

**BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**  
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by § 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”).

Date: March 7, 2025

Time: 12:30 p.m.

In-Person Location: PVL Examination Room  
HRH King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, Third Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: June Ching, Ph.D., Chair  
Jeffrey Stern, PhD, Vice Chair  
Don Pedro, Psy.D., Member  
Steven Taketa, Psy.D., Member  
Andrew Kim, Esq., Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)  
Jordan Ching, Esq., DAG  
Christopher Fernandez, Executive Officer (“EO”)  
Rochelle Araki, EO  
Dawn Lee, Secretary

Excused: None.

Guests: Dr. David Gleave

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Call to Order: At 12:36 p.m., Vice Chair Ching brought the meeting to order.

Election of Board Officers Vice Chair Ching noted that the Board would be holding its annual election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson pursuant to HRS §436B-6(a).

After a brief discussion, and on a motion by Dr. Stern, seconded by Dr. Pedro, the Board voted unanimously to elect Dr. Ching as the new Chairperson of the Board of Psychology.

After further brief discussion, and on a motion by Dr. Pedro, seconded by Dr. Taketa, the Board voted unanimously to elect Dr. Stern as the new Vice chairperson of the Board of Psychology.

Meeting Minutes Review & Approval

A. Meeting Minutes

(1) February 7, 2025, Open and Executive Session

Chair Ching noted that the Board would be deferring review of

the executive session minutes until the next meeting. She then asked members if they had any changes to the open meeting minutes.

Vice Chair Stern noted the following non-substantive typo:

On page 3 where it says:

Chair Oliveira Cabbab explained the Board would review the request from Dr. Safieh Fard for reconsidering the denial of her application at its June 7, 2024, publicly notice meeting.

Should read:

Chair Oliveira Cabbab explained the Board would review the request from Dr. Safieh Fard for reconsidering the denial of her application at its June 7, 2024, publicly noticed meeting.

On a motion by Dr. Pedro, seconded by Dr. Taketa, the Board unanimously voted to approve the open meeting minutes of February 7, 2025, with the noted amendment above.

(2) Executive Session for August 30, 2024

Chair Ching asked members if they had any comments or corrections.

After noting non-substantive corrections, and on a motion by Vice Chair Stern, seconded by Dr. Taketa, the Board voted unanimously to approve the executive session minutes for August 30, 2024.

(3) Executive Session for December 6, 2024

Chair Ching asked members if they had any comments or corrections.

After noting non-substantive corrections, and on a motion by Vice Chair Stern, seconded by Dr. Pedro, the Board voted unanimously to approve the executive session minutes for December 6, 2024.

Chapter 91, HRS  
Adjudicatory  
Matters

- A. In the Matter of the Psychologist's License of Carlos A. Smith, Psy.D.; PSY 2023-7-L Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order.

Chair Ching informed members and attendees that the Board would enter recess to review the matter.

**RECESS 12:46 p.m.**

## RETURN FROM RECESS 1:01 p.m.

Chair Ching noted that the Board voted to accept Settlement Agreement PSY 2023-7-L, In the Matter of the Psychologist's License of Carlos A. Smith, Psy.D..

### Applications:

#### A. Ratification of Approved Applications

Dr. Pedro motioned to approve the following applications for ratification. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stern, and unanimously approved by the Board.

PSY-2236	Alexander Lupis
PSY-2237	Michael G Wetter
PSY-2238	Michelle Mirsky
PSY-2239	Edwin S Harris
PSY-2240	Jennifer S Ahn
PSY-2241	Lorena Michel

#### B. Applications for Review

On a motion by Chair Ching, seconded by Dr. Stern, the Board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session at 1:02 p.m. pursuant to HRS sections 92-5(a)(1) and 92-5(a)(4) to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section 26-9 or both and to consult with the board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 2:44 p.m., it was moved by Vice Chair Stern, seconded by Dr. Pedro, and unanimously carried by the Board to return to open session.

On a motion by Dr. Pedro, seconded by Vice Chair Stern, the Board voted unanimously on the applications listed below with the following determinations:

#### Examination

1. Kaitlin Hill

Chair Ching noted that Dr. Hill is not applying by Examination, but instead by Examination Waiver.

Dr. Hill's application was approved pending receipt of a current Wisconsin license verification.

2. Rachael DeCosta

Pursuant to paragraphs (8), (9), (12), and (14) of HRS 436B-19; and pending receipt of a new self-query Hawaii Ecrim background check that indicates no current or pending matters; the application of Dr. DeCosta was conditionally approved.

3. Ashley Magsanoc

The application of Dr. Magsanoc was approved.

4. Jodie Gerson

The application of Dr. Gerson was approved.

5. Mikayla Manzano

The application of Dr. Manzano was approved.

Examination Waiver

6. Chase Conrad

The application of Dr. Conrad was deferred pursuant to HRS 436B-(a)(9) to request further information related to his application.

7. Lynisha Kelly-Jackson

The application of Dr. Kelly-Jackson was deferred pursuant to HRS 436B-(a)(9) to request further information related to her application.

8. David Gleave

Pending receipt of a current license verification from the states of Arizona and Oregon, indicating no current or pending disciplinary actions, the application of Dr. Gleave was approved.

It was noted by Vice Chair Stern that knows applicants Dr. Magsanoc, Dr. Gerson, and Dr. Manzano, but he wished to make clear that he is able to perform his duties as Vice Chair objectively and has no financial interest in the applicants.

Legislative  
Session  
Measures for  
Review

Chair Ching opened the discussion asking if members had any questions or concerns.

EO Fernandez reported to the Board the following statuses of measures relating to psychology:

1. HB624 Relating to School Psychologists

Creates a School Psychologists Working Group to recommend actionable steps or propose legislation for an immediate pathway to licensure for school psychologists that can be acted upon in 2026.

At its previous meeting, the Board voted to Support with Comments. At this time the measure has crossed over and has been referred to the joint Committees on Education and Commerce and Consumer Protection.

EO Fernandez noted that bill was amended to include additional members to the working group, including a representative from the Board and a representative from the Hawaii Psychological Association.

EO Fernandez also asked that the Board ensure its Legislative Liaison is current so that if needed, he may speak with them about how to address vague and misleading information being provided in testimony at the legislature. For example, it has been noted in testimony that several states, including Texas, license school psychologists through their psychology boards, however this testimony did not provide insight into the structures of those states' institutions. For example, while it may be true that New Hampshire licenses school psychologists with the psychology board, it also requires the applicant to be credentialed by the Department of Education first.

Members held a vote to update its Legislative Liaison for the 2025 legislative session. On a motion by Dr. Pedro, seconded by Dr. Taketa, the Board voted to appoint Vice Chair Stern as the Board's legislative liaison.

Vice Chair Stern noted that the education standards of school psychologists do not prepare them for clinical psychology of the kind regulated by this Board.

EO Fernandez added that in his research he found that:

- If regulation is with the Department of Education, then the National Association of School Psychologists ("NASP") standards of licensure are used; but

- If regulation is with the Board of Psychology of the state, then the more than likely the American Psychological Association standards of licensure would be used.

This means that regulation by boards of psychology omit terms like school psychologist and instead use terms such as 'educational psychology specialists'.

2. HB625 Relating to Education

Establishes a nationally certified school psychologist incentive program. Appropriates funds for the incentive program.

At its previous meeting, the Board noted that it was tracking the measure. However, the measure is dead at this time.

3. HB876 Relating to Healthcare Preceptors

Adds psychology, physician assistant, marriage and family therapist, mental health counselor, clinical social worker, rehabilitation counselor, and school counselor students to the definition of "eligible student" under the qualifications for the healthcare preceptor tax credit. Amends the definition of "preceptor" by adding psychologists, physician assistants, marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, clinical social workers, rehabilitation counselors, and school counselors to the list of preceptors eligible to receive the tax credit. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2025.

At its previous meeting, the Board noted that HB876 was dead and deferred making a position. The measure is now dead.

4. SB32 Relating to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact

Adopts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact to regulate the practice of telepsychology and temporary in-person, face-to-face practice of psychology by psychologists across state boundaries in the performance of their psychological practice. Requires the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adopt rules to implement and administer the Compact.

At its previous meeting, the Board voted to oppose the bill, noting at the time the Board could not support without information on the current disciplinary rates of compact privilege holders. At this time, the measure has died.

5. SB64 Relating to Education

Beginning with the 2027-2028 school year, requires each public school in the State, including charter schools, to employ, or retain under contract, at least 1 mental health professional for every 250 students

enrolled, subject to certain conditions. Requires the Department of Education to submit a progress report to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2026. Appropriates moneys for the Department of Education to contract for mental health professionals and to establish an unspecified number of full-time equivalent mental health professional positions within the Department of Education. Declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded.

At its previous meeting, the Board noted it was tracking the measure. At this time the measure has died.

6. SB474 Relating to Psychologists

Requires clinical psychologists employed by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to obtain licensure within 10 years from the date of employment. Sunsets on 7/1/2035.

At its previous meeting, the Board voted to oppose the measure due to the duration of the exemption from licensure and not being sure how this would affect provisional licensure set to roll out next year, 2026. The measure has died.

7. SB708 Relating to Prescriptive Authority for Clinical Psychologists

Authorizes and appropriates moneys for the Board of Psychology to grant prescriptive authority to clinical psychologists who meet specific education, training, and registration requirements. Requires the Board of Psychology to accept applications for prescriptive authority privilege beginning 7/1/2026. Requires the Board of Psychology to report to the Legislature.

At its previous meeting, the Board voted to support the measure, which is congruent with its positions on previous bills related to the subject matter. The measure has died.

8. SB847 Relating to Psychologists

Allows qualified psychologists limited authority to prescribe psychotropic medications to patients under the care of the psychologist in certain circumstances.

At its previous meeting, the Board voted to support the measure, which is congruent with its positions on previous bills related to the subject matter. The measure has died.

9. SB1552 Relating to the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact

Adopts the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact to regulate the practice of telepsychology and temporary in-person, face-to-face

practice of psychology by psychologists across state boundaries in the performance of their psychological practice. Requires the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to adopt rules to implement and administer the Compact. Effective 1/1/2026.

At its previous meeting, and similar to SB32, the Board voted to oppose this measure. At this time the measure has died.

10. SB1635 Relating to Licensure

Requires marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, psychologists, and clinical social workers to complete courses related to domestic violence for licensure and renewals.

At its previous meeting, the Board noted it was concerned that if continuing education subjects are specified, like domestic violence, other subject matter would also need to be added to the continuing education requirements set forth by HRS 465. The Board voted to oppose the measure. However, at this time the measure has died.

11. HB1054 Relating to Administrative Licensure Actions Against Sex Offenders

Authorizes the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional licenses of registered sex offenders.

At its previous meeting, the Board voted to support the measure. At this time the measure has died.

12. SB1373 Relating to Administrative Licensure Actions Against Sex Offenders

Authorizes the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs and certain licensing boards to automatically revoke and refuse to renew, restore, or reinstate the professional licenses of registered sex offenders.

At its previous meeting, the Board voted to support the measure. At this time the measure is still alive and was recommended for passage by the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce. It will need to be heard by the Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs to continue on in the session. The Board did not note any changes to its position.

Administrative  
Rules Change:

Chair Ching noted that the agenda item would be deferred to the next board meeting.



Next Meeting: April 4, 2025  
12:30 p.m.  
PVL Exam Room, #330, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
HRH King Kalakaua Building

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned by Chair Ching at 2:44 p.m.

Taken, recorded, and reviewed by:

/s/ Christopher Fernandez  
Christopher Fernandez  
Executive Officer

CF:

- Minutes approved as is.
- Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_.

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