

MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

*Courtyard Marriott Beachfront
Gulfport, Mississippi*

Board Meeting

September 12, 2014

Minutes

Members Present

Patricia Alexander, Ph.D.	Recording Secretary	2012-2018
John Askew, Ph.D.	CE Coordinator	2013-2018
Karen Christoff, Ph.D.	Credentialing Coordinator	2011-2016
Donald Hinton, Esq.	Public Member	2012-2017
C. Gerald O'Brien, Ph.D.	Executive Secretary	2009-2014
Joe Olmi Ph.D.	Treasurer	2012-2017
Jefferson Parker, Ph. D.	Chair	2010-2015

Also Present:

Hy Crocker	Board Administrator
Mardi Allen, Ph.D.	Board Consultant

Not Present

Onetta Whitley, Esq	Attorney General Representative to the Board
Nina Jannik, Ph.D.	Administrator Assistant

Chair's Call to Order

Dr. Parker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and introduced the Board members to the fifteen (15) attendees.

Chair's Report

Dr. Parker reported that during the 2014 Legislative session the law governing the practice of psychology and title of "psychologist" was scheduled to sunset in June 30, 2014. The licensure law was renewed by the Mississippi legislature in the 2014 session with no changes. Dr. Parker reported that The Board met eight times as deemed necessary during FY 2014. Reasonable notices of all meetings were made available to the public.

Dr. Parker asked each Board member to give their portion of the Board's yearly report.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. O'Brien reported as of June 30, 2014, there were Four hundred (400) active psychologists licensed in the State of Mississippi, along with another seven psychologists that renewed their licenses after June 30, 2014 bringing the total to Four hundred and seven (407) active licensed psychologists. For the Fiscal year 2014, there were Eight (8) non-renewals. Reasons for non-renewal were as follows: (7) seven moved from the state, and one (1) retired from practice.

Dr. O'Brien reported that thirty (30) psychologists were granted the emeritus status for the Fiscal Year 2014 renewal period.

Dr. O'Brien reported during Fiscal Year 2014, fifteen psychologists licensed in other jurisdictions were granted the right of temporary practice in Mississippi.

Dr. O'Brien reported on the status of complaints and investigations that two new complaints were investigated during FY14 with three complaints were carried over to FY14 from FY13. One Case was issued a Consent Order. One case was issued an order of remand and then Dismissed. Three Cases were dismissed with not action take. One case remains open.

Treasurer Report

Dr. Olmi reported on Approved Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 by the State Legislature was \$124,668.00. Beginning Funds for Fiscal Year 2014 were \$109,591.00. For the Fiscal Year 2014, total revenue was \$120,430.00. Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2014 were \$118,016.00. Total cash available is \$230.430.00.

Credential Coordinator Report

Dr. Christoff reported on the Board's agreement with ASPPB for using the PLUS system stating that the board has licensed thirty-seven candidates with this PLUS system and has additional, twenty-eight applications in the process of being licensed with this system.

Dr. Christoff reported that in Fiscal Year 2014 fifteen applicants took the EPPP, with twelve of them earning a passing score. The three individuals who did not achieve the passing score remain in the application process.

Dr. Christoff reported that the Board conducted the Oral Examination four times in Fiscal Year 2014, with fifteen candidates passing the oral examination on the first administration and four candidates were deferred and passed on the second administration.

Dr. Christoff reported at the beginning of Fiscal Year 2014, there were twenty-six applications pending, and twenty additional applications were received during the Fiscal Year 2014. One application was withdrawn.

Dr. Christoff reported as of July 1, 2014, the Board has twenty-nine active applications at some point within the licensing process.

Dr. Christoff reported during the Fiscal Year 2014, the Board issued nineteen individuals permanent license to practice psychology in Mississippi and In addition on August 1, 2014 the Board issued another five permanent license to practice,

Continuing Education Report

Dr. Askew reported that APA-approved CE providers are considered Board-approved CE providers. The list of APA-approved CE providers can be found at www.apa.org or the Board website. Additionally, there are five Board-approved providers within the state: the VA Gulf Coast Health Care System, the University of Mississippi Medical Center/VA Medical Center Consortium, the University Of Southern Mississippi Department Of Psychology, the University of Mississippi Department of Psychology, and Mississippi State Hospital. Board-approved CE providers must report CE activities every year. All Board-approved providers have submitted the required information for the 2013-2014 reporting period.

Dr. Askew stated that this was not a reporting year of continuing education activities. The next report period is in Fiscal Year 2015 where 20 CE are required with 2 hours in ethics. These continuing education activities sure have been received from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2015.

Open Meeting Discussions

Dr. Allen briefly summarize the telepsychology compact from ASPPB that is up for public comment on their website through November. Dr. Allen reported to the audience on behavior analysis certification and then opened the floor for discussion.

Executive Session

Dr. Christoff made a motion, seconded by Dr. Askew that the Board consider going into Executive session in order to discuss applicants and investigations. The motion passed unanimously

Dr. O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Dr. Olmi to go into Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

Actions Taken in Executive Session

Applications

A motion was made by Dr. Christoff, seconded by Dr Parker to approve the following individual to take the next administration of the Orals pending receipt of specific document.

Candidate 03162013

The motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Dr. O'Brien seconded by Dr. Olmi to approve the following individual to take the EPPP

Candidate 06282014

The motion passed unanimously

A motion was made by Dr. Christoff, seconded by Dr. Askew to retire a candidate application, upon their request.

Candidate 09132013

The motion passed unanimously

A motion to exit executive session was made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Dr. Christoff and passed unanimously.

Ms. Crocker reported that there could be eight candidates for Oral examination for October 3rd and recommended starting at 8:00 a.m. The board agreed to offer oral examinations to the following eight candidates:

Candidate 03062013

Candidate 05032013

Candidate 06272013

Candidate 08052013

Candidate 10292013

Candidate 10282013

Candidate 06252014

Candidate 02032014

Complaints

Dr. O'Brien reported that **Case 03012012** is still ongoing

Dr. O'Brien reported that the Board office received a Grand Jury Subpoena **08292014** on two License Psychologists. After a discussion. A motion was made by Mr. Hinton, seconded by Dr. Parker that we request that Onetta Whitley from the AG office to file a motion to quash and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. O'Brien and seconded by Dr. Parker to approve the minutes for August 1, 2014. The motion passed unanimously

New Business

Dr. O'Brien reported the Dr. Gil MacVaugh accepted the offer to take over the Civil Commitment Certification Training, due to Dr. Roberts retiring from this position.

The Board setup dates for the 2015 meeting and orals examinations; dates as follows:

January 9, 2015 Board Meeting	July 2015 No Meeting
February 6, 2015 Orals and Board Meeting	August 14, 2015 Board Meeting
March 6, 2015 Board Meeting	September 17 or 18, 2015 Board Meeting at MPA
March 2015 No Meeting	October 16, 2015 Orals and Board Meeting
May 1, 2015 Board Meeting	November 2015 No meeting
June 5, 2015 Orals and Board Meeting	December 4, 2015 Board Meeting

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Parker seconded by Dr. Alexander

Next Board Meeting will be held on October 3, 2014 at the Woolfolk Building in Jackson, MS



Patricia Alexander, Recording Secretary

Date