

# Mississippi Board of Psychology

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## Board Meeting January 9, 2026 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	
Dannell Roberts, Ph.D. 2025-2028	X	
Sarah Irby, Ph.D. 2025-2029	X	
<b><u>Also Present:</u></b> Stacie Sharp, Executive Director Phillips Strickland, Esq., Special Assistant Attorney General		

### **Call to Order**

Dr. Sutton called the meeting to order at 10:09 am.

### **Motion to Approve Agenda**

Dr. Sutton asked for amendments to the agenda. Dr. Clark added recognition of former Board members to New Business. Dr. Sutton added an update about the response to MPA about the MS statue 73-31 to Old Business.

Dr. Sutton asked for approval of the meeting agenda as amended.

Mr. Clark – Motion to approve agenda

Dr. Wheeler - Second

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

### **Welcome of New Board Members and Administration of Oath of Office**

Dr. Sutton welcomed new Board members, Dr. Dannell Roberts and Dr. Sarah Irby. Phillips Strickland administered the Oath of Office, and both Dr. Roberts and Dr. Irby verbalized and attested to the Oath of Office.

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## **Motion to Approve December 5, 2025, Minutes**

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

Dr. Clark – Motion to approve December 5, 2025, minutes as written

Dr. Armstrong - 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 – Reported that he is reviewing licensee requests for approval of educational events for continuing education hours.

## **PSYPACT Commissioner Report**

Dr. Sly – Reminded the Board that the PSYPACT Commission Rule 10 is open for public comment.

## **Chair Report**

Dr. Sutton – Discussed a potential upcoming Board retreat for training about Board roles and processes. Reported that the American Psychological Association’s Model Licensing Act is available for review. Reminded Board members that they should recuse themselves from any discussions or votes when conflicts of interest exist.

## **Executive Director Report**

Ms. Sharp – Discussed potential training opportunities for the upcoming Board retreat.

## **Motion to Enter into Closed Determination Session**

Dr. Clark - 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, and complaints.

Dr. Clark - Second

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

## **Actions Taken During Executive Session**

### **Complaints**

Dr. Wheeler – Reported that complaint 261002 is currently being investigated.

### **Candidates**

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

Dr. Foster recommended the following applicants who successfully passed the Oral Examination for licensure: Paul Case, Tommy Davis.

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

Dr. Wheeler - Second

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

#### **Motion For Candidates Who Did Not Successfully Pass the Oral Examination for Licensure:**

Dr. Foster recommended the following applicant did not successfully pass the Oral Examination for licensure and must retake Sections 2 and 3: 20250624.

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

Dr. Armstrong - 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. Sly recommended the following applicants who successfully passed the Oral Examination for licensure: Arthur Bennett, Roxana Eubanks.

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 for Oral Examination:**

Dr. Clark recommended the following candidates for the Oral Examination: 20250618, 20250313.

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

Dr. Armstrong - Second

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

#### **Motion to Ratify Predoctoral Non-Applicants for EPPP Examination:**

Dr. Clark recommended ratifying the following predoctoral non-applicant for the EPPP Examination: E20251211.

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 Examination: 20250911.

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

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.

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### **Old Business**

#### **Civil Commitment Training**

Dr. Armstrong – Reported that the development of the new civil commitment training online module is ongoing, and the module is currently being tested.

#### **Response to MPA About MS Statute 73-31**

Dr. Clark - Discussed a response to the Mississippi Psychological Association (MPA) regarding the Board's prior recommended updates to MS Statute 73-31 for consideration in the future.

Mr. Cumbest – Motion to approve the response and submit it to MPA

Dr. Wheeler – Second

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

### **New Business**

#### **Former Board Member Recognition**

Dr. Clark- Discussion of recognition of service for Board members.

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

Dr. Clark – Motion to adjourn the meeting

Mr. Cumbest – Second

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

Adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Penni Foster, PhD  
Recording Secretary

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