

**Mississippi Board of Psychology
Woolfolk Building, Jackson, Mississippi
Board Meeting**

May 2, 2014

Members Present:

C. Gerald O'Brien	Executive Secretary	2009-2014
Karen Christoff, Ph.D.	Credentialing Coordinator	2011-2016
Joe Olmi, Ph.D.	Treasurer	2012-2017
Patricia Alexander, Ph.D.	Recording Secretary	2013-2018
John Askew, Ph.D.	CE Coordinator	2013-2018

Also, Present:

Hy Crocker	Board Administrator
Mardi Allen, Ph.D.	Board Consultant
Onetta Whitley, Esq.	Board Attorney
Denise DeRossette	Financial Assistant

Absent:

Jefferson Parker, Ph.D.	Chair
Mr. Donald E. Hinton	Public Member
C Nina Jannik, Ph.D	Board Assistant

Call to Order

Dr. O'Brien called the meeting to order at 9:26. He asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Dr. Christoff made motion, seconded by Dr. Askew to accept the agenda. The motion passed unanimously with Dr. Parker and Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Dr. O'Brien, seconded by Dr. Alexander to discuss the need to go into Executive Session to discuss candidates and complaints. The motion was passed unanimously with Dr. Parker and Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

A motion was made by Dr. Olim, seconded by Dr. Christoff to go into Executive Session to discuss applications and complaints, was passed unanimously with Dr. Parker and Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

Actions Taken in Executive Session

Oral Examinations

On motion by Dr. Christoff and seconded by Dr. Alexander, **Candidate 5/7/2013** was recommended to take the Oral Examination today. The motion was passed unanimously with Dr. Parker and Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

Based on the recommendations of the examination committee, Dr. O'Brien moved that **Gaela Sue Youngblood, Psy.D.** be approved for licensure. The motion was seconded by Dr. Askew and was passed unanimously with Dr. Parker and Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

Applications

Dr. Christoff moved that the following individuals be approved to take the EPPP.

Candidate 02262014

Candidate 09242013

Candidate 02032014

The motion was seconded by Dr. Olmi and was passed unanimously with Dr. Parker and Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

Dr. Christoff moved that **Candidate 091313** be approved for the Next administration of Orals, pending receipt of attestation by her supervisor that she has completed 2000 hours of postdoctoral supervised experience. The motion was seconded by Dr. Alexander and was passed unanimously with Dr. Parker and Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

Complaints

The following complaints were presented to the Board for informational purposes.

The Board has secured a monitor for the practice of the psychologist named in case **02012013** and a contract has been executed. The board is still awaiting a report for the complainant containing information on the dates of their therapy with the board approved Psychologist.

Dr. O'Brien reported that the psychometrist named in case **03072014** cancelled their appointment with him and will be rescheduled in the next two weeks.

A motion to exit Executive Session was made by Dr. Askew, seconded by Dr. Christoff, and passed unanimously with Dr. Parker and Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

Approval of the Minutes

Dr. Christoff made a motion, seconded by Dr. Askew to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously Dr. Parker and Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

New Financial Officer

Ms. Crocker introduced Denise Rossette with Cornerstone Consulting Group, Inc. as the new Financial Officer for the Board. Denise comes with 26 year of providing services to state agencies

Planning for Board Retreat

The Board discussed and finalized an agenda for Retreat to be held June 19-21, 2014 in Natchez, MS. The board will invite the three members that last rotated off the Board to attend the retreat. These are Dr. Koestler, Dr. Banks, and Dr. Cooker.

Nominations for ASPPB Offices and Awards

The Board discussed our nominations for ASPPB offices and awards. These will be submitted next week.

Board Submissions for the Mississippi Psychological Association Annual Meeting

Dr. Allen recommended that the Board offer a 1 ½ hour Lunch and Learn session on Disciplinary issues for the upcoming MP Convention on September 10 -12 on the Gulf Coast. All Board members agreed to participate in this and Dr. Allen agreed to write the submission and send it to the MPA program chair.

Renewals

Ms. Crocker reported that those 162 psychologists have already renewed their licenses for the 2014-2015 year leaving 249 licensees still to renew their licenses for FY2015, which will expire on June 30, 2014. She also noted that 21 psychologists have renewed under Emeritus Status, significantly more than did so for last year.

Actions Taken in Second Executive Session

A motion was made by Dr. O'Brien, and seconded by Dr. Alexander that the Board discuss the need to go into Executive Session to discuss the second Oral Examination that was given today the motion was passed unanimously with Dr. Parker and Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

A motion was made by Dr. Olmi, seconded by Dr. Christoff to go into Executive Session to discuss a candidate, with Dr. Parker and Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

Application

Based on the recommendation of the examining committee, Dr. Christoff moved that **candidate 05072013** be invited back to discuss one domain at the next administration of the Oral Examinations in August. The motion was seconded by Dr. Alexander and was passed unanimously with Dr. Parker and Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

A motion to exit Executive Session was made by Dr. Askew, seconded by Dr. Christoff, and passed unanimously with Dr. Parker and Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

A motion to adjourn was made at 2:00 p.m. by Dr O'Brien seconded by Dr Alexander and passed unanimously with Dr. Parker and Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

Next Board Meeting will be held on June 19 - 21, 2014 at the Monmouth in Natchez, MS.



Patricia Alexander, Ph.D.

Date