

THE KENTUCKY BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGY MINUTES
May 20, 2024

A Special Meeting of the Board of Examiners of Psychology was held on May 20, 2024 at 9:00am via Zoom teleconference and in-person at 500 Mero St, Frankfort, KY 40601, the Mayo-Underwood Building, PPC Conference Room, 127CW.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Eva Markham, Ed.D.- Chair
Joseph Dickhaus, M.S.- Vice Chair
Jay Prather-Citizen at Large
Harwell Smith, Ph.D.
Dennis J. Buchholz, Ph.D.
Emily Skaggs, Psy.D.
Jeffrey Hicks, Ph.D.
Leslie Jenkins, Ph.D.
Lorilea Conyer M.A.

DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING STAFF

Jamar Carter, Executive Staff Advisor
Jacob Walbourn, Executive Director (Office of the Secretary)

MEMBERS ABSENT

GUEST

Eric Russ - KPA
Diane Courington
Jamie Hopkins
Karen McCurry
Jennifer Lyles
Kayla McCauley
Leann Scott - LPP (Visual Only No Audio)

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Dr. Markham called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Walbourn reintroduced himself to the Board and recapped on the motion made from the previous meeting held on May 6, 2024. Mr. Walbourn provided a detailed breakdown on the 3 bases to which a Board Member can be removed, incompetence, neglect of duty, or malfeasance. Mr. Walbourn provided a outline on how the hearing will take place and that a public vote will take place at the end of the hearing in open session and the ultimate decision will be the Governors.

Dr. Harwell Smith provided a comprehensive itemized timeline regarding Dr. Jenkins and her neglect of duties on the Supervision Committee ranging from December 2023 - April 2024.

Dr. Emily Skaggs voiced her experience with Dr. Jenkins neglect of duty when 1st appointed to the Credentials Committee. She notified the Board Chair was notified of the concerns & hardship it was for members to split up the amount of work between them.

Jamar Carter affirmed the statement from Dr. Smith & Dr. Skaggs & added that Dr. Jenkins was provided access to all committee folders she was assigned to, and proof was sent via email to her confirming this.

Dr. Leslie Jenkins presented a detailed outline of numerous situations such as, an internal complaint of data integrity by the Chair of the Committee and Board Specialist at the time with Commissioner Kristen Lawson and Jamar Carter. She then filed a complaint with the Board regarding the situation, but the complaint was dismissed by the Complaints Committee and that she was excluded from Board discussion.

Board Chair Chimed in and added that the complaint was handled the way the regulation requires and set forth.

Next Dr. Jenkins stated she was provided access to a sandbox & fictional data folder from previous Board Specialist, Ms. Lopez. In which the Board entered in a closed session due to sensitive information displayed.

CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Jenkins made a motion to enter closed session at 9:35a.m. pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(j) for deliberation of quasi-judicial bodies regarding complaints at which information protected by KRS 61.810(k) may be discussed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dickhaus, and it carried.

Dr. Hicks made a motion to return to open session, Dr. Smith second the motion, Mr. Prather & Dr. Jenkins opposed, and it carried.

Dr. Markham announced 9:58a.m. as the time returned from closed session.

Due to additional confidential information being shared by Dr. Jenkins, the Board went back into closed session to view screenshot documentation.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Dickhaus made a motion to enter closed session at 10:19a.m. pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(j) for deliberation of quasi-judicial bodies regarding complaints at which information protected by KRS 61.810(k) may be discussed. The motion was seconded by Dr. Smith, and it carried.

Mr. Dickhaus made a motion to return to open session, Dr. Jenkins second the motion, and it carried.

Dr. Markham announced 10:28a.m. as the time returned from closed session.

Mr. Walbourn notified the Board Meeting attendees & Board Member Dr. Skaggs that no action was taken while in CLOSED SESSION, then explained to Dr. Skaggs what was presented during closed session.

The Board discussed specific details relating to the Microsoft Teams database & the functionalities.

The Board concluded at 10:54a.m. with a recess until 11:04a.m.

After all discussions were presented to the Board, Dr. Harwell Smith made a motion to submit recommendation to the Governor to remove Dr. Leslie Jenkins from The Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology for neglect of duty. Dr. Dennis Buchholz second the motion and the motion carried. Dr. Leslie Jenkins, Mr. Jerome (Jay) Prather & Mr. Joseph Dickhaus voted No, Dr. Emily Skaggs & Dr. Jeffrey Hicks abstained from voting,

PER DIEM & HONORARIA:

Dr. Buchholz made a motion to approve travel and per diem for all members attending today's meeting, Mr. Dickhaus second the motion and it carried.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, June 3, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Dickhaus made a motion to adjourn at 11:22p.m., Dr. Smith second the motion, and it carried.