

Mississippi Board of Psychology

Board Meeting August 12, 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 2017-2022	X	
Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., CE Coordinator 2018-2023	X	
Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D., Chair 2019-2024	X	
<u>Also Present:</u> Jessica Robinson, Esq., Special Assistant Attorney General Stacie Sharp, Executive Director		

Call to Order:

Dr. Yazdani called the meeting to order at 11:04 am. She stated that Jessica Robinson, Esq., was attendance of the meeting in representation of the Attorney General's Office. She called for amendments to the agenda, but no amendments were made.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Clark motioned, seconded by Dr. Wheeler, to approve the July 15, 2022, minutes. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

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Treasurer Report:

Dr. Sly presented the budget reports for the MS Board of Psychology and the MS Autism Board. Dr. Sly stated that both budgets for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 are both in good standing.

CE Coordinator Report:

Dr. Wheeler stated that he had no report.

Chair Report:

Dr. Yazdani reported on Board member attendance at the annual ASPPB meeting occurring October 26-30, 2022, in Baltimore, Maryland.

Executive Director Report:

Ms. Sharp reported Board members will be registered to attend the Mississippi Psychological Association (MPA) annual convention in September of 2022. She noted that the next Board meeting would occur on Thursday during the MPA annual convention. She asked Board members to notify her regarding their needed accommodations.

Ms. Sharp reported that the LMS self-scheduling module for the oral examinations is ready to be implemented and may be utilized for applicants of upcoming oral examinations. Ms. Sharp reported that LMS software is also in development for the MS Autism Board.

Ms. Sharp reported that Occupational Licensing Review Commission (OLRC) asked the Board to present the proposed Rules and Regulations at the next committee meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2022.

Executive Session:

Dr. Wheeler made the motion to enter into closed determination session to consider the need to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Cumbest 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. Clark moved to consider going into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing candidate status, status of applications, complaints, and oral examination procedure. Dr. Wheeler 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:

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

Complaints

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Dr. Sutton reported on two new complaints: 220807 and 220808. She reported that the issues of both complaints addressed individuals posting advertisements on social media using terminology associated with psychology and protected by Miss. Code Ann. §73-31. For 220807, she reported that a licensed professional counselor is using terminology protected by Miss. Code Ann. §73-31. Dr. Sutton recommended sending a cease and desist letter to the subject of the complaint. For 220808, she reported that the subject of the complaint was the subject of a prior similar complaint and was previously notified by the Board with a cease and desist letter. Dr. Sutton recommended sending an additional cease and desist letter to the subject of this complaint.

Candidate Status/Status of Applications

Dr. Clark, Dr. Wheeler, and Dr. Sutton recommended the following applicants who successfully passed the Oral Examination for licensure: Ronald Wayne Alexander Jr, Hallie Marie Smith, Natalie Antoinette Harrison, Alexandra Repke, Taylor Rose Nocara, Catalina Arata, Racha Fares, Jeffrey Lawley, Adrienne Meier, Jennifer Tannehill, LaToya Favre, Megan Renna. Dr. Sutton reported that the following applicant did not successfully pass the Oral Examination and recommended the applicant retake the respective section of the Oral Examination: 20211221 (Section 2). Dr. Clark moved to accept the recommendations and Mr. Cumbest seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark recommended ratification of the following applicants for Temporary Practice Certificate: Lena Shoshan Kessler (VA). 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: 20220318. Dr. Wheeler moved to accept this recommendation, and Mr. Cumbest seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark recommended the following candidates for the Oral Examinations: 20220501, 20220601, 20220708, U20220527. Dr. Sutton moved to ratify Dr. Clark's recommendations, and Dr. Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark recommended ratification of a temporary license for Lisa Cicetti. Dr. Wheeler moved to accept this recommendation, and Mr. Cumbest seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark recommended the following psychologists to be eligible for Civil Commitment training conducted by the MSBOP in September 2022: Ty Stafford (Active), Michael Prazak (Active), Ashley King-Profit (Active), Michael Nadorff (Active), Alyssa Killebrew (Active), Josephine Nicholson (Active), Angela Hatcher (Active), Jeffrey Lawley (Active), Diane Groat (Active). Mr. Cumbest moved to ratify Dr. Clark's recommendations, and Dr. Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark reported that applicant 20210309 contacted the Board regarding previous EPPP examination failures. Dr. Clark stated that applicant 20210309 was instructed based on the Rules and Regulations that an applicant will be eligible to apply for licensure in Mississippi after 2 years following a second failure of the EPPP.

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Leave Executive Session

Dr. Clark 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.

Old Business:

Attendance at MPA and ASPPB

It was noted that the Board's discussion of the attendance at MPA and ASPPB meetings previously occurred during the Chair and Executive Director reports.

New Business:

No new business was reported.

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 11:57 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penni Foster, PhD
Recording Secretary

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