STATE OF OKLAHOMA
Board of Examiners of Psychologists

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD
May 15, 2026

The Oklahoma State Board of Examiners of Psychologists Meeting began at 10:02 a.m. on Friday, May 15, 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
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
B. Gifford, Executive Office Manager of the Board

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.

Recognition of Board Staff:
The Board recognized Stacie Rasmussen, Administrative Assistant, for her service to the Board.

Introduction of Board Staff:

The Board welcomed Beth Gifford, Executive Office Manager to the Board.

Approval of Minutes:

Board members reviewed the meeting minutes for March 20, 2026. *Dr. Shepherd moved to approve March 20, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Dr.Kipp seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Ivy, Kipp, Berman, Pollard and Sternlof voted for the motion.*

Status of Current Requests for Inquiries:

Director Kyser provided the following updates: RFI 25-1 is pending tutorial, RFI 26-2 investigator appointed, RFI 26-3 is under review, UC 22-3 is under review, UC 24-6 is with the Probable Cause, and UC 26-2 is under review.

Complaints, Orders, and Miscellaneous Disciplinary Matters:

Request for Inquiry: RFI 25-7

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

Ms. Warren made the following recommendation. RFI 25-7 was received by the Board office on October 14, 2025, and alleges that a licensed psychologist violated the ethics code and acted in an unprofessional manner by failing to timely produce records, having boilerplate and personal commentary progress notes, and terminating the care.

The psychologist responded that in regard to the records request, he was in constant contact with the individual and he initially offered the client to review the records in his office. After the client declined, the psychologist stated he asked his staff to begin compiling the records, as he was aware he had 30 days. The psychologist stated that he believed they exported the entire records, but after some technical difficulties and notification by the client, realized the mistake and was finally able to retrieve the complete records, which was a few days outside the 30-day period. As for the allegation of termination, the psychologist responded that it was his understanding and belief that the client needed to reschedule as they had a long term and ongoing relationship. As for the progress notes, the psychologist responded that his notes were as candid as possible as a way of maintaining continuity of session themes.

Upon review of the RFI and initial response from the psychologist, Dr. Ivy and Ms. Warren believed an informal meeting was necessary with the psychologist. Upon that informal meeting, it was reported that since this RFI and after consultation with insurance, a termination and monitoring policy and system has been put in place for the psychologist's practice in which contact is made for clients that haven't been in after a certain time and clarification of their status is made. Additionally, the psychologist reported that he now handles the records requests himself to ensure they are timely released.

Upon review of the RFI, the response, and the informal meeting, Dr. Ivy and Ms. Warren believe there to not be any ethical violations committed by the psychologist and recommend that this RFI be dismissed and closed.

Dr. Kunzweiler motioned to dismiss RFI 25-7 as presented. Dr. Shepherd seconded the motion and the motion passed. Berman, Pollard, Kipp, Kunzweiler, Shepherd and Sternlof voted for the motion.

Dr. Ivy returned to the room.

Request for Inquiry: RFI 26-1

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

RFI 26-1 was received by the Board office on January 22, 2026, and alleges that a Psychologist provided expert testimony in Oklahoma court without possessing either an Oklahoma license, the temporary permission by the OSBEP board, or the appropriate credentials through PSYPACT.

The Psychologist responded that she conduced clinical visits via telehealth pursuant to her PSYPACT APIT credential and was then subpoenaed by the Oklahoma court to describe and explain her findings and opinions. While she requested to testify via remote, she was denied and ordered to appear in person. The Psychologist stated that in the future, should she be asked to provide an expert opinion, she will be contacting the Board prior to doing so, regardless, if there is a court ordered subpoena.

Upon further investigation, it was determined that this Psychologist is not licensed in Oklahoma, did not seek the approval / notification process as outlined in 59 O.S. § 1353(9), and only had the APIT PSYPACT credentials at the time of this RFI. It should be noted that since this RFI, the Psychologist has obtained TAP credentials.

Upon review and investigation of the RFI and response, Dr. Sternlof and Ms. Warren recommended that this RFI be dismissed, but that an educational letter / letter of concern be sent to the Psychologist reminding them of their duty and responsibilities regarding notification to OSBEP office pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1353(9) in the event they no longer have PSYPACT credentials. Further, it is our recommendation that this does not rise to the level of "significant investigatory information", as defined by PSYPACT (59 O.S. § 1379(24)), as this is a minor infraction and therefore is not required to be reported on the PSYPACT database.

Dr. Shepherd motioned to dismiss RFI 26-1 as presented. Dr. Berman seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Ivy, Kipp, Berman and Pollard voted for the motion.

Request for Inquiry: RFI 25-8

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

At its March 20, 2026, Board Meeting, this Board voted to dismiss RFI 25-8, but to send an educational letter to the Psychologist and the request that the psychologist respond appropriately and accordingly to the individual's request for its records. On a letter dated for February, and again on April 6, 2026, the Psychologist sent a letter to the individual and stated that when appointed to perform an assessment by the court, they work for the Court and the Court has control over the report and underlying data. Therefore, the report and information relied upon is under the Court and should only be released if ordered by the Court. Additionally, the psychologist informed the individual that if the underlying data records includes test results test data, then such data can only be released to parties qualified to receive such information another licensed psychologist. The individual then contacted the Board office on April 24, 2026.

At this time, the only thing before the board is a follow up to the educational and request letter that was sent to the Psychologist and the response from the Psychologist.

The Board's letter sent to the psychologist simply directed the psychologist to respond "appropriately and accordingly" rather than specific direct the release of whatever was requested, because 1. The Board never saw the exact records request for what items were requested and 2. It is Ms. Warren's opinion that this Board does not have the authority / jurisdiction to order someone's medical records to be released,

especially in this case in which it pertains to judicial proceedings. It should be noted the Court in this case ordered the results of the custodial evaluation be provided to the parties, which we have reason to believe that was done as the evaluation was submitted by the individual to this Board's office when they filed their RFI.

It is Ms. Warren's opinion that the psychologists' duty is with the Courts. Oklahoma Supreme Court has found that a court-appointed psychologist, was to serve as an expert to conduct an evaluation, and their duty is to the court, as to supply the court with their expertise in the judicial proceeding, and not to the parent. Simonson v. Schaefer, 2013 OK 25. Further, the Courts have held that a court appointed receiver acts as a functionary of the court and as such is performing a judicial act. Farrimond v. State ex rel Fisher, 2000 OK 52. Therefore, based upon these 2 cases, it appears that while the court may not refer to themselves as the client, the client is not the named parties. However, the individual that is being interviewed is considered the patient. Oklahoma Courts have held that if there is a provision that protects disclosure, in which this Psychologist belief is that the records are confidential as they are the records of the Court, then the information can still be obtained through a court order. Gens v. Casady School, 2008 OK 5.

As such, it is Ms. Warren's opinion that the Board does not have the jurisdiction to order a psychologist release medical records, that were ordered to be conducted by the Courts, nor does she think that there is any violation of the psychologist licensing act and/or ethics rules that would warrant taking disciplinary actions for the refusal to release records in this case and the best route for the individual is to contact their attorney and/or the Court for access to the records and report.

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

Dr. Sternlof returned to the room.

Applications approved by the Application Review Committee March - April 2026:

Board members reviewed the agenda item regarding applications that were approved by the Application Review Committee during the months of March and April 2026. Director Kyser brought to the Board's attention that the Licensure Examination application for Alexandra Lyn Blair was added to the agenda in error and should not ratified by the Board at this time.

Ms. Pollard motioned to ratify the applications approved March and April 2026 *by the review committee excluding the Licensure Examination application for Alexandra Lyn Blair. Dr. Kipp seconded the motion and the motion passed. Shepherd, Kunzweiler, Pollard, Kipp, Sternlof, Berman, and Ivy voted for the motion. Shepherd abstained.*

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. Director Kyser 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. The application was reviewed by the Board, and they discussed keeping Dr. Nyberg's application open until the complaint is determined in Texas.

Dr. Shepherd motioned for the application to remain open pending the outcome of the complaint investigation. Dr. Kunzweiler seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kunzweiler, Sternlof, Kipp, Pollard, Shepherd, Berman 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.*

OAC 575:10-1-3. Private Practice Under Supervision:

Board members reviewed the agenda item regarding administrative delays that may occur between an applicant's date of hire and formal approval of supervision due to pending documentation requirements. The Board considered a policy allowing retroactive effective dates for supervision approvals, when appropriate, to ensure eligible supervised experience is recognized while maintaining compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Dr. Shepherd motioned to approve the Private Practice Under Supervision applications with an effective date retroactive to the applicant's documented date of hire, provided all required documentation is received and the applicant is determined to meet all eligible requirements. Dr. Kunzweiler seconded the motion and the motion passed. Pollard, Sternlof, Kipp, Shepherd, Kunzweiler, Berman, and Ivy voted for the motion.

Monthly Budget:

Board members reviewed the monthly budget, revenue and expense reports presented by Director Kyser.

Dr. Sternlof motioned to approve the monthly budget, revenue, and expense reports as presented. Dr. Shepherd seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kunzweiler, Sternlof, Shepherd, Pollard, Kipp, Berman, and Ivy voted for the motion.

Fiscal Year 2027 Budget:

Board members reviewed the fiscal year 2027 budget presented by Director Kyser.

Dr. Shepherd motioned to approve the fiscal year 2027 budget as presented. Dr. Sternlof seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kunzweiler, Shepherd, Sternlof, Pollard, Kipp, Berman, and Ivy voted for the motion.

FY 2027 Attorney General Contract for Legal Services

Board members reviewed the FY 2027 Attorney General Contract for Legal Services presented by Director Kyser.

Dr. Shepherd motioned to renew the FY 2027 Attorney General Contract for Legal Services as presented. Ms. Pollard seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kunzweiler, Sternlof, Shepherd, Pollard, Kipp, Berman, and Ivy voted for the motion.

FY 2027 Application Review Committee Contracts:

Board members reviewed the FY 2027 Application Review Committee Contracts presented by Director Kyser.

Ms. Pollard motioned to approve the FY 2027 Application Review Committee Contracts as presented. Dr. Kunzweiler seconded the motion and the motion passed. Shepherd, Pollard, Kunzweiler, Sternlof, Kipp, Berman, and Ivy voted for the motion.

FY 2027 Investigator Contracts:
Board members reviewed the FY 2027 Investigator Contracts presented by Director Kyser.

Dr. Kipp motioned to approve the Investigator Contracts as presented. Dr. Berman seconded the motion and the motion passed. Shepherd, Sternlof, Kunzweiler, Pollard, Kipp, Berman, and Ivy voted for the motion.

Employee Evaluation Form:
Board members reviewed employee evaluation form presented by Director Kyser.

Dr. Sternlof motioned to approve the Employee Evaluation form as presented. Dr. Shepherd seconded the motion and the motion passed. Kipp, Kunzweiler, Pollard, Berman, Sternlof, Shepherd, and Ivy voted for the motion.

Executive Director Report:
Director Kyser provided the following updates:

a) Next meeting July 10, 2026, will be held at University of Tulsa Lorten Hall, Room 312 2828 E. 6th Street Tulsa, OK 74104. *No action was taken.*
b) Legislative updates on SB169, HB4050, SB1557, HB3320, and HB3329 were provided. *No action was taken.*
c) Other Administrative Issues. Director Kyser reported the following:
    a. OSBEP passed 100% for the OSBI audit. *No action was taken.*
    b. 2025 CE Audit in progress. *No action was taken.*
    c. Working with OMES to ensure the OSBEP website is ADA compliant. US Justice Department extended the deadline by a year. *No action was taken.*
    d. Letter of Good Standing requests can now be submitted online using a credit card. *No action was taken.*
    e. Psychological Technician Renewal Application, Wall Certificate Replacement, Psychologist Mailing List Requests currently under development and Director Kyser expects to have those coded, tested, and active by our next Board meeting. *No action was taken.*

Public Comment:
Dr. Sternlof opened the meeting for public comment. A member of the public, Mr. Chapman, was granted permission to address the Board. The public member complimented the Board and expressed appreciation for the Board's work and efforts. No other comments were requested. *No action was taken.*

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny A. Kyser
Executive Director

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

APPLICATIONS TO SIT FOR LICENSURE EXAMINATIONS AND PRACTICE UNDER SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS:

Licensure Examination

Jacob Valera	Approval for licensure examination
Katelyn Jones-Theron	Approval for licensure examination
Alexandra Lyn Blair	Approval for licensure examination

OU Health Science Center

Interns:

Alexis Burks	Approval to practice under supervision
Kathleen Davis	Approval to practice under supervision
Emily Feldman	Approval to practice under supervision
Kayla Krouti Bishop	Approval to practice under supervision
Taylor Nicholas	Approval to practice under supervision
Dayana Villarreal	Approval to practice under supervision
Claudia Vore	Approval to practice under supervision

Residents:

Delta Burke	Approval to practice under supervision
Allison Farhood	Approval to practice under supervision
Katie Lambkins	Approval to practice under supervision
Morgan Morrison	Approval to practice under supervision
Jason Sharp	Approval to practice under supervision
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