

Board of Psychology

Board Meeting
January 10, 2020
Woolfolk Conference Room 117S
Jackson, Mississippi

Board Attendance

Present Absent

Molly Clark, Ph.D., Continuing Education Coordinator	2018- 2023	x	
Steve Ellis, Ph.D., Chair & Civil Commitment Coordinator	2016-2021	x	
Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., Recording Secretary	2018-2023	x	
Natalie Gaughf, Ph.D., Credentialing Coordinator	2016-2021	x	
Monica Sutton, Ph.D., Treasurer	2017-2022		x
Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D., Executive Secretary	2019-2024	x	

Also Present

Stacie Sharp, Board Administrator

Oral Examinations:

The oral examinations of 2 candidates were conducted at 9:00AM. The examination committees were: Drs. Gaughf, Ellis, and Wheeler and Drs. Yazdani, Clark, and Wheeler.

Call to Order:

Dr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 9:58 AM and called for amendments to the agenda.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Clark motioned, seconded by Dr. Yazdani, to approve the minutes with noted corrections of the 11/1/19 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Treasurer Report:

Dr. Ellis presented the financial statement to the board.

Continuing Education Coordinator Report:

Dr. Clark presented James A. Chaney (47825) and requested that an extension of his continuing education reporting period to be ratified by the board. This was moved by Dr. Gaughf, seconded by Dr. Yazdani. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark presented that Joyce Shanteau (29414) has completed her CE requirements. Pending payment, her license her status will be moved to active.

The license renewal process will begin next month.

Civil Commitment Coordinator Report:

Dr. Ellis reports that one candidate who sat for oral examination today expressed interest in conducting civil commitments. Dr. Ellis further reported that if there is enough interest, he may conduct a training to held in Jackson in the near future in addition to the training held at MPA in September.

Chair Report:

Dr. Ellis reports that additional funding is needed to administer the autism board. Dr. Ellis pointed out that there will be data this year to reflect this need. Dr. Clark also suggested a letter from the Autism Board supporting this request.

Board Administrator Report:

Ms. Sharp reported that the board's computers have been updated and are able to support the most recent software. Ms. Sharp is also in the process of reviewing previous files to eliminate replication and she is continuing to organize the information to ease information access and retrieval.

Ms. Sharp reported that she is scheduled to take a CMPA course in January 28 – 30. She also purchased a Board of Psychology stamp. Ms. Sharp has received the Board of Psychology copier from Dr. Yazdani and it is in the board office. She is also assessing the utility of current office equipment, as some it can be retired. Dr. Gaughf moved that Ms. Sharp be given authority to do this, and Dr. Yazdani seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Sharp discussed the March 6th meeting and that availability of our meeting space. The meeting will be changed to March 27th. Oral examinations will be held at the February 7th meeting.

Executive Session:

Dr. Clark made the motion to enter into closed determination session to consider the need to enter into executive session. Dr. Yazdani seconded the motion to consider the need to enter into executive session enter into executive session. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark moved to consider going into executive session to discuss applications and complaints. Dr. Gaughf seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss applications and complaints. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Actions taken during Executive Session:

Dr. Wheeler reported that following actions took place during Executive Session:

Follow up on Prior complaints:

Dr. Yazdani reports no new complaints.

Dr. Yazdani presented case (01092019) and reported that the board is waiting on a response from the consent order per Gloria Green, Esq. with the Attorney General's office.

Candidate Status/Status of Applications/Complaints:

Dr. Gaughf presented two candidates, Anna Katherine Black, Ph.D. (07192019) and Diane Groat, Ph.D. (04252019) who both successfully completed the Jurisprudence examination and an abbreviated oral examination, as both were previously licensed in Alabama. Dr. Yazdani moved that both of these candidates be accepted for licensure, Dr. Gaughf seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended seven individuals applications for temporary practice certificates be ratified; Dr. Matthew Thompson of Louisiana, Dr. Heather Puglizerich of Georgia, Dr. Douglas Johnson-Green of Florida, Dr. Stacie Price of Georgia, Dr. Dewey Hertz of South Dakota (renewing TPC for an ongoing federal court case), Dr. Dale Watson of California and Dr. Rachel Young of Georgia. Dr. Clark moved to accept and Dr. Yazdani seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended two candidates, (10162019) who is licensed in Virginia, and (04152019) who is licensed in Wyoming, to sit for the Oral Examination and the Jurisprudence Examination to be administered on February 7, 2020. (10162019) requested a Temporary License, and it was approved. Dr. Yazdani moved to accept and Dr. Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf consulted with the board pertaining to a prospective applicant. This individual failed the EPPP on two occasions. She successfully obtained a license to practice psychology in Alabama, and now seeks to apply for licensure in Mississippi as an individual licensed in another jurisdiction. It was discussed that according to the statutes, she will not be eligible to apply for a Mississippi license until November 2020.

Dr. Gaughf presented another individual who applied for Mississippi licensure two years ago and was deemed ineligible as she did not complete a post-doctoral year of training. She has inquired about reapplying for Mississippi licensure, and was informed that she is still not eligible. It was discussed that cases such as this are an example of why the board is proposing that the post-doctoral year no longer be a requirement for licensure, as it serves as an impediment to a number individuals applying for licensure, and there is a need for more licensed psychologists in Mississippi.

Dr. Gaughf discussed the procedure for reviewing background reports. It had been discussed in the past that the reports should be reviewed by the representative to the board from the Attorney

General's office. An individual recently submitted their own background report from their place of employment, and it was discussed that all individuals applying should use the same process of fingerprinting and background check prescribed by the board, and according to the statute an individual cannot submit their own.

Dr. Gaughf discussed an inquiry from Dr. Bonnie Nicholson at USM pertaining to licensure of an individual without an APA internship, who is previously licensed in another state. She will respond to Dr. Nicholson and refer her to Rule 6.1b and Rule 9.1.

Review and Update of Rules and Regulations:

The Board edited and updated of the Rules and Regulations through Chapter 12.4 to make them consistent with the current MS Statutes.

Old Business:

Dr. Gaughf reported that there were no nominees for public member.

Dr. Clark and Dr. Gaughf reported on the work of the task force to address removing the post-doctoral year of training requirement for licensure. This proposal was taken to the Mississippi Psychological association Executive Council retreat on November 22, 2019. All present were in favor with a few clarification questions for continued discussion.

New Business:

No new business.

Adjourn:

Dr. Clark motioned, seconded by Dr. Yazdani to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., ABPP
Recording Secretary

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