



Alabama Behavior Analyst Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 20, 2026, 11:00 AM
100 North Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama
Commissioner's 5th Floor Conference Room

I. Call to Order

Leigh Hulsey, Chair

Leigh Hulsey called the meeting to order at 11:07 AM

Members Present:

Dr. Erich Grommet
Rebecca Cornwell
Francesca Mata
Leigh Hulsey

Members Absent:

Vacant, BCBA
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Vacant, Public Member

Interested Parties:

Sue Berry, ABAAC Executive Director
Collier Tynes Dixon, ADMH Chief of Staff
Nick Hines, ADMH General Counsel
Senia Powell, ABAAC Administrator II
Mary Ogden, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner
Andrea Hutchings, Director of Legislative and Constituent Affairs

II. Approval of Minutes

Leigh Hulsey, Chair

Dr. Erich Grommet motioned to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2026 meeting as written. Rebecca Cornwell seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

III. Update on Staffing

Collier Tynes

- a. Collier Tynes introduced Senia Powell, who was hired as the full-time Administrator II for ABAAC, and explained her responsibilities to the council. Senia Powell provided an update on work progress since her start date on August 3, 2026.
- b. Collier Tynes informed the council about the CMS toolkit that was recently released, "State Medicaid & Children's Health Insurance Program Applied Behavior Analysis Toolkit." The Commissioner requests feedback from BCBAs on the council. Dr. Erich Grommet agreed to review and provide the council with an update.

IV. Financial Report

Lori Adams

Lori Adams reviewed and explained details of the financial report including the budget report, FY 2026 revenue report, the cash reconciliation report, and FY 2027 budget. Lori Adams also answered questions by the council regarding expenditures, including travel, and licensee background checks. A financial structuring plan was discussed with the



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council to determine what is needed to become autonomous. Lori Adams will prepare a financial report showing revenues and expenses for each monthly meeting.

V. Update on Applications

Sue Berry

Sue Berry reported there was a total of 1154 licensed behavior analysts as of June 30, 2026, with an average of 18.5 applications per month from January through July 2026. The number of applications is expected to surpass the 2025 total of 154. Sue Berry reported that the online roster will be updated monthly to reflect newly licensed individuals.

VI. Executive Session

Leigh Hulsey, Chair

Rebecca Cornwell motioned to enter executive session to address complaints and recommendations for new members, which was seconded by Dr. Erich Grommet. The council entered executive session at 11:56 AM.

Rebecca Cornwell motioned to close the executive session, which was seconded by Dr. Erich Grommet. The council returned from executive session at 12:35 PM.

a. Complaint Updates

- i. Rebecca Cornwell motioned a second request for a response for case 2024, which was seconded by Dr. Erich Grommet. Vote taken, motion passed.
- ii. Rebecca Cornwell motioned a second request for a response for case 2025, which was seconded by Dr. Erich Grommet. Vote taken, motion passed.
- iii. Rebecca Cornwell motioned for a confirmation of respondent's letter to be sent to the owner for case 2026-04, which was seconded by Dr. Erich Grommet. Vote taken, motion passed.
- iv. Rebecca Cornwell motioned a second request for a response for case 2026-06, which was seconded by Dr. Erich Grommet. Vote taken, motion passed.
- v. Rebecca Cornwell motioned a second request for a response for case 2026-07, which was seconded by Dr. Erich Grommet. Vote taken, motion passed.
- vi. Rebecca Cornwell motioned to close case 2026-08, which was seconded by Dr. Erich Grommet. Vote taken, motion passed.

b. Recommendation for New Members

- i. The council voted to recommend Casey Bailey to the Commissioner for a Licensed Behavioral Analyst seat on the council. Rebecca Cornwell made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Erich Grommet. Vote taken, motion passed.

VII. Other business/Discussion

- a. The council and legal counsel Nick Hines reviewed a letter received from an individual requesting written legal guidance related to the ABAAC's interpretation of the administrative code to assist with a non-Alabama application. Based on the nature



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- of the request, legal counsel recommended the ABAAC not provide a legal opinion or advice on this matter. The council agreed and requested a letter be sent explaining this was not within the council's purview.
- b. The council discussed the plan for application and licensing processing to prevent any gaps in approvals. A detailed report of licensees' names and status will be provided during the monthly meetings for the council's review. The board authorized the Executive Director and Administration II to approve qualified candidates prior to the monthly meeting. Approval of candidates with some questions regarding qualifications will be decided by the council.
 - c. The council discussed the plan to create a vice chairman and a treasurer position to serve on the council to provide support and continuity of leadership.

VIII. Adjournment

Leigh Hulsey, Chair

With no further business, Rebecca Cornwell made the motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Dr. Erich Grommet. The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 PM. The next ABALB meeting will be held on September 17, 2026, at 11:00 AM, in the Commissioner's conference room at ADMH.

Respectfully submitted,

Leigh Hulsey, Chairperson

9/17/2026

Date