

Mississippi Board of Psychology

Board Meeting November 7, 2025 Virtual Meeting by Zoom

<u>Board Attendance</u>		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Kevin Armstrong, Ph.D., CE Coordinator	2024-2029	X	
Molly Clark, Ph.D., Credentialing Coordinator	2023- 2028		X
Chris Cumbest, M.Div, Treasurer and Public Member	2022-2027	X	
Penni Foster, Ph.D., Recording Secretary	2021-2026	X	
Kaye Sly, Ph.D., PSYPACT Commissioner	2021-2026	X	
Monica Sutton, Ph.D., Chair	2022-2027	X	
Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., Executive Secretary	2023-2028	X	
<u>Also Present:</u> Stacie Sharp, Executive Director Phillips Strickland, Esq., Special Assistant Attorney General			

Call to Order

Dr. Sutton called the meeting to order at 10:32 am.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Dr. Sutton asked for amendments to the agenda, but no amendments were made.

Dr. Sutton asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

Mr. Cumbest – Motion to approve agenda

Dr. Armstrong - Second

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

Motion to Approve September 25, 2025, Minutes

Dr. Sutton asked for any amendments to the minutes, but no amendments were made.

Dr. Armstrong – Motion to approve September 25, 2025, minutes as written

Dr. Wheeler - Second

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

Treasurer Report

Mr. Cumbest –Presented the budget for the MS Board of Psychology and the MS Autism Board. Mr. Cumbest reported that both boards are operating within budget, and financial operations are in good standing.

CE Coordinator Report

Dr. Armstrong – No report at this time.

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PSYPACT Commissioner Report

Dr. Sly – Will attend the PSYPACT Commission Annual Meeting on November 16th through 17th.

Chair Report

Dr. Sutton – Provided an update of the recent ASPPB meeting.

Executive Director Report

Ms. Sharp – Reported on recent travel reimbursements for attendance at professional meetings. She also provided an update about her attendance at the recent ASPPB meeting.

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

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):

Mr. Cumbest - Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing candidate status, status of applications, complaints, and oral exam materials.

Dr. Armstrong - Second

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

Actions Taken During Executive Session

Complaints

Dr. Wheeler – Reported on complaint 260901 and recommended the complaint be closed.

Mr. Cumbest – Motion to accept Dr. Wheeler’s recommendation

Dr. Sly – Second

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

Dr. Wheeler – Reported on complaint 261003 and stated that a cease and desist letter was mailed. The letter will also be sent by email.

Dr. Wheeler – Motion to refer this issue to the Mississippi Department of Education

Dr. Armstrong – Second

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

Dr. Wheeler – Reported on complaint 261002 and stated that the complaint is being investigated.

Candidates

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

Dr. Armstrong recommended the following applicants who successfully passed the Oral Examination for licensure: Joni Utley, Caitlin Green, Sasha Lambert, Katelyn Sharpe.

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

Mr. Cumbest - Second

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

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

Dr. Sly recommended the following applicants who successfully passed the Oral Examination for licensure: Jacqueline Philpott.

Mr. Cumbest- Motion to accept Dr. Sly's recommendation

Dr. Wheeler - 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. Foster and Dr. Sutton recused themselves from the discussion and the vote.

Dr. Sly recommended the following applicants who successfully passed the Oral Examination for licensure: Erica Smolinski, Jacob Steggerda.

Dr. Armstrong - Motion to accept Dr. Sly's recommendation

Dr. Wheeler - Second

The motion passed unanimously by those participating in the vote.

Motion to Approve Candidates for EPPP:

Dr. Sutton recommended the following candidates for the EPPP Examination: 20250627, 20250630, 20241230, 20250903, 20250909.

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

Mr. Cumbest - Second

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

Motion to Ratify Predoctoral Non-Aplicants for EPPP Examination:

Dr. Sutton recommended ratifying the following predoctoral non-applicant for the EPPP Examination: E20251012, E20251003.

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

Mr. Cumbest - Second

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

Motion to Ratify Candidates for Temporary Practice Certificate:

Dr. Sutton recommended ratification of the following applicant for Temporary Practice Certificate: Robert Daniel Shaffer (GA).

Dr. Armstrong - Motion to accept Dr. Sutton'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. Sutton recommended the following candidates for the Oral Examination: 20250422, U20250729, 20250624, 20250914, U20250820.

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

Dr. Armstrong - Second

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

Motion To Deny Candidate's Application Sit for Oral Examination:

Dr. Sutton brought forth the following candidate's application for oral examination:

U20250806. Applicant's application to sit for oral examination is denied under Miss. Code Ann. § 73-50-

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2(3)(a) and (b) because the Board has determined that applicant is not qualified to perform the scope of practice permitted under a Mississippi psychologist license

Dr. Sutton - Motion that the candidate's application to sit for oral examination is denied

Dr. Wheeler – Second

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

Oral Exam Materials

Dr. Foster recommended updates to oral exam materials, including guidelines, forms, and instructions.

Mr. Cumbest – Motion to approve Dr. Foster's recommendations

Dr. Armstrong – Second

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

Motion to Exit Executive Session

Dr. Wheeler – Motion to exit executive session

Mr. Cumbest - Second

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

Old Business

Civil Commitment Training

Dr. Armstrong – Reported that he is developing the new civil commitment training modules, and testing is the next phase.

New Business

No new business

Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Cumbest – Motion to adjourn the meeting

Dr. Wheeler – Second

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

Adjourned at 12:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Penni Foster, PhD
Recording Secretary

November 7, 2025