

## Board of Psychology

June 3, 2016

Woolfolk Building  
Jackson, Mississippi

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
Helen Hy Crocker	Board Administrator	
Mardi Allen, Ph.D.	Board Consultant	
Denise De Rossette	Board Accountant	
Jeff Jernigan, Esq.	Attorney General's Office	
Sarah DeLoach, Esq.	Attorney General's Office	

### Not Present:

Onetta Whitley, Esq.	Board Attorney
C. Nina Jannik, Ph.D.	Board Assistant

### Call to Order

Mr. Hinton called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. he asked if there were any changes to the agenda. None were indicated.

### Contract

Ms. Crocker and Mrs. De Rossette presented her current 2015-2016 Contract for Professional Services that will end on June 30, 2016 showing total expense of \$67,828.85 as an independent contractor. In the past, a majority of the office expenses were paid for by Ms. Crocker and then reimbursed to her by the Board. Ms. Crocker asked beginning July 1, 2016, FY17, to change the Professional Services Contract to include only Professional Fees of \$65,000.00, plus travel reimbursement and for the Board to pay all other operating costs as direct expenses. To address its transparency concerns all Board expenses will be charged to a procurement card.

A motion was made by Dr. Parker and seconded by Dr. Christoff accept Ms. Crocker's Contract for Professional Services FY17. The motion passed unanimously.

At this point, Ms. DeLoach opined per statutory regulations, the Board needs to be cognizant of the total amount of contracts, as contracts over a certain amount require obtaining three bids.

Dr. Alexander made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Yazdani that the Board initiate a separate contract with Cornerstone Consulting Group for \$ 6,400 per year (\$ 450.00 per month + \$ 500 budget + \$ 500 internal control). This motion passed unanimously and Ms. De Rossette stated that she would draft that contract to be effective July 1, 2016.

A motion was made and seconded by Drs. Alexander and Christoff to request that the legislature create a position for FY 2018 that would replace the Contract for Professional Services.

### **First Executive Session:**

Dr. Yazdani made a motion, seconded by Dr. Parker to consider going into Executive Session to discuss Contract for FY17 Professional Services. The motion passed unanimously,

A motion was made by Dr. Alexander, seconded by Dr. Christoff to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. The motion passed unanimously. (Dr. Allen and Ms. Crocker left the room).

### **Action taken in First Executive Session:**

Mr. Hinton reported that for statutory requirement that the Board amend Ms. Crocker's proposed contract to a 90-day contract. That ends on September 30, 2016.

Regarding the previous motion Dr. Christoff moved and Dr. Parker seconded to amend the previous decision so the 90-day contract does not exceed \$ 20,000 (\$ 5,416.67 per month) and travel expenses. This motion passes unanimously.

Dr. Yazdani made a motion, seconded by Dr. Askew, to obtain three quotes for management contracts prior to initiating a new contract. Dr. Alexander agreed to draft the requirements for the contract and to obtain quotes from three potential contractors.

A motion was made and seconded by Drs. Alexander and Christoff to request that the legislature create a position for FY 2018 that would replace the Contract for Professional Services. This motion passes unanimously.

### **Financial Report:**

Treasurer Dr. Olmi and Contractor Denise De Rossette submitted the current financial report. Ms. De Rossette pointed out that computer contractors were to be paid in two installments and noted that the Board could use excess from FY 2016 to make an interim payment. Dr. Christoff made a motion, seconded by Dr. Alexander, to accept the financial report. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made Dr Yazdani and seconded by Dr. Christoff to give Ms. De Rossette and Ms. Crocker budget authority to use the excess from the current budget year toward paying the ProsonITech and/or to obtaining supplies. This motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Dr. Yazdani made a motion, seconded by Dr. Askew to accept the April 8, 2016 minutes . The motion passed unanimously.

**Second Executive Session:**

Dr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Dr. Alexander to consider going into Executive Session to discuss Application and Complaints. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Alexander, seconded by Dr. Yazdani to go into Executive Session to discuss Applications and Complaints. The motion passed unanimously.

**Action taken in Second Executive Session:**

Mr. Hinton asked the Credentialing Coordinator to report actions taken during executive Session.

Dr. Parker reported that having passed their oral examination held prior to the Board meeting, the following candidates have met all requirements for licensure:

- Anestis, Michael
- Burrowes, Donna
- Fussell Salter, Shannon
- Hirschel, Michael
- Jackson, Helen
- Naldi, Mariana
- Prince, Pauline
- Smith, Stephanie
- Stafford, Ty

The Board approved Teresa Rosetta's request for a Temporary License and approved her to take oral examination on August 12, 2016.

**Applicants:**

A motion was made by Dr. Parker, and seconded by Dr. Christoff to add an addition oral examination to the board schedule. The Oral will be administered on August 12, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

The following candidates were approved for the next administered of the Oral Examinations to be administrative on August 12, 2016

- Candidate 01132016 pending receipt of the verification of postdoctoral supervision form
- Candidate 09302015 pending receipt of the verification of postdoctoral supervision form.

The Board approved Candidate 04192016 for EPPP.

Dr. Parker informed the Board that the following three Psychologists were issued Temporary Practice Licenses:

McKee, Geoffrey  
Manguno Mire, Gina  
McCoy, John

### **Review Civil Commitment Materials:**

Dr. Askew reported that Dr. Macvaugh provided links to a study guide and written examination for the Civil Commitment. The board agreed to send a flash drive with a comprehensive study packet and resource material developed by Dr. Gil Macvaugh along with a cover letter extending an apology for the delay in continuing the Civil Commitment certification process. As stated in the Rules and Regulation (Chapter 8, Rule 8.2) on the requirement of the psychologists to pass a written examination. The Psychologist must contact the Board office when they are ready to take the exam. The examination will be administered in an open book format with a 50 item multiple-choice. Then the psychologist will proceed to the completion of written performance sample portion. The board will consult with candidates as to who is an approved mentor for them to contact. During the mentoring, the psychologist will need to observe at least one examination and write at least one civil commitment evaluation report.

A motion by Dr Askew was made to accept the written exam as presented Dr. Macvaugh seconded by Dr. Christoff.

Dr. Alexander and Dr. Allen will develop a letter to be sent to all Civil Commitment holders asking if they will be willing to mentors.

### **Presentation for MPA Convention**

The Annual Convention of the MPA will be held at the Hollywood Casino Gulf Coast in Bay St. Louis on September 14 – September 16, 2016.

Dr. Allen agreed to develop and submit a proposal for the Board to conduct a 2-hour panel discussion in a town hall format to introduce the proposed revisions to the Rules and Regulations and the Board's annual report. The Board will also request CE approval in the ethical/legal category.

The Board agreed to order lanyards for Convention and to serve a Cake at reception to celebrate the Board 50 Years of Licensure.

### **Rules & Regulation Revisions:**

The Board is planning to have all revisions completed by the August 12 meeting to be presented at the MPA Convention schedule for September 14 – 16 at Bay Saint Louis.

**New Business**

Dr. Parker suggested that we could offer or add more dates for orals up to six times a year, or when we have six Candidates eligible.

**Other Business**

Dr. Allen reported that in her presentations to internship programs she has been informed of the hardship in guaranteeing the 2000 internship hours. Some of the internship directors request the Board consider a slight reduction in the number of hours giving due to HR issues in many organizations. They are also concerned that internship and post-doctoral supervisors will now be required to have at least 5 years post-licensure.

Dr. Allen, also passed along a request to the Board giving the reasoning behind requiring a psychologist to have been licensed in Mississippi at least 20 years to qualify for Emeritus status (reduced renewal fee). Yet others can be licensed as an active psychologist who may not meet the Board's current licensure criteria simply based on a cumulative 20 years of licensure in perhaps multiple states.

The Board reported that Emeritus status was designed to help Mississippi Psychologists maintain an active license.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Dr. Christoff, seconded by Dr. Alexander to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting of the Mississippi Board of Psychology is August 12, 2016 at the Woolfolk Building in Jackson, MS. Oral examinations are scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. with the Open Board meeting to follow.

**Respectively submitted\***



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**Dr. Lisa Yazdani**

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**Date**