

Mississippi Board of Psychology

**Board Meeting
December 6, 2024
Woolfolk Building
Jackson, MS**

<u>Board Attendance</u>		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Kevin Armstrong, Ph.D.	2024-2029	X	
Molly Clark, Ph.D., Credentialing Coordinator	2023- 2028		X
Chris Cumbest, M.Div, Chair and 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	
<u>Also Present:</u> Stacie Sharp, Executive Director Alexis Morris, Esq., Special Assistant Attorney General Lisa Yazdani, PhD, PSYPACT Commissioner			

Call to Order

Mr. Cumbest called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Mr. Cumbest asked for amendments to the agenda, but no amendments were made.

Mr. Cumbest asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

Dr. Wheeler – Motion to approve agenda

Dr. Sutton - Second

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

Motion to Approve October 25, 2024, Minutes

Mr. Cumbest asked for any amendments to the minutes, but no amendments were made.

Dr. Sutton – Motion to approve October 25, 2024, minutes

Dr. Wheeler - Second

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

Treasurer Report

Mr. Cumbest – Mr. Cumbest presented the budget for the MS Board of Psychology and the MS Autism Board since Dr. Sly was absent. Both boards are operating within budget.

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CE Coordinator Report

Dr. Wheeler – No report

PSYPACT Commissioner

Dr. Yazdani – Reported on the PSYPACT utilization for Mississippi and the recent meeting of the PSYPACT Commission.

Chair Report

Mr. Cumbest – No report

Executive Director Report

Ms. Sharp – Reported on the Board's compliance with the guidelines from the Secretary of State's office regarding public meetings.

Dr. Yazdani left the meeting at 9:18 am.

Motion to Enter into Closed Determination Session

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

Dr. Sutton - 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

Dr. Wheeler - Second

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

Actions Taken During Executive Session

Complaints

Dr. Armstrong recused himself from the discussion and left the meeting at 9:21 am.

Dr. Sutton – Reported a recommendation to close complaint 240801. Because a quorum was not present, the recommendation was tabled until the next meeting.

Dr. Armstrong rejoined the meeting at 9:26 am.

Candidates

Motion to Approve Candidates for Oral Examination:

Dr. Foster recommended the following candidates for the Oral Examinations: 20240906.

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

Dr. Sutton - Second

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

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Motion to Ratify Predoctoral Non-Applicants for EPPP Examination:

Dr. Foster recommended ratifying the following predoctoral non-applicant for EPPP Examination: E20241117.

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

Dr. Sutton - Second

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

Motion to Ratify Applicants for EPPP Examination:

Dr. Foster recommended ratifying the following applicants for the EPPP Examination: 20240717.

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

Dr. Armstrong - Second

The motion passed unanimously by those participating in the vote.

Motion to Exit Executive Session

Dr. Sutton – Motion to exit executive session

Dr. Armstrong - Second

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

Old Business

Statute Updates

Dr. Foster – Reported that the Board's recent recommended updates to the MS Code of 1972, 73-31, were communicated to the Mississippi Psychological Association (MPA).

ASPPB Annual Meeting Update

Mr. Cumbest - Reported on the recent ASPPB meeting and ASPPB's most current recommendations regarding the EPPP examination.

Civil Commitment Training

Ms. Sharp – Reviewed the current options for civil commitment training, and the Board discussed training options for the future.

Motion to Enter into Closed Determination Session

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

Dr. Sutton - 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 oral examinations

Dr. Armstrong - Second

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

Actions Taken During Executive Session

Oral Exam Review

Dr. Foster – Reviewed guidelines of the oral examination and led discussion of potential areas of clarification and improvement.

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Motion to Exit Executive Session

Dr. Armstrong – Motion to exit executive session

Dr. Wheeler – Second

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

Motion to Adjourn

Dr. Wheeler – Motion to adjourn the meeting

Dr. Sutton – Second

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

Adjourned at 11:29 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Penni Foster, PhD
Recording Secretary

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