

**Board of Examiners of Psychologists
Public Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 5, 2026**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joseph Schenkel, Ph.D., Board Chair (remote)
Jayne Boulos, Psy.D., Vice Chair (remote)
Laura Kavesh, Ph.D., Complaint Officer (remote)
Mary Melquist, Ph.D., Continuing Education Officer (remote)
Debra Bunce, Ph.D. (remote)
Rachel Orr, PsyD. (remote)

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Randy Dow, Assistant Attorney General
Michael Tarr, Board Manager
Cecile Sirois, Professional Licensing Supervisor
Katy Getchell, Office Specialist I

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Joseph Schenkel, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Review and approval of the February 3, 2026 minutes.

A motion was made by Jayne Boulos and seconded by Rachel Orr to approve the minutes as written.

Vote: 5 in favor.

Mary Melquist joined the meeting.

A motion was made by Laura Kavesh and seconded by Jayne Boulos to allow Mary Melquist to participate without video.

Vote: 6 in favor

COMPLAINT PRESENTATIONS

2025-PSY-20817, 2025-PSY-20919, and 2025-PSY-21244

A motion was made by Rachel Orr and seconded by Jayne Boulos to immediately suspend the license, and set these matters for an adjudicatory hearing to take place

within 30 days, citing American Psychological Association's Code of Conduct 2.06A (Personal Problems and Conflicts) for case 2025-PSY-20817, 2.06B (Personal Problems and Conflicts) for cases 2025-PSY-20817 and 2025-PSY-20244, 3.04A (Avoiding Harm) for cases 2025-PSY-20817, 2025-PSY-20919, and 2025-PSY-20244, 6.01 (Documentation of Professional and Scientific Work and Maintenance of Records) for case 2025-PSY-20817, 9.01B (Bases for Assessments) for case 2025-PSY-20817, General Principles A (Beneficence and Nonmaleficence) and B (Fidelity and Responsibility) for cases 2025-PSY-20817, 2025-PSY-20919, and 2025-PSY-20244, General Principles E (Respect for People's Rights and Dignity) for case 2025-PSY-20817, and the following from Board Rules Chapter 10 Enforcement and Disciplinary Procedures §2 Grounds for Discipline 4-C (Professional Misconduct) for case 2025-PSY-20817, §2 Grounds for Discipline 5-A, and 5-B, (Negligence; Incompetence) for cases 2025-PSY-20817, 2025-PSY-20919, and 2025-PSY-20244, §2 Grounds for Discipline 5-C (Negligence; Incompetence) for cases 2025-PSY-20817, and 2025-PSY-20919, §2 Grounds for Discipline 8-A (Refusal to Release Records) for case 2025-PSY-20817, and §2 Grounds for Discipline 12 (Emotional, Physiologic or Pharmacologic Condition) for cases 2025-PSY-20817, 2025-PSY-20919, and 2025-PSY-20244.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained: Laura Kavesh, 1 recused: Mary Melquist.

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Rachel Orr to delegate authority to the complaint officer for signature.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained: Laura Kavesh, 1 recused: Mary Melquist.

A motion was made by Rachel Orr and seconded by Jayne Boulos to delegate authority to Assistant Attorney General, Randy Dow, to issue an interim consent agreement to extend the hearing beyond 30 days if the licensee requests additional time to prepare for the hearing as long as the licensee agrees to keep the license in suspended status until the hearing.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained: Laura Kavesh, 1 recused: Mary Melquist.

2025-PSY-20795

A motion was made by Rachel Orr and seconded by Jayne Boulos to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules and to issue a letter of guidance, citing American Psychological Association's Code of Conduct 9.01A (Bases for Assessments), which will stay in the licensee's file for 3 years.

A motion was made by Rachel Orr and seconded by Jayne Boulos to amend the motion to include 9.02A (Use of Assessments).

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstained: Laura Kavesh.

2025-PSY-20801

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Mary Melquist to dismiss due to lack of evidence of violation of Board Laws and Rules.

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstained: Laura Kavesh.

2025-PSY-20906

A motion was made by Rachel Orr and seconded by Debra Bunce to dismiss this complaint due to the lack of evidence of a violation of Board laws or rules and to issue a letter of guidance, citing American Psychological Association's Code of Conduct 9.01B and 9.01C (Assessment), which will stay in the licensee's file for 1 year.

Vote: 4 in favor, 1 abstained: Laura Kavesh, 1 recused Jayne Boulos.

2025-PSY-20921

A motion was made by Jayne Boulos and seconded by Rachel Orr to dismiss the complaint and refer to the Attorney General's Office to report unlicensed practice.

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstained: Laura Kavesh.

2025-PSY-21006

A motion was made by Debra Bunce and seconded by Jayne Boulos to table and request the status of the consent agreement and request documentation for the neuropsychology done on the first case which was not submitted with other required documents.

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 abstained: Laura Kavesh.

APPLICATION REVIEWS

Initial Application: Christopher Reiger

A motion was made by Mary Melquist and seconded by Jayne Boulos to table and request additional information on the applicant's post-doctoral experience. Specifically,

why the post-doctoral experience form includes a start date that is prior to the doctoral degree conferral date. Additional information is required due to the site being a non-APA accredited site, and request functions at the site.

Vote: 5 in favor, 1 recused: Debra Bunce.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Board Chair

Vice Chair

Complaint Officer

Continuing Education Officer

A motion was made by Mary Melquist and seconded by Debra Bunce to accept Rachel Orr as the Complaint Officer and Jayne Boulos as the co-Complaint Officer starting after the next Board Meeting.

Vote: 6 in favor.

A motion was made by Laura Kavesh and seconded by Jayne Boulos to accept Joseph Schenkel as the Board Chair.

Vote: 6 in favor.

A motion was made by Laura Kavesh and seconded by Jayne Boulos to accept Debra Bunce as Vice Chair.

Vote: 6 in favor.

A motion was made by Laura Kavesh and seconded by Jayne Boulos to accept Mary Melquist as Continuing Education Officer.

Vote: 6 in favor.

BOARD MANAGER'S REPORT

Mike Tarr, Board Manager, informed the Board that with some staffing changes and with the Board Investigator leaving, he is reviewing all open cases and working on getting them all resolved. Mike stated that we have our unstaffed positions posted, including the Board Investigator position and we hope to have them filled soon. He provided the Board with the total number of licensees.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jayne Boulos and seconded by Debra Bunce to adjourn the meeting at 3:44 p.m.

Vote: 6 in favor.