather to add additional information and submit proposed language for the board to review.

Regulations Committee Report:

The Regulations Committee made a motion to approve KAR changes as follows:

- KAR 26:155 – Defining Agency.
- KAR 26: 280 (Section 4) – to state “90-day grace period”.

Motion was seconded by Dr. Smith, and the motion carried.

ASPPB / PSYPACT Report

- Dr. Smith made a motion to table ASPPB nominations until Dr. Hicks can attend to discuss as a full board. Motion was seconded by Dr. Buchholz. Dr. Hopkins abstained from voting. The motion carried.

PER DIEM & HONORARIA:

- Dennis Buchholz
 - February 2, 2026 – Board Meeting
- Emily Skaggs
 - February 2, 2026 – Board Meeting
 - February 27, 2026 – Credentials Committee
- Jamie Hopkins
 - February 2, 2026 – Board Meeting
 - February 20, 2026 – Regulations Committee
- Lisa Bond
 - February 2, 2026 – Board Meeting
 - February 20, 2026 – Regulation Committee
 - February 27, 2026 - Credentials Committee
- Lorilea Coyer
 - February 2, 2026 – Board Meeting
 - February 20, 2026 - Regulations Committee
- Harwell Smith
 - February 2, 2026 – Board Meeting
- Eva Markham
 - February 2, 2026 – Board Meeting
 - February 27, 2026 – Credentials Meeting
- Jay Prather
 - February 2, 2026 – Board Meeting
 - February 20, 2026 - Regulations Committee

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, April 6, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public attendee Jenny Fridy asked the board for clarification on her application. Mrs. Sipple informed her she can email a copy of the application to psy@ky.gov.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Dr. Smith to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 p.m. Second by Dr. Markham, and the motion carried.

Lisa Bond, M.S.

Chair, Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology