

nd state board of psychologist examiners

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 9, 2026

1. Call to Order & Attendance (Paul Kolstoe, PhD, P)
2. Mission Statement - Purpose and Mission. The purpose of the board of psychologist examiners is to regulate the practice of psychology, as defined through the legislative authority of North Dakota Century Code chapter 43-32, in the interest of and to preserve and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.
 - Members:
 - Paul Kolstoe, PhD – President – 2026 – Legislative & Board Office Portfolios
 - Renee Boomgaarden, PhD – Past President – 2026 (May) At Large Portfolio
 - Angela Laroque, PhD – Vice President – 2027 – Continuing Education Portfolio
 - Sara Quam, PhD – Secretary/Treasurer – 2028 – PsyPact Commissioner Portfolio
 - Edward Kehrwald, PhD – 2027 – Licensure Application Portfolio
 - Jennifer Krance, PsyD – 2027 – Ethics & Jurisprudence Exam Portfolio
 - Gary Wolsky – 2027 – At Large Portfolio
 - **Present:**
 - Paul Kolstoe, PhD – President –
 - Renee Boomgaarden, PhD
 - Angela Laroque, PhD – Vice President
 - Jennifer Krance, PsyD
 - Sara Quam, PhD – Secretary/Treasurer
 - Brian Barrett – APT, Inc
 - Chris Hertler, PhD – Board Investigator
 - Matt Menge – Assistant Attorney General
 - Brian Barrett – Apt, Inc
 - **Absent:**
 - Edward Kehrwald, PhD
3. BOARD BUSINESS
 - a. Complaints*
 - i. Complaints
 - **Dr. King**
 - **Update from AAG**
 - **Awaiting written order from the judge.**
 - **AAG Matt Menge will keep the Board updated**

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- **Dr. Whitcomb -Status Review**
 - **Dr. Eaton final report from 8-28-25**
 - **Review letter**
 - **Dr. Kolstoe is in the process of creating communication which will be sent to Dr. Whitcomb in the near future.**
 - **Dr. Atherton**
 - **Review information from Dr. Atherton and CF**
 - **The Board discussed and reviewed the situation.**
 - **Dr. Boomgaarden will create a document indicating what is recommended by the Board. She will also review options regarding rural mental health training.**
- ii. Inquiries
Discipline
- b. Applications Coordinator* (Dr. Kehrwald / Dr. Boomgaarden)
- i. Sit for EPPP:
- **Dr. Nicole Johnson**
 - **Dr. Johnson received her resident license on 7/14/2025**
 - **Dr. Kehrwald reviewed and approved her PLUS on 1/18/2026**
 - **Dr. Kolstoe made the motion to approve Dr. Johnson for the EPPP Exam.**
 - **Roll Call Vote: All Aye**
 - **Dr. Brenda Baragan**
 - **Indicated she completed PLUS on 1/19/26 but not yet available for download.**
 - **Completed the PLUS but not yet available on Psypro**
 - **Dr. Kolstoe made the motion to approve Dr. Baragan for the EPPP Exam.**
 - **Roll Call Vote: All Aye**

Sit for Oral Exam

- **Dr. Shannon Maney - Provisional**
 - **Dr. Kehrwald reviewed and approved her PLUS on 1/22/2026**
 - **Dr. Kolstoe made the motion to approve Dr. Maney for the Oral Exam.**
 - **Roll Call Vote: All Aye**
- **Dr. Brianna Richson – Resident License**
 - **Plus reviewed and approved by Dr. Kehrwald on 11/13/2025**
 - **EPPP Completed and passed on 01/10/2026**
 - **Dr. Kolstoe made the motion to approve Dr. Richson for the Oral Exam.**
 - **Roll Call Vote: All Aye**

ii. For Limited Practice

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- **Dr. Leah Massey-Longo**
 - **Approved by Dr. Kehrwald on 1/20/2026**
 - **Dr. Samuel Romirowsky**
 - **Approved by Dr. Kehrwald on 1/23/2026**
- iii. 3 - Year Resident Letters issued
- **None**
- iv. Open Application Files Needing Board Action or Discussion.
- **Dr. Rachel Christophersen**
 - **Limited Practice Application**
 - **Dr. Kehrwald review on 2/3/2026**
 - **The Board reviewed this application with AAG Matt Menge**
 - **The Board decided to have Brian contact Ms. Christophersen and present the following 2 options: Withdraw her application or request that the Board create an “order of denial”.**
 - **Dr. Richard Boone – Provisional**
 - **Application sent to Dr. Kehrwald on 01/08/2026**
 - **Full Board Approved on 1/12/2026**
 - **Provisional license not yet issued because payment not yet received**
 - **On Feb. 9th 2026 the Board decided to hold Dr. Boone’s application open for the next 2 months until payment is received.**
- v. Provisional License Status Letters issued since last meeting
- **Dr. Mitchell Hicks**
 - **Dr. Kehrwald approved Provisional on 1/22/2026**
- vi. Provisional and Resident Licenses that have expired since last meeting
- **Dr. Morgan Juel**
 - **Provisional set to expire on February 5th 2026**
 - **Requesting a 6 month extension (see email).**
 - **The Board reviewed this request and granted the extension.**
 - **Dr. Shelia Hanson**
 - **Resident issued on 05/13/2022**
 - **Extension granted to get PLUS completed by 01/01/2026**
 - **Questions regarding the PLUS:**
 - **Can both pre and post doc hours count?**
 - **PLUS application advises to NOT complete Post doc hours if you fill out practicum hours.**

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- What is viewed as “practicum hours”?
 - Share email listing hours.
 - EPPP in the summer of 2026?
 - **The Board decided to extend Dr. Hanson’s resident status until June 30th 2026.**
- vii. List of Application Initiation Forms received since last meeting.
- **Dr. Mitchell Hicks: Provisional**
- viii. List of Supervision Notification Forms received since last meeting.
- **Danielle Beyer-Lanerud**
 - **Supervising Dr. Michael Soward**
- viii. Business Items
1. Psypact commissioner
 - **Update from Dr. Quam**
 - **Invoice for 2026 received**
 2. Computers, emails, Teams
 3. Procedure Manual
 - **Update from Dr. Kolstoe**
 4. CE Broker issues
 - **Updated Licensee List sent to CE Broker on 2/2/2026 – no response to date**
- c. Legislative Coordinator (Dr. Kolstoe)
- **Matt Menge Discussed the “Board Review Task Force” and provide additional information during the March 16th 2026 Boad meeting.**
- d. Board Office Coordinator (Dr. Kolstoe/Quam)
- i. Monthly Finance Report and Monthly Status Report
 - **Brian Reviewed the Financials with the Board**
- e. Outreach/Training Coordinator (no portfolio assigned)
- i. ASPPB meeting
 - Spring 2026 – NC
 - **Dr. Kehrwald and possibly Dr. Krance attending**
 - Fall 2026 – Annual meeting in Reno, NV
 - **Dr. Kolstoe attending**
- ii. Training priorities

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Outreach Updates

- Suggested website updates/changes
 - **Upcoming “Q & A” page**
- Organization of web presence and current platform

f. Continuing Education Coordinator (Dr. LaRocque)

i. CE Submissions that need Approval

- **Neuroscience Symposium Request from Sanford on 1/06/2026**
 - **Kari Heinle with Sanford is questioning the 1 credit.**
 - **3 presentations in session IV on MS/ALS**
 - **Dr. Drofa’s presentation on aneurysm**
 - **Approved by Dr. LaRocque**
- **15th Annual Nantz National Alzheimer Center Symposium**
 - **Requested by Dr. Susan Wood on 1/16/2026**
 - **Approved by Dr. LaRocque**
- **Autism Symposium in 2025 through PESI with 14 CE hours.**
 - **Certificate lists 3 for ND psychologists and 14 credits for other psychologists.**
 - **Approved by Dr. LaRocque**

ii. CE approval requests submitted via CE Broker

g. Examination Coordinator (Dr. Krance)

- **Oral Exam on February 9th starting at 10:30am CST**
 - **Dr. Katya Mickelson: 10:30am CST**
 - **The Board went into Executive Session at 10:30am CST**
 - **The Board ended the Executive Session at 10:52am CST**
 - **Dr. Krance made the motion for the passage of Dr. Mickelson’s Oral Exam.**
 - **Role Call vote: All Aye**
 - **Dr. Amanda Young: 11:15am CST**
 - **The Board went into Executive Session at 11:15am CST**
 - **The Board ended the Executive Session at 11:52am CST**
 - **Dr. Krance made the motion for the passage of Dr. Young’s Oral Exam.**
 - **Role Call vote: All Aye**

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h. Budget Coordinator (Dr. Quam)

- i. Financial Planning = Budget within parameters

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approve minutes from Board Meeting

- o **01/12/2026 Meeting minute Review**

- **The Board reviewed the meeting minutes and Dr. Kolstoe made the motion to approve these minutes.**
- **Roll Call Vote: All Aye**

5. SPECIAL TOPICS

a. School Psychology/Masters regulation – Psychological Practitioners (Dr. Kolstoe)

b. DOH Autism Advisory Group (Dr. Boomgaarden) – **disbanded by 2025 legislature**

c. Child Support Enforcement Meetings (Mr.Menge?) – **status report if needed**

6. Other Business Arising – time permitted

- **Update from Assistant Attorney General opinion regarding “ancillary Services”**
 - o **The Board is unsure if they are responsible for obtaining the AG’s opinion concerning this issue.**
- **Psypact and Background checks**
 - o **AAG Matt Menge reviewed the PsyPact Language and the Board is required to complete a background check (i.e., an FBI background check including fingerprints).**
 - o **The Board will need to make a statutory change to have the authority to do this.**
 - o **According to Matt’s review, this “background check” will need to be done for every applicant who is applying and listing North Dakota as the “home state”.**
 - o **The contract gives each state 10 years to make this statutory change.**
 - o **The Board will need to have this ready for the 2027 Legislative Session.**

7. Adjourn

Next Board Regular Meetings (12:00 CT to 1:15 pm): **March 16, 2026 via TEAMS**