STATE OF OKLAHOMA
Board of Examiners of Psychologists

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
March 20, 2026

The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists Meeting began at 10:04 a.m. on Friday, March 20, 2026. The meeting was held at the Colcord Center, 421 NW 13th Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73103.

Call to Order. Roll call and the announcement of a quorum.
Dr. Sternlof called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:
Members present:
S. Sternlof, Ph.D., Chair of the Board
A. Ivy, Ph.D., Vice-Chair of the Board
M. Shepherd, Ph.D., Member of the Board
C. Kunzweiler; Member of the Board
C. Kipp, Ph.D., Member of the Board

Members absent:
W. Berman, Ph.D., Member of the Board
R. Pollard, Member of the Board

Board staff present:
J. Kyser, Executive Director of the Board
B. Warren, Assistant Attorney General

Announcement and Introduction:
Director Kyser announced that a quorum was present to conduct business. Dr. Sternlof confirmed with Director Kyser that the meeting was filed with the Secretary of State, and the agenda was posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Act.

Statement of the Mission of the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists:
Dr. Sternlof announced the mission of the Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists is to protect the public by regulating the practice of psychology in Oklahoma to ensure that only properly qualified psychologists practice psychology in the state and that the psychology profession as a whole is conducted in the public's best interest.

Approval of Minutes:
Board members reviewed the meeting minutes for January 16, 2026. *Dr. Shepherd moved to approve the* January 16, 2026*, meeting minutes as presented. Dr. Ivy seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Ivy, Kipp, and Sternlof voted for the motion.*

Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) and consistent with 2005 OK AG 29, with the advice of legal counsel, for the purpose of confidential communications between the Board and its attorney concerning *William Chadwick Ellis, Plaintiff/Appellant v. State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, Defendant/Appellee*, Case no. 123,040, in the Court of Civil Appeals of the State of Oklahoma Division III, where Counsel has determined that disclosure of information related to litigation will seriously impair the ability of the Board to conduct litigation in this matter, provided that any action taken shall be in open session.

Dr. Shepherd made a motion to enter into executive session. Dr. Kunzweiler seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Ivy, Kipp, and Sternlof voted for the motion.

The Board entered into Executive Session pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4).

Board members returned to Open Session. *Dr. Sternlof made a motion to exit Executive Session and return to open session. Dr. Ivy seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Ivy, Kipp, and Sternlof voted for the motion.*

Ms. Warren stated for the record that during the executive session, no items were discussed that were not listed on the agenda and no actions were taken.

Dr. Shepherd made a motion pursuant to the court order to appoint an investigator for the initial unlicensed complaint filed. Dr. Kunzweiler seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Ivy, Kipp, and Sternlof voted for the motion.

Status of Current Request for Inquiries:
Director Kyser provided the following updates: RFI 25-1 is pending, RFI 25-7 is under review, RFI 26-1 is under review, RFI 26-2 is under review, UC 24-6 has an investigator appointed, and UC 26-2 is under review.

Complaints, Orders, and Miscellaneous Disciplinary Matters:

Request for Inquiry: RFI 25-6
As a member of the Probable Cause Committee (PCC), Dr. Ivy recused and left the room.

Ms. Warren presented a recommendation concerning RFI 25-6 that was received by the Board office on October 10, 2025, and alleges that a licensed psychologist violated the ethics code and acted in an unprofessional manner by having a verbal and physical altercation with the Complainant and family, in the waiting room awaiting the child to be seen by the Psychologist.

The psychologist responded that upon noticing the family moving his furniture in the waiting room, he asked that they simply put it back where it belonged, which resulted in the family getting upset and begin yelling. The Psychologist asked the grandfather to leave, and another verbal altercation occurred with the Complainant. The Psychologist stated that upon that altercation, he asked all members of the family to leave his premise, but after the Complainant refused to leave, the Psychologist called the police.

According to the incident report from the Pittsburg County Sheriff Office, it was determined that there was no evidence of the alleged assault due to the lack of cameras but did trespass the Complainant.

Upon review of the RFI and the response, the RFI fails to allege and/or support any ethical violations or conduct as described by the Psychologists Licensing Act (Section 1370). Therefore, the PCC recommended that this RFI be dismissed, and the file be closed.

Dr. Sternlof motioned to dismiss RFI 25-6 as presented. Dr. Kunzweiler seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Kipp, and Sternlof voted for the motion.

Dr. Ivy returned to the room.

Request for Inquiry: RFI 25-8

As a member of the Probable Cause Committee (PCC), Dr. Sternlof recused and left the room.

Ms. Warren presented a recommendation concerning RFI 25-8 that was received by the Board office on November 21, 2025, with a supplemental complaint received on February 11, 2026, and alleges that a licensed psychologist violated the ethics code and acted in an unprofessional manner that harmed children by ordering the abrupt termination of the children's existing clinical care, issuing his report to the court that allegedly suppresses diagnosed abuse-related conditions, made recommendations outside the scope of competence and without conducting proper clinical evaluations, and failed to respond to their request for records.

The psychologist responded that they were ordered by the Court to conduct a parenting evaluation, not to provide clinical treatment of the children. The Psychologist further responded that he did not and could not order someone's termination of clinical treatment.

On February 27, 2026, an informal meeting and interview was conducted with the psychologist, their attorney, Dr. Sternlof, and myself. The psychologist explained that his evaluation methods and assessments are ones they typically use in this scenario. When asked about the complainant's request for records, the psychologist acknowledged that they failed to respond, as it was just a simple oversight.

Upon review of the RFI, response, Court order and evaluation and the informal meeting, the RFI fails to allege and/or support any ethical violations or conduct as described by the Psychologists Licensing Act (Section 1370). Therefore, on behalf of the PCC it was recommended that this RFI be dismissed, but that an educational letter be sent to the Psychologist regarding reminding them of their duty responsibilities regarding third-party requests for services (APA 3.07) and the bases for assessments (APA 9.01), and with further directive that the psychologist respond to the complaint's request for records.

Dr. Shepherd motioned to dismiss RFI 25-8 as presented. Dr. Kipp seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Kipp, and Ivy voted for the motion.

Unlicensed Complaint: UC 26-1

As a member of the Probable Cause Committee (PCC), Dr. Sternlof recused and left the room.

Ms. Warren presented a recommendation concerning UC 26-1 that was received by the Board office on or around February 5, 2026, and alleges that a company, Dario Health, partnered with Wellcare to provide services in Oklahoma, is advertising psychology services by AI and using protected psychology terms.

Upon a thorough review of the company's website, and the partnered website, Dr. Sternlof and I were unable to locate any advertisements being made to the people of Oklahoma in which they are either

advertising psychological services and/or using protected terms. Therefore, PCC recommended that this Unlicensed Complaint be dismissed.

Dr. Kunzweiler motioned to dismiss UC 26-1. Dr. Kipp seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Kipp, and Ivy voted for the motion.

Dr. Sternlof returned to the room.

Applications approved by the Application Review Committee January - February 2026:
Board members reviewed the agenda item regarding applications that were approved by the Application Review Committee during the months of January and February 2026.

Dr. Ivy motioned to ratify the applications approved January and February 2026 *by the review committee. Dr. Kipp seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kunzweiler, Sternlof, Kipp, and Ivy voted for the motion. Shepherd abstained.*

Application for Licensure via Reciprocity, Mark Cartwright, Ph.D.:
Board members reviewed the agenda item regarding the application for licensure via reciprocity for Dr. Mark Cartwright. Dr. Shepherd and Ms. Warren presented that the application be reviewed by the Board for compliance with 59 O.S. §§ 1362(1) and 1366, OAC 575:10-1-2(c) and *(s),* and/or the formal Texas Agreement of Reciprocity for Licensing.

Dr. Sternlof motioned to approve the application for Dr. Mark Cartwright based on the reciprocity agreement with Texas. Dr. Ivy seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kunzweiler, Sternlof, Kipp, and Ivy voted for the motion. Shepherd voted no.

Application for Licensure via Reciprocity, Timothy Nyberg, Ph.D.:
Board members reviewed the agenda item regarding the application for licensure via reciprocity for Dr. Timothy Nyberg. Dr. Shepherd and Ms. Warren presented that the application be reviewed by the Board for compliance with for compliance with 59 O.S. § 1366, OAC 575:10-1-2(s), and the formal Texas Agreement of Reciprocity for Licensing.

Dr. Shepherd motioned to table the agenda item. Dr. Kipp seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kunzweiler, Sternlof, Kipp, Shepherd, and Ivy voted for the motion.

Report from the Oklahoma Psychological Association (OPA):
Dr. Emily Corley, OPA OSBEP Liaison updated members on current legislative matters and OPA events. *No action was taken.*

Report from the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB):
Dr. Mariann Burnetti-Atwell, ASPPB CEO provided updates on matters associated with the organization including the new EPPP exam. *No action was taken.*

PSYPACT COMMISSIONER:
Dr. Sternlof provided an update to the Board regarding a recent meeting with Dr. Kathy Ward, the Oklahoma Psychological Association (OPA), and OSBEP. Following discussion, the group recommended that Dr. Ward continue serving as the PSYPACT Commissioner at this time. A draft agreement outlining the

Board's expectations for the Commissioner role was presented and will be provided to Dr. Ward for review and signature. *No action was taken.*

Report from the OSBEP Oklahoma Licensed Behavioral Analyst Board (OLBAB) Transition Committee:

The OSBEP OLBAB Transition Committee member, Director Kyser, provided an update on ongoing efforts to develop a proposed structure for integrating the Oklahoma Licensed Behavior Analyst Board (OLBAB) within OSBEP. Current discussions include the advisory committee framework, composition and appointments, administrative support, licensure and oversight processes, and transition timelines. The Committee will continue refining the transition plan and, upon enactment of the legislation, will present formal recommendations to the Board for consideration.

Establishing an Employee Review Committee:

Dr. Sternlof presented for the Board's consideration the establishment of a standing Employee Review Committee. The proposed committee would oversee the annual performance evaluation of the Executive Director, present recommendations to the full Board for discussion, and serve as a point of contact for certain personnel-related matters. The recommended committee structure would consist of the current Board Chair, a current member of the OSBEP Application Review Committee, and OSBEP Legal Counsel.

Dr. Shepherd motioned to create the Employee Review Committee consisting of the current Board Chair, a current member of the OSBEP Application Review Committee, and OSBEP Legal Counsel. Dr. Kunzweiler seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kunzweiler, Sternlof, Kipp, Shepherd, and Ivy voted for the motion.

Online Automated Efficiencies:

Director Kyser provided an update on the implementation of the online licensure verification system, which went live on February 23, 2026. The system now accepts all major credit cards, with American Express pending, addressing prior payment limitations and reducing potential lost revenue. Director Kyser reported positive user feedback, particularly regarding ease of use and expedited processing times. Although the current phase still involves staff completing and uploading verifications, the Board is already realizing efficiency gains, including reduced mail processing, improved request tracking, and faster turnaround times. Future enhancements will expand online capabilities to include mailing list requests, Letters of Good Standing, Psych Technician renewals, and supervision extension requests. These improvements are expected to further streamline operations and reduce manual processes. Director Kyser noted the successful launch of the system and expressed optimism regarding continued expansion of online services. *No action was taken.*

Administrative Issues:

Monthly Budget/Revenue/Expense Report:

Board members reviewed the monthly budget, revenue, and expense reports presented by Director Kyser. *Dr. Shepherd made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Dr. Ivy seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kunzweiler, Sternlof, Kipp, Shepherd, and Ivy voted for the motion.*

Executive Director Report:

Director Kyser provided the following updates:

a) **2026 Meeting Schedule:** The 2026 meeting schedule was updated to change the November 6, 2026 meeting date to November 13, 2026.

Dr. Kipp made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Dr. Sternlof seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kunzweiler, Sternlof, Kipp, Shepherd, and Ivy voted for the motion.

b) Next meeting May 15, 2026, will be held at Colcord Center, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK. *No action was taken.*
c) Legislative Update. The Executive Director provided an update HB1557. *No action was taken.*
d) Other Administrative Issues. Director Kyser reported that the OSBI is conducting a routine audit related to the Board's background check processes. *No action was taken.*
e) Board Member and Public Inquiries Reminder: Director Kyser provided a general reminder to Board members that individual members do not issue official interpretations of the Board's statutes or administrative rules. She advised that, when questions arise regarding applicable laws or rules, individuals should be directed to the published statutes and administrative rules or referred to the Board office for guidance based on governing authorities. Director Kyser further noted that, while Board members may be approached informally for input, official interpretations and guidance are derived from the Board's statutes, administrative rules, and formal Board actions. *No action was taken.*

Fee Schedule*:*
Director Kyser presented for the Board's consideration the adoption of a $25.00 returned check fee to be added to the Board's fee schedule. *Dr. Shepherd made a motion to approve the fee schedule with the $25.00 returned check fee. Dr. Kunzweiler seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Ivy, Kipp, and Sternlof voted for the motion.*

Administrative Assistant Position:
Board members reviewed the agenda item regarding the posting of the Administrative Assistant position. *Dr. Shepherd motioned for the posting of the Administrative Assistant position. Dr. Kipp seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Ivy, Kipp, and Sternlof voted for the motion.*

Public Comment:
Dr. Sternlof opened the meeting for public comment. *No comments were heard.*

Adjournment:
Dr. Sternlof announced that there is no further business to discuss. *Dr. Shepherd made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Sternlof seconded the motion* and the motion passed. *Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Ivy, Kipp, and Sternlof voted for the motion.*

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny A. Kyser
Executive Director

ATTACHMENT TO THE AGENDA
Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
Application Review Committee Approvals
January and February 2026

PSYCHOLOGICAL TECHNICIANS	
Psychologist	**Psychological Technician**
Bart Trentham, Ph.D.	Ashleigh Thompson
Merly Mathew, Ph.D.	Alejandra M. Alvizu
S. Michael McClendon, Psy.D.	Cameron Fenimore

CONTINUING EDUCATION	
The Digital Couch: The Ethics of AI in Mental Health Counseling	Saint Francis Health System (5/15/2026, 10/16/2026 - 3 CE)

APPLICATIONS TO SIT FOR LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS AND PRACTICE UNDER SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS:	
Clayton Scot Edwards, Ph.D.	Approval to sit for exams and exempt PostDoc with OU
Laura Mykell Melton, Ph.D.	Approval to sit for JP exam and practice for 1yr on AK license
Meagan Zeiger, Psy.D	Approval to sit for JP exam and practice for 1yr on FL license
Amanda Victoria Weaver, Psy.D.	Approval to sit for JP exam for OK Licensure w/ HSP Privileges
Logan Snyder, Ph.D.	Approval to sit for exams and PPUS with Ashleigh Coser, Ph.D.

LICENSED HEALTH SERVICE PSYCHOLOGISTS:	
Hiba Mehreen Cheema , Ph.D.	License # 1504: Issued Date: 1/1/2026
Joshua Deitte, Psy. D.	License #1505: Issued Date: 1/1/2026
Abby Hodges, Ph. D.	License #1506: Issued Date: 1/9/2026
Meagan Zeiger, Psy.D	License #1507: Issued Date: 1/20/2026
Susanna V. Lopez, Ph.D.	License # 1508 Issued Date: 2/4/2026
Robb Weiss, Psy.D.	License # 1509 Issued Date: 2/9/2026