

# Board of Psychology

December 4, 2015

Woolfolk Building

Jackson, Mississippi

<b>Karen Christoff, Ph.D.</b>	<b>Executive Secretary</b>	<b>2011-2016</b>
<b>Joe Olmi, Ph.D.</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>2012-2017</b>
<b>John Askew, Ph.D.</b>	<b>CE Coordinator</b>	<b>2013-2018</b>
<b>Jefferson, Parker, Ph.D.</b>	<b>Credentialing Coordinator</b>	<b>2010-2015</b>
<b>Donald Hinton, Esq.</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>2012-2017</b>
<b>Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D.</b>	<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>2014-2019</b>
<b>Patricia Alexander, Ph.D.</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>2012-2017</b>
<b>David Scott, Esq.</b>	<b>Board Attorney</b>	
<b>Hy Crocker</b>	<b>Board Administrator</b>	
<b>C. Nina Jannik, Ph.D.</b>	<b>Board Assistant</b>	
<b>Mardi, Allen, Ph.D.</b>	<b>Board Consultant</b>	
<b>Denise DeRossette</b>	<b>Board Financial Officer</b>	

## Not Present

**Donald Hinton, Esq.**                      **Public Member - Chair**

## Call to Order

**Dr. Christoff called the meeting to order at 9.03, a.m. She asked if there were any changes to the agenda. None were indicated.**

## Approval of the Minutes:

**A motion was made by Dr. Yazdani, seconded by Dr. Olmi to accept the September 17<sup>th</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 minutes. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting**

## CE Audit Report:

**Ms. Crocker presented the CE report as Dr. Askew had informed her he would be arriving late to the meeting. Ms. Crocker reported that the CE**

**audit is completed. There are 4 psychologists who received extensions to complete their CE requirements for compliance.**

**Post-Doctoral Requirements:**

**The board had a discussion on the post-doctoral requirements and agreed that there is a need of revisions for clarification and consistencies. A motion was made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Dr. Yazdani to use APA Post-Doc Guidelines to assist in decision-making about immediate issues until the Rules and Regulations of the Mississippi Board of Psychology can be revised to reflect needed specifications. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.**

**Dr. Parker suggested that in the revision to the Rules, language regarding CE Audits should be added. It was suggested that the Rules specify what actions could be taken for non-compliance with the CE Audit.**

**Mr. Scott advised that when the Rules and Regulations are changed, the community at large has the opportunity to request a public hearing on the proposed changes.**

**Data System:**

**The Board listened to a presentation by U.S. NEXT on a proposal for the development of a new customized data system. The presentation included information on the functionality, support, project management and estimated cost.**

**Financials:**

**Denise De Rossette, the Board financial officer, presented a summary of the Board finances for FY16 which included expense by vendor totaling \$49,109.66 and revenue of \$33,169.14. As of December 3, 2015, the board has available funds of \$69,345.90 for the remaining of FY16.**

**Consideration for Executive Session:**

**A motion was made by Dr. Alexander, seconded by Dr. Olmi to consider the need to go into Executive Session to discuss applicants and any investigations. The motion passed unanimously, with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.**

**A motion was made by Dr. Alexander, seconded by Dr. Yazdani to go into Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously, with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.**

**Actions taken in Executive Session:**

**Dr. Christoff asked the Credentialing Coordinator to report actions taken during Executive Session.**

**APPLICATION**

**Dr. Parker reported that the following candidates were approved for the next administration of the Oral examination which is scheduled for February 5, 2016.**

**Candidate 10192015, and to honor the requests for a temporary license.**

**Candidate 02232015**

**Candidate 05042015.**

**Candidate 05282015**

**On Candidate 05082015 after reviewing his post-doctoral supervision hours, the Board reaffirms an earlier decision to approve Candidate for orals, pending receipt of EPPP score. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Hinton and Dr. Askew absent and not voting.**

**An individual submitted their Missouri post-doctoral supervision plan for licensure on deficits. The board approved this plan to meet MS post-doctoral supervision requirement.**

**On Candidate 01202015 the board voted to refund their oral fee and agreed to accept supervised hours obtained through their current employment, and retroactive to the beginning of that employment provided they have obtained the required number of supervision hours for Postdoctoral requirements.**

**Candidate12042013 was closed due to lack of completion.**

**(Executive Session was suspended so that the Board could listen to the presentation by ProsonITech).**

**Dr. Askew arrived at the meeting.**



### **Data System:**

**The Board listened to a second presentation by ProsonITech on a second proposal for the development of a new customized data system. The presentation included information on functionality, support, project management and estimated cost.**

**A motion was made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Dr. Yazdani to go with ProsonITech's proposal. This passed unanimously with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.**

**As previously agreed, Executive Session was continued after the presentation.**

**Dr. Christoff asked the Credentialing Coordinator to report actions taken during the second half of the Executive Session.**

**A Temporary Practice Certificate has been issued to Stephen Thorne which is good through November 24, 2016.**

**Investigation 07132015 has received cease and desist letters from DMH and the LPC Board. Dr. Olmi will contact the Dean of William Carey University to discuss how students may present/misrepresent their practice areas.**

**Concerning the two psychologists who have been indicted for fraud, the Board has open investigation files on each of them and will wait and see if they are found guilty before any further action are taken .**

**The Board requested that Dr. Allen and Ms. Crocker provide them with job descriptions. Ms. Crocker was asked to look into the logistics of having a strategic planning retreat in January at the time of the Board meeting. The focus would be revision or the Rules and Regulations, which is being tabled until that time.**

### **New Business:**

**Dr. Randy Burke has contacted the Board about a telehealth presentation. Dr. Allen will contact him for clarification on what exactly he is requesting.**

**Dr. Allen reported that she attended the Autism Board meeting concerning the final draft of their rules and regulations. There appears to be sufficient**


**exclusionary language concerning licensed psychologists who are trained to practice behavior analysis. The Autism Board anticipates being ready to receive applicants in early 2016.**

**Adjournment:**

**A motion was made by Dr. Yazdani and seconded by Dr. Alexander to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Mr. Hinton absent and not voting. The Board adjourned at 3:15 p.m.**

**Next Board meeting will be held on January 8, 2016, starting 9:00 a.m.**

**Respectively submitted**



**Dr. Lisa Yazdani**



**Date**