

Board of Psychology

Board Meeting
May 10, 2019
Woolfolk Annex Building, Room 204
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	2014-2019	X	

Also Present

Onetta Whitley, Esq. Deputy Attorney General
Cheryl Carr, Board Administrator
Candice Hay, DFA Travel Coordinator
William R. Collins, Esq., Budget Analyst, Legislative Budget office

Call to Order:

Dr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM and called for amendments to the agenda.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Yazdani motioned, seconded by Dr. Clark, to approve the minutes with noted corrections of the March 8, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Continuing Education Coordinator Report:

Dr. Clark reports that Dr. Linda Bell received an extension for license renewal due to a medical reason. Dr. Bell had also reported Legal/Ethics CE hours that were not approved by the board, but she has since completed that requirements. On the advice of counsel, she will not be assessed a fine. Dr. Bell has received a license renewal extension until December 2019. This was moved by Dr.

Clark and seconded by Dr. Sutton. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark requested that the board review Rule 12.3 and 12.6 for clarification pertaining to consistency and consider possible action.

Dr. Clark will submit to the board a list of Board Approved CE providers to be posted on the Board website at the June 14, 2019 meeting.

Dr. Clark will review the application process for Board approved CE providers.

Treasurer Report:

Dr. Sutton presented the financial statement to the board.

Dr. Sutton invited DFA Travel Coordinator Candice Hay to the board meeting. She arrived at 10:48 and discussed the use of a travel card for Board business and the various accounts available for consideration and she completed her presentation at 11:12. A motion was made by Dr. Clark and seconded by Dr. Yazdani that Dr. Sutton and Ms. Carr will procure a travel card for the board. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Civil Commitment Coordinator Report:

Dr. Ellis presented a change in the rules and procedures pertaining to Civil Commitments. There was discussion pertaining to the possibility of future continuing education offerings regarding these types of changes for those certified to conduct Civil Commitment evaluations.

Chair Report:

Dr. Ellis reported that he contacted Whitney Lipscomb via email requesting the appointment of a public member to replace Patrick Phelan, O.D. and has received no response as of yet.

Board Administrator Report:

Ms. Carr reports she may be unavailable for the June 14th meeting.

Ms. Carr reported that licensed psychologists were requesting proof of Civil Commitment certification, and it was discussed that this is printed on the license and can be obtained on the Board website.

Ms. Carr reported that licensure renewal letters have been mailed as well as an email reminder.

Ms. Carr reported that there were excess bags with the Board's logo that were distributed at the MPA convention in 2018 and these will be donated for use at the MPA convention this year.

Ms. Carr and Dr. Gaughf discussed that there may have been a misunderstanding pertaining to the proper protocol for obtaining a temporary practice license in Mississippi, not only with an individual psychologist, but possibly also with ASPPB.

Report on the ASPPB Midyear Meeting

Dr. Yazdani was a panelist. The focus of the meeting was handling investigations and complaints. Some larger jurisdictions have departments to handle this and the complaints are also categorized. Dr. Yazdani discussed integrating this type of categorizing into our board's processes to add further objectivity. Dr. Yazdani and Dr. Gaughf both reported that the meeting was beneficial and that the EPPP-2 is still in development.

Attendees Recognized

William Collins, Esq., Budget Analyst, Legislative Budget Office presented to the board at 11:58 AM and requested a letter outlining the organizational structure of the board and how that will include the Autism Board. Thus, when a budget request is made it will include the Autism board. He completed his presentation at 12:10.

On the advice of counsel, a notice will be written delineating specifics on the administration of the Autism Board.

There was discussion about the needs of Board administration and the hiring of a part-time employee to assist Ms. Carr. Dr. Ellis and Dr. Yazdani have crafted a contract for this individual, who will work under the direction of Ms. Carr.

Executive Session:

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

Dr. Yazdani 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 at 1:38.

Actions taken during Executive Session:

Dr. Yazdani moved to consider going into open session at 3:29. Dr. Gaughf seconded the motion to consider going into open session. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf made the motion to enter into open session. Dr. Wheeler seconded the motion to enter into open session. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

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

Follow up on Prior complaints:

Dr. Yazdani presented on case (01092019). The Board voted to authorize the filing of a formal complaint with additional authorization for the investigative committee to attempt informal settlement if possible.

Candidate Status/Status of Applications/Complaints:

The examination committee, chaired by Dr. Yazdani, presented Kristi Mong 06132018 and Hillary DeShong 09122017. Dr. Gaughf moved, Dr. Clark seconded to approve these applicants for licensure. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended 01032018 to retake the EPPP. Dr. Clark motioned, seconded by Dr. Sutton. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended 09182018 to take the EPPP. Dr. Yazdani moved to approve this and Dr. Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended 4 candidates to sit for oral and jurisprudence exams: 11122018, 12102018, 07022018, and 02282019. Dr. Clark moved to approve this and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended 2 applications for Temporary Practice Certificates made by 02282019 and 04292019 be ratified. Dr. Clark motioned and Dr. Yazdani seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf reported that the passing score for the open book jurisprudence exam will be set at 90.

Dr. Gaughf discussed the case of applicant 06012018. Based on the extensive research conducted by Dr. Gaughf on this case, Dr. Clark moved the the applicant 06012018 is ineligible for licensure and thus reaffirms the board's prior decision based upon evidence presented. Dr. Gaughf seconded the motion. Five of the board members voted to pass the motion, with Dr. Yazdani abstaining from the vote.

Review and Update of Rules and Regulations:

No action was taken on this today.

Old Business:

No old business.

New Business:

Dr. Ellis proposed the renewal of the contract with ProsonITech. This was moved by Dr. Yazdani and seconded by Dr. Clark. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Ellis continues to work on the action items and plans to have this completed by June 30th.

Adjourn:

Dr. Yazdani motioned, seconded by Dr. Wheeler to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. The meeting adjourned a 4:00 p.m.

Lynwood C. Wheeler, Ph.D., ABPP
Recording Secretary

Date