

**Board Meeting
December 2, 2022
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom**

<u>Board Attendance</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Molly Clark, Ph.D., Credentialing Coordinator	2018- 2023	X
Chris Cumbest, M.Div, Public Member	2022-2027	X
Penni Foster, Ph.D., Recording Secretary	2021-2026	X
Kaye Sly, Ph.D., Treasurer	2021-2026	X
Monica Sutton, Ph.D., Executive Secretary	2022-2027	X
Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., CE Coordinator	2018-2023	X
Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D., Chair	2019-2024	X
<u>Also Present:</u> Sarah Mann with the Office of Attorney General attending in place of Alexis Morris, Esq., Stacie Sharp, Executive Director Kayla Bates-Brantley Michael Nadorff Sarah Mann Todd Smitherman Nora Charles		

Call to Order:

Dr. Yazdani called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Dr. Yazdani called for amendments to the agenda, but no amendments were made.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Yazdani asked for any changes to the minutes from the November 4, 2022, meeting, but no changes were offered. Dr. Clark motioned, seconded by Mr. Cumbest, to approve the November 4, 2022, minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

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Old Business:

Fresh Start Act of 2019

Dr. Clark reviewed the Fresh Start Act of 2019 as it relates to applications for licensure to practice psychology in the state of Mississippi. Dr. Clark recommended the Board should provide a form addressing the Fresh Start Act and include it on the website. A sample form was reviewed by the Board. Dr. Clark made a motion to adopt the sample form with revisions and edits in alignment with the Mississippi Board of Psychology, and Dr. Wheeler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with all present participating in the vote.

PSYPACT

Dr. Yazdani reported that the PSYPACT rules and regulations were reviewed. Discussion about PSYPACT's rules as it would pertain to licensure processing in Mississippi occurred. Dr. Wheeler reported on how PSYPACT was related to the current Universal Recognition of Occupational Licenses Act. There was discussion of how the Universal Recognition of Occupational Licenses Act may not best serve the public and that the exclusion of psychologists from this legislation is needed. Dr. Yazdani suggested that the Board continue to consider how both this act and PSYPACT pertain to licensure in Mississippi.

New Business:

EPPP Discussions with Training Directors

Dr. Yazdani reported that several training directors from academic programs in the state of Mississippi were attending the meeting to discuss the EPPP examination. Board members and guests introduced themselves. Dr. Nardoff and Dr. Smitherman reported concerns about the EPPP 2. The possibility of allowing the EPPP 1 earlier in the academic and professional trajectory of psychology students was reviewed. There was ensuring discussion on the EPPP, training requirements, and licensure requirements in the state of Mississippi. The Board agreed to continue to consider how to best utilize the EPPP in licensure requirements.

Executive Session:

Mr. Cumbest made the motion to enter into closed determination session to consider the need to enter into Executive Session. Dr. Wheeler seconded the motion to consider the need to enter into Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §25-41-7(1), Dr. Wheeler moved to consider going into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing candidate status, status of applications, and complaints. Mr. Cumbest seconded the motion. Miss. Code Ann. §24-41-7(3), (5). The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Actions Taken During Executive Session:

The following actions were taken during Executive Session:

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Complaints

Dr. Sutton recommended complaint 220605 be closed. Dr. Clark made a motion to close this complaint, and Dr. Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Candidate Status/Status of Applications

Dr. Clark recommended ratification of the following applicants for Temporary Practice Certificate: Samantha Jane Peterson (AL), Kristine Marie Herfkens (NC), Jinsoon Lee (CO). Dr. Wheeler moved to accept Dr. Clark's recommendation, and Mr. Cumbest seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark recommended the following applicants be approved to take the EPPP: 20220301, 20211214. 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 the following candidates for the Oral Examinations: 20220929, 20210111, 20221009, 20220321, 20220801. Dr. Wheeler moved to ratify Dr. Clark's recommendations, and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Leave Executive Session

Mr. Cumbest made the motion to leave executive session and 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.

Adjourn:

Dr. Clark moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cumbest. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penni Foster, PhD
Recording Secretary

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