

**Board of Psychology**  
**October 16, 2015**  
**Woolfolk Building**  
**Jackson, MS**

**Present:**

Karen Christoff, Ph.D.	Executive Secretary	2011-2016
Joe Olmi, Ph.D.	Treasurer	2012-2017
John Askew, Ph.D.	CE Coordinator	2013-2018
Jefferson, Parker, Ph.D.	Credentialing Coordinator	2010-2015
Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D.	Recording Secretary	2014-2019
Patricia Alexander, Ph.D.	Member	2012-2017
Donald Hinton, Esq.	Public Member – Chair	2012-2017
Hy Crocker	Board Administrator	
Onetta Whitley, Esq.	Board Attorney	
Mardi Allen, Ph.D.	Board Consultant	

**Not Present:**

C. Nina Jannik, Ph.D.                      Board Assistant

**Call To Order:**

Mr. Hinton called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. He asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Dr. Parker made a motion, seconded by Dr. Christoff made a motion that the agenda be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

**Acceptance of the Minutes:**

A motion was made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Dr. Christoff to accept the minutes, with edits. The motion passed unanimously.

**Consideration for Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Dr. Askew, seconded by Dr. Alexander to consider the need to go into Executive Session to discuss applicants and investigations. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Dr. Alexander to go into Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously.

**Actions taken in Executive Session:**

Mr. Hinton asked the Credentialing Coordinator to report actions taken during Executive Session.

Dr. Parker reported that having passed their oral examination held prior to the Board meeting, the following candidates have meet all requirements for licensure.

**Quinton Edwards**  
**Andrew Hadden**  
**Tonya Hays**

**Mathew Holcomb**  
**Melanie Leuty Blackwell**  
**Robert Moss**  
**Stacy Parkin**

A decision on **Candidate 11072014** was deferred pending clarification on several oral examination domains.

**Candidate 01202015** failed to achieve the passing criteria on the oral examination.

**Candidate 07072014** failed to achieve the passing criteria on the oral examination for a second time; therefore the application will be retired.

The Board approved the actions of the Credentialing Coordinator to honor the request of **Candidate 03162015** to delay the oral examination until the February 5, 2016.

The Board approved the actions of the Credentialing Coordinator to honor the request of **Candidate 04122015** to delay the oral examination until the February 5, 2016 administration. The Board also granted the candidate's request for a temporary license.

**Candidates 06162015 and 04242015** were approved for the February 5, 2016 administration of the oral examinations and to honor the candidates' requests for temporary licenses.

**Candidate 02092015** was approved for the February 5, 2016 administration of the oral examinations.

**Candidate 12042013** will be notified that substantial progress on the open application must be made before the December 4, 2015 Board meeting in order to keep the file active; otherwise the file will be closed on that date.

A psychologist will be notified that the Postdoctoral Supervision Plan developed to meet the requirements for MO licensure will be sufficient for MS as well. The psychologist may retain an active MS license while completing the post-doctoral year for MO.

Dr. Lisa Yazdani left at 1:30 p.m.

### **Investigation**

Action on Investigation **07132915** includes corresponding with MS DMH to clarify proper usage of the Provisionally Certified Mental Health Therapist (PCMHT) credentials and advertising via social media, corresponding with the identified individual concerning proper advertising to the public and corresponding with chair of the William Carey, Counseling Psychology Department concerning proper advertising of their graduates to the public.

The Board will forward a request for investigation to the AG's office of Consumer Protection on a professional who is not licensed as a psychologist in MS.

## **Civil Commitment Update**

After a long discussing the Board voted that Dr. Askew will be the contact person on the Civil Commitment Training with Dr. Macvaugh. Dr. Askew will contact Dr. Macvaugh and ask him to put a packet together of study material along with a copy of the written exam that he already has, to complete the requirement of the 12 candidates that are seeking the certification before the next board meeting.

It was also discussed that we need to develop a list of mentors that do civil commitment evaluations. The board also agrees to offer CE hours for candidates seeking certification to watch a civil commitment evaluation in a live court.

## **CE Audit Report for FY15**

Dr. Askew reported that the CE audits are progressing well and will report at the December 4, 2015 meeting.

The Board received a request from a Psychologist who submitted an agenda for an upcoming Wicked Problems V: Meeting the Grand Challenges of Child Welfare conference for review for CE's. After a discussion, board recommended that he would need to submit more information after attending the conference to receive more than 3 CE hours for attending a conference.

The Board voted to send a roster of all license psychologists to all board approved providers at no charge.

## **Financial Report**

Dr. Olmi indicated that there was an error FY15 Annual Governor Report. The available cash at year end was \$129,069 (not the \$240,890). The \$240,890 number was the total revenue with the beginning cash.

The correct figures are: Beginning Cash \$119,740 + FY15 Revenue \$121,150 TOTAL Cash \$240,890. Less Expenses of \$111,821 and ending Cash of \$129,069.

Financial report for FY16: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter for FY16 Current Budget is \$124,668 Expenses were \$22,161.45 balance of \$81,124.56. A motion was made by Dr. Olmi, seconder by Dr. Christoff to accept the treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously with Dr. Yazdani as and not voting

## **New Business**

### **Report On MS. Autism Board**

Dr. Olmi attended Autism Board meeting in October and announced that the Rules & Regulation are on their website for public comment.

### **Report From ASPPB Meeting**

Those who attended the ASPPB that some of the discussion involved handling complaints concerning VA psychologists who may be licensed in another jurisdiction but working in MS. Participants continued their discussion about board members being market place participants, supervision guideline, the Hoffman Report and how to collect Workforce data.

Ms. Crocker discussed that the Board will be celebrating 50 years of licensure law in 2016. She asked members to think of things that we can do to celebrate.

Ms. Crocker discussed with the board the need to have the Rules & Regulation reviewed and revised. It was decided by the Board for Ms. Crocker to assign sections of the R&R board members and to bring back their revisions to the December meeting.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Dr. Alexander, seconded by Dr. Askew to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Dr. Yazdani absent and not voting. The Board adjourned at 5:40 p.m. Next Board meeting will be held on December 4, 2015 starting at 9:00 a.m., in the Woolfolk Office Building in Jackson, MS.

Respectively submitted



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Dr. Lisa Yazdani  
Recording Secretary

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Date