

## Mississippi Board of Psychology

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**Board Meeting  
June 7, 2024  
Virtual Meeting Via Zoom**

<b><u>Board Attendance</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Molly Clark, Ph.D., Credentialing Coordinator 2023- 2028		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 2023-2028	X	
Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D., Chair 2019-2024	X	
<b><u>Also Present:</u></b> Stacie Sharp, Executive Director Alexis Morris, Esq., Special Assistant Attorney General		

### **Call to Order**

Dr. Yazdani called the meeting to order at 9:32 am. Dr. Yazdani asked for any amendments to the agenda, but no amendments were made.

### **Motion to Approve May 17, 2024, Minutes with Amendments**

Dr. Sly – Motion to approve May 17, 2024, minutes with no amendments

Mr. Cumbest - Second

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

### **Treasurer Report**

Dr. Sly – MS Board of Psychology and the MS Autism Board are operating within budget. Financial operations of both Boards are in good standing.

Ms. Sharp asked for funds to purchase a projector for the MS Board of Psychology.

Dr. Wheeler – Motion to approve purchase of projector

Dr. Sutton - Second

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

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## **CE Coordinator Report**

Dr. Wheeler – Reported continuing renewals of licenses for the practice of psychology.

## **Chair Report**

Dr. Yazdani – Reported she is continuing to draft an outline of duties for the Board chair.

Reported on the positive results of the executive director evaluation. She stated these results were reviewed with the executive director.

Dr. Yazdani stated that she reached out to ASPPB regarding civil commitment training but has not received a response. She reported that she will continue to explore future civil commitment training options.

Dr. Yazdani reported that she attended the PsyPact New Commissioner training.

## **Executive Director Report**

Ms. Sharp – Requested permission to order bags for the MPA annual convention.

Mr. Cumbest – Motion to approve order of bags for MPA annual convention

Dr. Wheeler - Second

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

Ms. Sharp reported on cybersecurity software planning by the Mississippi Information Technology Services (ITS), noting that timeline of implementation for the Board is unknown at this 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. Sutton -Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing candidate status, status of applications, personnel issues, 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 – Recommended that complaint 240202 be closed.

Dr. Wheeler - Motion to accept Dr. Sutton's recommendation to close complaint 240202

Mr. Cumbest - Second

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

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## **Candidates**

### **Motion to Ratify Candidates for Temporary Practice Certificate**

Dr. Yazdani recommended ratification of the following applicant for Temporary Practice Certificate: Heather Elise Leash (CA).

Dr. Foster - Motion to accept Dr. Yazdani's recommendation

Dr. Wheeler - Second

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

### **Motion to Ratify Applicant for EPPP Examination**

Dr. Yazdani recommended ratifying the following applicant for the EPPP Examination: 20240303.

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

Mr. Cumbest - Second

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

### **Motion to Approve Candidates for Oral Examination**

Dr. Yazdani recommended the following candidates for the Oral Examinations: 20230803, 20230517, 20230910.

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

Dr. Sutton - 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. Sutton and Dr. Yazdani recommended the following applicants who successfully passed the Oral Examination for licensure: Ina Simpson, Laura Drislane, Michael Walsh, Mary Sheree Bailey.

Dr. Wheeler – Motion to accept Dr. Sutton's and Dr. Yazdani's recommendations

Dr. Sutton - Second

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

## **Executive Director Salary**

Dr. Yazdani - Motion to increase the executive director salary as the budgets allow to \$68,000 per year for FY2026 with the Board of Autism continuing to pay 22.73% of the executive director salary.

Mr. Cumbest – Second

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

## **Motion to Exit Executive Session**

Dr. Sly - Motion to exit executive session

Mr. Cumbest - Second

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

## **Old Business**

### **Board Presentation to MPA**

Dr. Yazdani - The Board's proposed presentation at the MPA 2024 annual convention has been submitted but not yet approved by MPA. Further discussion will continue once approval is received.

### **Pilot Program for EPPP Preparation**

Dr. Sly – Provided additional information on an external pilot program for EPPP preparation for individuals with difficulty passing the examination.

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### **New Business**

#### **EPPP-2**

Dr. Yazdani- Discussion of ASPPB's mandate that all board's implement EPPP-2 in 2026. It was noted that changes to written or examination requirements for MS licensure requires legislative-approved revisions to MS statute and revisions to the Rules and Regulations.

#### **MS Code of 1972, 73-31**

Dr. Yazdani – Led discussion about MS Code of 1972, 73-31, and any proposed changes for the 2025 legislative session. It was noted that 73-31 is set to sunset in 2025, and the statute will need to be presented at the 2025 legislative session for renewal. Statute was reviewed by the Board for any potential changes.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Dr. Sutton– Motion to adjourn the meeting

Mr. Cumbest – Second

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

Adjourned at 11:24 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Penni Foster, PhD  
Recording Secretary

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