

Board of Psychology

Board Meeting
October 4, 2019
Woolfolk Building
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	
Natalie Gaughf, Ph.D., Credentialing Coordinator	2016-2021	x	
Monica Sutton, Ph.D., Treasurer	2017-2022	x	
Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., Recording Secretary	2018-2023	x	
Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D., Executive Secretary	2019-2024	x	

Also Present:

Cheryl Carr, Board Administrator
Stacie Sharp, Board Administrator

Oral Examinations:

The oral examinations of 4 candidates were conducted at 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM. The examination committees were: Drs Yazdani, Gaughf, and Wheeler and Drs Sutton, Ellis, and Clark.

Call to Order:

Dr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 11:13 AM and called for amendments to the agenda.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Clark motioned, seconded by Dr. Gaughf, to approve the 9/26/19 minutes with noted corrections of the meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Treasurer Report:

Dr. Sutton presented the financial statement to the board.

Continuing Education Coordinator Report:

Dr. Clark discussed a concern pertaining to entities seeking Board approval for CE presentations instead of seeking APA approval and she will post this concern on the ASPPB list serve.

Civil Commitment Coordinator Report:

Dr. Ellis reported that there were 4 participants at the recent Civil Commitment training at MPA and all passed. A motion was made by Dr. Yazdani to approve Dr. Shannon Fussell, Dr. David Gavel, Dr. Jefferson Rogers, and Dr. Walter Ware to perform civil commitment evaluations. Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Ellis met with Dr. Jim Hertzog to discuss the possibility of Civil Commitment training for nurse practitioners.

Chair Report:

Dr. Ellis reported that he received the Internal Controls Assessment which has to be completed by December 2nd.

Board Administrator Report:

Ms. Carr requested hotel receipts from the Board meeting at MPA.

The sales tax exemption letter was received.

Ms. Carr in enrolled in the C Spire Annual State Agency Meeting on October the 9th.

Stacie Sharp entered the meeting at 11:45AM.

Executive Session:

Dr. Yazdani made the motion to enter into closed determination session to consider the need to enter into executive session. Dr. Clark 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. Yazdani moved to consider going into executive session to discuss applications and complaints. Dr. Wheeler 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 the following actions took place during Executive Session:

Follow up on Prior complaints:

Dr. Yazdani reports no complaints.

Candidate Status/Status of Applications/Complaints:

Dr. Gaughf presented four individuals who successfully passed the Oral examination and Jurisprudence examination for licensure: Elissa Woodruff (11192018), who was an abbreviated examinee previously licensed in California, Katherine Moyer (02052018) an abbreviated examinee previously licensed in Georgia, Hannah Ford (05122019) an abbreviated licensee previously licensed in Massachusetts, and Courtney Walker (09182018). Dr. Yazdani moved that these candidates be accepted for licensure, Dr. Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended (07282019) to sit for Oral Examination and Jurisprudence Examination to be administered on November 1, 2019. Dr. Clark moved and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended approving (04152019) to sit for the EPPP. Dr. Clark moved and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf reported that (7252017) application became inactive, and the application was initiated in 2017. This applicant has contacted the board to apply for licensure again, and typically this would mean that the person would reapply as it has been a period of a year. This was discussed and it was agreed that the applicant should update the application and will not be charged a second application fee, and upon successful completion of this, will be approved for the EPPP. This applicant also had gone through a period of remediation during graduate education, and Dr. Gaughf will request more information pertaining to this.

Dr. Gaughf reported that an applicant had a problem identified on the background report. This was sent to Ms. Whitley who interpreted it and there was discussion that this was not a felony and the applicant is eligible for licensure. It was discussed and agreed that if there are concerns with background reports, these will be sent to counsel for interpretation.

Dr. Gaughf reported that (03072019), who is approved to take the EPPP, requested accommodations as English is the applicant's second language. The applicant later contacted the board stating that doctoral training was completed in English, and thus the applicant will take the EPPP in English as there is a time consideration with having this completed by a specific date. Dr. Yazdani moved that this applicant be approved to take the EPPP, and Dr. Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Wheeler moved to consider going into open session. 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.

Review and Update of Rules and Regulations:

The Board worked on the update of the Rules and Regulations and edited them through Chapter 9.1 to make them consistent with the current MS Statues.

Old Business:

Dr. Yazdani reported receiving a letter from ASPPB pertaining to Mississippi being an early adopter of the EPPP2 and it was agreed that Mississippi will participate in this.

Dr. Gaughf reported that ASPPB is opening a new process flow option for applicants to use the plus system.

New Business:

New month Dr. Joe Olmi is bringing a doctoral class from USM to the board meeting to observe.

Dates were set for 2020 board meetings: January 10, February 7, March 6, April 17, June 12, July 17 (possible work day as needed), August 7, September 24 at the MPA Annual Convention, November 6, December 4.

Adjourn:

Dr. Clark motioned, seconded by Dr. Sutton to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

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

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