

Mississippi Board of Psychology

CE Coordinator Report

Dr. Wheeler – License renewals and CE auditing are currently in progress.

Chair Report

Dr. Yazdani – Notifications were distributed informing training programs in Mississippi regarding the new option to take the EPPP early. The Executive Director evaluation were shared with the Executive Director. Feedback was provided to the Executive Director.

Executive Director Report:

Ms. Sharp – The Mississippi Psychological Association (MPA) requested the Board to sponsor bags for the annual conference.

Dr. Clark – Motion to continue to sponsor the bags at the MPA annual conference.

Mr. Cumbest – Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Ms. Sharp- Due to hacking attempts, rules for passwords were implemented, which resulted in modifications to LMS. She assisted any user needs related to this change.

Ms. Sharp – Will begin working on the annual report for the Governor’s office.

MPA Presentation Regarding HB 1125

Dr. Gaughf – Presented questions from the Mississippi Psychological Association (MPA) regarding HB 1125. Discussion occurred regarding HB 1125 and the practice of psychology in Mississippi.

Old Business

Review of Oral Exam Questions

Dr. Yazdani – The subcommittee reviewed and reassessed the oral examination question as discussed during the March 10, 2023, meeting. Dr. Yazdani recommended that the current item remain with no changes and revisions only to the applicant letter.

Dr. Sutton – Motion to accept Dr. Yazdani’s recommendation

Dr. Sly – Second

The motion passed with Dr. Foster voting in opposition. All in attendance participated in the vote.

Rules & Regulation (Chapter 5.1)

Dr. Clark – The subcommittee has been in discussions regarding rule 5.1 and will continue to consider potential changes. The subcommittee will provide recommendations to the Board at a later time.

New Business

Request From ASPPB About Licensing

Dr. Clark – Received request from the Association for State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) regarding licensing processes in Mississippi. Dr. Clark will respond to ASPPB.

Questions From ASPPB About CPQ

Dr. Clark – Reported receiving questions from ASPPB related to Certificate of Professional Qualification (CPQ). Will consider the questions and respond at a later time.

Motion to Enter into Closed Determination Session

Dr. Wheeler - Motion to enter into closed determination session to consider the need to enter into Executive Session

Mr. Cumbest - Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Motion to Enter into Executive Session

In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §25-41-7(1), Miss. Code Ann. §24-41-7(3), & (5):

Dr. Wheeler - Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing candidate status, status of applications, and complaints

Mr. Cumbest - Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Actions Taken During Executive Session

Complaints:

Dr. Sutton – Reported new complaints 230402 and 230503 received and being reviewed. Recommended sending an educational letter and closing complaint 2209009.

Dr. Wheeler – Motion to accept Dr. Sutton’s recommendation for complaint 2209009

Dr. Clark – Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Ms. Morris – Reported on complaint 230201 and recommended sending a letter of compliance.

Dr. Wheeler – Motion to accept Ms. Morris’s recommendation

Dr. Clark – Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Motion to Approve Candidates Who Successfully Passed the Oral Examination for Licensure:

Dr. Yazdani and Dr. Wheeler recommended the following applicants who successfully passed the Oral Examination for licensure: Andrew Magers, Adrian Dreher, Koren Boggs, Elizabeth "Beth" Piazza-Bonin, Tracy Protti.

Dr. Wheeler – Motion to accept Dr. Yazdani’s and Dr. Wheeler’s recommendations

Mr. Cumbest - Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Motion to Approve Candidates for Temporary Practice Certificate:

Dr. Clark recommended ratification of the following applicants for Temporary Practice Certificate: Lucy Adeline Guarnera (VA), Robert Daniel Shaffer (GA).

Dr. Wheeler - Motion to accept Dr. Clark’s recommendation

Mr. Cumbest - Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Motion to Approve Candidates for EPPP:

Dr. Clark recommended the following candidates for the EPPP Examinations: 20230411.

Dr. Wheeler - Motion to accept Dr. Clark’s recommendation

Dr. Sutton - Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

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Motion to Approve Candidates for Oral Examination:

Dr. Clark recommended the following candidates for the Oral Examinations: 20230304, U20230427.

Dr. Wheeler - Motion to accept Dr. Clark's recommendation

Mr. Cumbest - Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Additional Business:

Dr. Clark – Reported a request regarding a prior TPC.

Dr. Sly - Motion to deny the request

Mr. Cumbest - Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Motion to Exit Executive Session:

Dr. Clark - Motion to exit executive session

Mr. Cumbest - Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Motion to Adjourn

Dr. Clark – Motion to adjourn the meeting

Dr. Wheeler – Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted June 9, 2023, and Amended August 11, 2023,

Penni Foster, PhD
Recording Secretary