

MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

*Marriott Courtyard Hotel
Gulfport, Mississippi*

Board Meeting

September 13, 2013

Minutes

Members Present

John Askew, Ph.D.	CE Coordinator	2013-2018
Patricia Alexander, Ph.D.	Recording Secretary	2012-2018
Karen Christoff, Ph.D.	Recording Secretary	2011-2016
Donald Hinton	Public Member	2012-2017
C. Gerald O'Brien, Ph.D.	Credentialing Coordinator	2009-2014
Joe Olmi, PhD.	Credentialing Coordinator	2012-2017
Jefferson Parker, Ph.D.	Chair	2010-2015

Also Present

Pamela Banks, Ph.D.	Treasurer	2007-2012
Philip Cooker, Ph.D.	CE Coordinator	2007-2013
Angela J. Koestler, Ph.D.	Executive Secretary	2008-2013
Onetta Whitley, Esq	Attorney General Representative to the Board	
Hy Crocker	Board Administrator	

Not Present

Mardi Allen, Ph.D

Chair's Call to Order

Dr. Parker called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. He asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. The agenda was approved on a motion by Dr. O'Brien, seconded by Dr. Koestler, and passed unanimously.

Dr. Parker introduced the Board members to the ten (10) attendees **Chair's Report**

Dr. Parker reported that during FY 2013, the Board met eight (8) times, and he expressed appreciation for Dr. Koestler's, Dr. Cooker's, and Dr. Banks' service to the board.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Koestler reported on the status of complaints and investigations. Of the six (6) new complaints investigated in FY 2013, one (1) psychologist's license was revoked and two (2) investigations reveal there was insufficient evidence of an ethical violation therefore they were dismissed. Three are still pending.

During FY 2013, the Board has launched a new website, which allows license renewals to be accomplished online, and paid by credit card. Fifty-eight (58) psychologists used this service for their license renewals for 2013-2014.

On August 13, 2013, the Board office received notification from the Governor's office that the following appointments to the Board had been made: Mr. Donald E. Hinton, Jr. was appointed as the Public Member, with a term of 2012-2017. Dr. Bank's term ended on June 30, 2012 and her replacement is Dr. Joe Olmi. Dr. Cooker's and Dr. Koestler's terms ended on June 30, 2013, and they have been replaced by John Askew and Patricia Alexander, respectively.

Treasurer Report

Dr. Banks reported that the Board's budget for FY 2013, as approved by the State Legislature, was \$124,668.00. Beginning funds for FY 2013 were \$118,671.00, and total revenue was \$108,671.00, giving the Board \$227,073.00 available. Expenditures for FY 2013 were \$116,983.00. Current balance in the State Treasury is \$110,983.

Credential Coordinator Report

Dr. O'Brien reported on the Board's agreement with ASPPB for using the PLUS system. The Board has licensed eighteen (18) psychologists using the PLUS system, and an additional thirty nine (39) applicants are in progress in the system. Ten (10) psychologists were granted emeritus status for the FY12 renewal period. Twenty (20) applicants took the EPPP, and eighteen (18) earned a passing score, with the two (2) individuals that did not pass the exam remaining in the application process. Oral examinations were conducted four (4) times with thirteen (13) candidates passing these exams on the first administration, three (3) candidates were deferred and two (2) of these passed on the second attempt. The remaining candidate withdrew their application.

As of July 1, 2013, there were twenty three (23) active applications. Sixteen (16) candidates were issued a permanent license to practice psychology in Mississippi and an additional seven (7) psychologists were newly licensed to practice psychology in Mississippi on August 9, 2013. During FY 2013, nine psychologists holding licenses to practice in other jurisdictions were granted the right of temporary practice in Mississippi.

Continuing Education Report

Dr. Cooker reported that there are three hundred ninety licensed psychologists. There were thirty-three (33) non-renewals.

For the fiscal year, ending June 30, 2013, license renewals required reporting of Continuing Education (CE) activities since July 1, 2011. The Board performed a random audit of CE hours reported by fifty (50) psychologists, and all fifty (50) produced the appropriate documentation of their required CE hours

Comments and Questions from the Audience

Dr. Parker asked the audience for comments or questions. There was one question regarding record transfer, apparently occasioned by the CE workshop provided by the Board the previous day. The topic seems of sufficient interest that the Board may consider offering an additional workshop in the area at the 2014 meeting of the Mississippi Psychological Association.

Non Board members were released and a motion was made by Dr. O'Brien, and seconded by Dr. Christoff to consider going into Executive Session to discuss applicants and complaints. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Parker, and seconded by Dr. O'Brien to go into Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

Actions Taken in Executive Session

Applications

Dr. Christoff made a motion, seconded by Dr. Parker to approve the following individuals to take the oral in November:

Daniel Johnson
Lore Dickey
Walter Ware
Lisa Ansel
Pamela Jones
John Huber

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Whitley reported to the Board that there are three outstanding complaints, one of which will need a date set for a hearing.

A motion was made by Mr. Hinton, seconded by Dr. O'Brien to exit Executive Session.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Christoff and seconded by Dr. O'Brien to approve the minutes for August 9, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Annual Report to the Governor

A motion was made by Dr. O'Brien and seconded by Dr. Christoff to approve the annual report to the governor. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominations for Board Positions

A motion was made by Dr. Christoff and seconded by Dr. O'Brien to accept the following slate of positions of Board members for the upcoming year:

Executive Secretary – Dr. O'Brien
Treasurer – Dr. Christoff
Credentialing Coordinator –
Continuing Education Coordinator – John Askew
Chair – Jeff Parker
Recording Secretary – Pat Alexander

The motion passed unanimously

Calendar for 2014

A motion was made by Dr. Alexander and seconded by Dr. O'Brien to accept the following Calendar for 2014:

Oral Examinations will be held on:

November 15, 2013
February 7, 2014
May 2, 2014
August 1, 2014
October 3, 2014
November 7, 2014

Board Meetings will be held on:

November 1, 2013 for Hearing
November 15, 2013
January 10, 2014
February 7, 2014
March 7, 2014 if needed
April 4, 2014
May 2, 2014
June 6, 2014
July 11, 2014 if needed
August 1, 2014
September 21, 2014 at the Mississippi Psychological Association meeting
October 3, 2014
November 7, 2014

The motion passed unanimously.

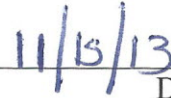
Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 12:52 pm by Dr. O'Brien seconded by Dr. Parker and passed unanimously.

Next Board Meeting will be held on November 15 at the Woolfolk Building in Jackson, MS



Karen Christoff, Recording Secretary



Date