

**April 7, 2017  
Woolfolk Building  
Jackson, Mississippi**

**Board Members Present:**

<b>Patricia Alexander, Ph.D.</b>	<b>Executive Secretary</b>	<b>2012-2018</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>Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D.</b>	<b>Recording Secretary</b>	<b>2014-2019</b>
<b>Natalie Gaughf, Ph.D.</b>	<b>Credentialing Coordinator</b>	<b>2016-2021</b>
<b>Steve Ellis, Ph.D.</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>2016-2021</b>

**Also Present:**

<b>Helen Crocker</b>	<b>Board Administrator</b>
<b>Mardi Allen, Ph.D.</b>	<b>Board Consultant</b>

**Not Present:**

<b>Don Hinton, Esq.</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>2012-2017</b>
<b>Onetta Whitley, Esq.</b>	<b>Assistant Attorney General</b>	

**Call to Order**

**At 11:58 a.m., Dr. Alexander called the meeting to order and asked for amendments to the agenda. There were none.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Dr. Alexander asked for any changes to the minutes. Dr. Gaughf corrected the spelling of one of the candidate's names and one additional typographical error. Dr. Yazdani made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gaughf, to approve the minutes of the March 10th meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Dr. Gaughf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Askew, to consider closing the meeting to go into executive session. The motion carried.**

**Dr. Ellis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Askew, to go into executive session discuss complaints and applicants. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Actions Taken During Executive Session:**

**Dr. Olmi recused himself from the discussion of USM candidates and left the meeting.**

**Dr. Ellis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Askew, to approve Drs. Batastini, Charles, and Schmidt for licensure, with Dr. Schmidt's approval pending results of the jurisprudence exam.**

**Dr. Olmi re-joined the meeting.**

**Dr. Gaughf made a motion-that candidates 02142017 and 02012017 be approved to take the EPPP; seconded by Dr. Askew. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Dr. Gaughf made a motion to close the files: 02242015, 11192015, 12292014, 11162015, 03112015, and 01262015 due to inactivity seconded by Dr. Askew. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Investigations:**

**Dr. Ellis moved to close case 03202017, seconded by Dr. Olmi. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Dr. Gaughf made a motion to close the investigation of case 10082016 since neither complaint falls under the purview of the Board. Dr. Alexander seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously**

**Dr. Yazdani moved, Dr. Askew seconded, to exit Executive Session. The motion carried.**

**New Business:**

**Dr. Gaughf shared correspondence she received. No action required.**

**Dr. Ellis presented correspondence with one person who wants to complete the Civil Commitment Training. He will follow-up on that.**

**Dr. Alexander reported that she attended an Emergency Support meeting on behalf of the Board. No action required.**

**Dr. Allen will submit a proposal for the Board presentation at the MPA annual convention.**

**Licensure Renewals:**

**The on-line system is now functional. It was discussed and agreed that this year there will be the option of completing renewal on-line, but next year it will be required.**

**Old Business:**

**Dr. Allen gave a legislative update regarding: 1) Appropriations by the legislature; 2) The bill to join the Autism Board with the Psychology Board (did not pass); 3) The Occupational Review Board did go through.**

**Dr. Askew recommended that we allow 18 CE hours for the psychologist who requested these for a conference that we previously discussed. Dr. Askew moved to accept this, seconded by Dr. Ellis. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Finalizing the Rules and Regulations:**

**The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations starting with Chapter 7 and continuing through. Final edits were made through Chapter 11.**

**The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2017<sup>h</sup>.**

**Dr. Yazdani made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Ellis. This motion passed unanimously. The Board adjourned at 5:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**On File**

**6/17/2017**

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**Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D.  
Recording Secretary**

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**Date**