

Board of Psychology

Board Meeting
January 14, 2022
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Board Attendance

Present Absent

Molly Clark, Ph.D., Credentialing Coordinator	2018- 2023	X	
Chris Cumbest, M.Div, Public Member		X	
Penni Foster, Ph.D.		X	
Kaye Sly, Ph.D.		X	
Monica Sutton, Ph.D., Executive Secretary	2017-2022	X	
Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., CE Coordinator	2018-2023	X	
Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D., Chair	2019-2024	X	

Also Present

Kim Turner, Esq., Senior Special Assistant to the Attorney General
Stacie Sharp, Executive Director
Natalie Gaughf, Ph.D., Outgoing Board Member
Steve Ellis, Ph.D., Outgoing Board Member

Call to Order:

Dr. Yazdani called the meeting to order at 12:03 A.M. and called for amendments to the agenda. With this being the first meeting of three new Board members, Dr. Yazdani asked all Board members to introduce themselves. Dr Yazdani also provided a brief orientation of Board meetings and the responsibilities of Board members.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Clark motioned, seconded by Dr. Sutton, to approve the October 8, 2021, Minutes with noted corrections. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Treasurer Report:

Dr. Sutton reported that the Board is in good standing with over 50% of the budget being available as needed.

Continuing Education Coordinator Report:

Dr. Wheeler reported that Ms. Sharp made the appropriate revisions to the renewal letter for 2022.

Civil Commitment Coordinator Report:

Dr. Ellis had no report. Dr. Ellis also expressed that he would be willing to continue in the role of Continuing Education Coordinator as needed by the Board. This led to discussion of the future role of the board with regard to Civil Commitment training. The possibility of an on-line portal for training pertaining to the laws and processes of civil commitment was also discussed. Dr. Yazdani stated that this would be added to the agenda for the Board retreat.

Chair Report:

Dr. Yazdani asked Attorney Turner to swear in the new board members. Dr. Yazdani informed them that they would need to sign a confidentiality agreement, and complete a Personal Financial Statement for the Ethics Commission, and she reminded all board members to complete this.

Dr. Yazdani discussed the tentative schedule and topics to be addressed at the upcoming Board retreat. The retreat is scheduled for March 11, and will be held at the Eagle Ridge conference center in Raymond, MS. This location was chosen given the reasonable cost of meeting rooms and accommodations, and the location is central for Board members. Dr. Clark moved to approve the agenda with noted corrections, and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Yazdani announced that the upcoming meeting of the ASPPB is in New Orleans on April 21st through April 24th.

Executive Director Report:

Ms. Sharp reported she submitted an additional funds request letter to the legislature as the Autism Board has technology needs.

Ms. Sharp reported that the renewal letter has been revised for this year.

Executive Session:

Dr. Clark made the motion to enter into closed determination session to consider the need to enter into Executive Session. Rev. Cumbest 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. Rev. Cumbest 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:

Complaints:

Dr. Sutton reported that there are no new complaints. The administrative hearing deliberations were discussed.

Candidate Status/Status of Applications:

Dr. Clark recommended the following six applicants, who successfully passed the Oral Examination and the Jurisprudence Examination for licensure: Neelima Duncan, Megan Ciota, Venette Westhoven, Teresa Hulsey, Yelena Johnson, and Heather Bradley. Dr. Sutton moved to accept Dr. Clark's recommendation and Rev. Cumbest seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark recommended the following eight applicants for the Oral Examination and the Jurisprudence examination: 09072021, 10192021, 06282021, 09152021, 03142021, 03102020, 09072021 B, and 11142021. Dr. Wheeler moved to accept this recommendation, and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark recommended three applicants for Temporary Practice Certificate, Kalima Jennifer Charway (TX), Susanna Francies (PA), Kayla D Moorer (ND). Dr. Wheeler moved to ratify Dr. Clark's recommendation and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark recommended two applicants to sit for the EPPP examination, 09142021 and 03092021. Dr. Wheeler moved to accept this recommendation, and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark discussed some difficulty with an applicant's background check, specifically with fingerprinting. This was discussed and the Board agreed that it is the applicant's responsibility to have this information sent to the Board.

Old Business:

No old business.

The revised Rules and Regulations are in a Word document and will be submitted to the OLRC.

New Business:

Dr. Foster reported that there are some changes in statutes with UROLA, and this will be placed on the agenda for the next board meeting. MPA will also be asked to keep the Board informed as they continue to monitor this.

Given the number of applicants waiting on oral examinations in March, these will be offered in February.

The February Board meeting will be held virtually.

Adjourn:

Dr. Yazdani moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Wheeler. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:37 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., ABPP
Recording Secretary

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