

Board of Psychology

April 8, 2016

Woolfolk Building
Jackson, Mississippi

Karen Christoff, Ph.D.	Executive Secretary	2011-2016
Jefferson Parker, Ph.D.	Credentialing Coordinator	2010-2015
Joe Olmi, Ph.D.	Treasurer	2012-2017
John Askew, Ph.D.	CE Coordinator	2013-2018
Liza Yazdani, Ph.D.	Recording Secretary	2014-2019
Patricia Alexander, Ph.D.	Member	2012-2017
Hy Crocker	Board Administrator	
Mardi Allen, Ph.D.	Board Consultant	

Not Present:

Donald Hinton, Esq.	Chair	2012-2017
Onetta Whitley, Esq.	Board Attorney	
C. Nina Jannik, Ph.D.	Board Assistant	

Call to Order

In the absence of the Board Chair, Don Hinton, Dr. Christoff called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. The agenda was accepted after the election of Board officers was added to the proposed agenda.

Approval of the Minutes:

Dr. Christoff made a motion, seconded by Dr. Yazdani to accept the February 5, 2016 & February 25 27, 2016 minutes with a minor corrections. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

Elections of Board Officers:

On a motion by Dr. Parker, seconded by Dr. Olmi, all positions will remain the same for the next fiscal year as followed:

Donald Hinton, Esq., Chair, 2012-2017
Karen Christoff, Ph.D., Executive Secretary, 2011-2016
Jefferson Parker, Ph.D., Credentialing Coordinator, 2010-2015
Joe Olmi, Ph.D., Treasurer, 2012-2017
John Askew, Ph.D., CE Coordinator, 2013-2018
Liza Yazdani, Ph.D., Recording Secretary, 2014-2019
Patricia Alexander, Ph.D., Member, 2012-2017

The motion passed unanimously, with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

CE Audit Report for FY15:

Dr. Askew reported that the CE audit has been completed for FY15.

The Board was notified that Dr. L. Wilbourn, had passed away in January 2016, he had filed an extension on the CE audit.

There was a discussion on how to handle licensure records when a psychologist passes away. It was suggested that this would be an appropriate workshop topic to present at the annual MPA convention.

Discussion on Civil Commitment:

Dr. Askew reported that he and Dr. Gil Macvaugh were continuing to work on the Civil Commitment process for the September 18, 2015 candidates. The Board set a deadline of May 9th for finalizing the development of the written exam. Dr. Askew will work with the Board office to administer the written exam and Dr. Alexander will work with the Board office to secure psychologists to serve as mentors for the candidates' supervised experience.

The Board is planning on develop a survey for all current Civil Committee holders. Dr. Alexander will working on question and will report back at the June 3th meeting.

The Board suggested that we email all current Civil Commitment holders to ask if they would be willing to mentor newly license CC holder.

Rules & Regulation Revisions:

Dr. Christoff presented a working draft of the Rules & Regulation of the ongoing revisions. The Board continued reviewing and revising each section. The Board is planning to have all revisions completed by August to be presented at MPA Convention schedule for September 14 – 16 at Bay Saint Louis.

Other Business:

Dr. Molly Clark addressed the Board concerning the timing of administration of the Oral Exams. She explained how the time frame of most internship and postdoctoral training programs and hiring requirements at UMMC created difficulties in hiring candidates in a timely manner because many are waiting to take their oral exam. She requested the Board consider adjusting the schedule and/or number administrations of the Oral Exam. The Board agreed to consider making adjustments in the Oral Exam and will also be seeking to reinstate the provisional licensure status in the licensure statue that may also help the hiring issues.

Dr. Clark also reported that MPA continues to encourage the Governor's office to make the appointments to the Board in a timely manner.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Dr. Olmi and Contractor Denise De Rossette submitted the current financial report. Dr. Christoff made a motion, seconded by Dr. Alexander, to accept the financial report. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

Executive Session:

Dr. Yazdani made a motion, seconded by Dr. Askew to consider going into Executive Session to discuss applicants and any investigations. The motion passed unanimously, with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

A motion was made by Dr. Alexander, seconded by Dr. Olmi to go into Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously, with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

Actions taken in Executive Session:

Dr. Christoff reported actions taken during Executive Session.

Applicants:

The Board approved the following psychologists who requested a Temporary License based on documentation of a current license from another jurisdiction. These individual were also approved for the Oral Examination to be held on June 3, 2016

Donna Burrowes
Shannon Fussell
Helen Jackson
Stephanie Smith

The Board voted to approve the following candidates for the next administration of the Oral Examinations to be held on June 3, 2015

Candidate 10142015
Candidate 09222015

The Board voted that the following candidates meet licensure requirement and are approved to take the EPPP

Candidate 01132016
Candidate 01192016
Candidate 11162015

The Board voted to accept **Candidates 01202015** proposed Postdoctoral Supervised practice plan

The Board voted to empower Dr. Parker to approve several candidates who meet all requirements for licensure but are waiting on specific documentation, if received by May 16th. They will also be approved for the June 3rd administration of the Oral Examination.

Dr. Yazdani made a motion seconded by Dr. Askew to exit Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously, with Mr. Hinton, absent and not voting.

Forms

Dr. Parker submitted a new developed form for the Post Doctoral Supervised Experience practice Plan for the review. The Board voted to accept this form.

Temporary Practice Certification:

Robert Shaffer was issued a TPC on 3/28/16 and is valid through 3/28/17

Management Report

Ms. Crocker asked the Board to consider sending license renewal be email in April and waiting until May to send paper renewal. Dr. Christoff made a motion, seconded by Dr. Alexander, to accept this recommendation. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

Ms. Crocker stated that the new data system is being develop and has meeting schedule with Pro Tech in May. She reported that the starting date for the new system is October of 2016.

Ms. Crocker also reported that this is the 50 Year Anniversary of Licensure Regulation and ask for suggestions that we could do at the MPA Convention. The Board gave Ms. Crocker several suggestions and will report to them in June.

New Business:

Dr. Allen will make a presentation at USM in the upcoming week on licensure processes and a second presentation regarding telehealth.

In addition, Dr. Allen reported that First Baptist of Jackson reportedly has a Psychometrist on staff who is conducting testing. Dr. Allen agreed to contact First Baptist to determine what type of testing is being conducted.

Dr. Parker reported that a psychologist licensed in Mississippi advertises being a "Clinical and Medical Psychologist" on LinkedIn. Dr. Christoff agreed to send a letter requesting that this psychologist specify on his LinkedIn account that he is only a Medical Psychologist in Louisiana, not in Mississippi.

It was suggested and agreed upon that Dr. Phil Cooker would be nominated for a fellowship at ASPPB.

Each Board member was asked to review the revised ASPPB Mobility Program and send in suggested edits.

Other Business

Next scheduled meeting of the Mississippi Board of Psychology is June 3, 2016 at the Woolfolk Building in Jackson, MS. Oral examinations are scheduled to begin at 8:30 with the Open Board meeting to follow.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Dr. Christoff, seconded by Dr. Alexander to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

The Board adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Respectively submitted

Dr. Lisa Yazdani

6/3/16

Date