

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

**January 20, 2017
Woolfolk Building
Jackson, Mississippi**

Board Members Present:

Patricia Alexander, Ph.D.	Executive Secretary	2013-2018
Joe Olmi, Ph.D.	Treasurer	2012-2017
John Askew, Ph.D.	CE Coordinator	2013-2018
Natalie Gaughf, Ph.D.	Credentialing Coordinator	2016-2021
Steve Ellis, Ph.D.	Member	2016-2021

Absent:

Donald Hinton, Esq.	Chair	2012-2017
Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D.	Recording Secretary	2014-2019

Also Present:

Onetta Whitley, Esq	Deputy Attorney General
Helen Crocker	Board Administrator
Karen Christoff, Ph.D.	Board Assistant
Mardi Allen, Ph.D.	Board Consultant

Call to Order

At 12:47 p.m., Dr. Alexander called the meeting to order and asked for any amendments to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Ellis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Askew to approve the minutes of the December 2nd meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Dr. Yazdani and Mr. Hinton absent and not voting. Dr. Askew made a motion, seconded by Dr. Olmi to approve the minutes of the December 19th meeting with amendments. The motion passed unanimously with Dr. Yazdani and Mr. Hinton absent and not voting. Dr. Gaughf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ellis to approve the minutes of the December 29th meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Dr. Yazdani and Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

Information from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History:

Dr. Alexander reported on her correspondence with the Mississippi Department of Archives and History regarding storage of Board archives and records. This department has requested that the Board present a plan and schedule by the end of April. Dr. Alexander has

requested that Board Members consider the examples provided and provide her with feedback and recommendations.

Update on Rules and Regulations:

Ms. Crocker reported on suggestions for how to produce the documents on changes to the Rules and Regulations. We will produce 3 documents: Current document with everything struck out, Clean document with changes, and a list of all bullet points of substantial changes. Dr. Olmi suggested that the Board hold open sessions in Oxford, Jackson, and Hattiesburg or the Gulf Coast during the comment period once the revised Rules are posted on the Secretary of State's web page and our web page.

Board Member Training:

Alex Siegel, in conjunction with Ms. Whitley, will be providing a board member training session at the March 10th Board Meeting. Dr. Olmi moved that the Board invite MPA EC members to this session. This motion was Dr. Ellis and passed unanimously with Dr. Yazdani and Mr. Hinton absent and not voting. Dr. Gaughf will send an email invitation to the MPA EC with a RSVP date of March 1.

Executive Session:

Dr. Ellis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Askew to consider going into executive session for discussing oral examinees, applications, and complaints. The motion passed unanimously with Dr. Yazdani and Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

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Actions Taken in Executive Session:

Dr. Alexander asked that Credentialing Coordinator to report actions taken during executive Session. Dr. Gaughf reported the following Candidate 07142016 was approved for the next administration of Orals scheduled for April 7, 2017.

Dr. Gaughf reported Candidate 09122016 was approved to sit for the EPPP. She requested that the Board use her maiden name as her professional name. The Board will request that she submit copies of

appropriate documentation such as her birth certificate and her marriage license.

Candidate 06292016 failed to achieve a passing score on their first attempt of the EPPP. The candidate will be informed the Board found that the accommodations to have been applied appropriately and found no reason to adjust them.

Candidate 10152015 was closed due lack of action

Dr. Gaughf reported that files of Candidate 03072014, Candidate 06232014, and Candidate 02262014 be closed due to being approved to sit for the EPPP for more than one year with no activity.

Dr. Gaughf reported that the following Candidates passed their oral examination held prior to the board meeting and have met all requirements for licensure:

**Daniel Capron
Lacey Herrington
Brooke Norton
Laura Dixon
Andrea Wahba**

Dr. Gaughf reported that Candidate 07182016 did not pass their oral examinations this morning.

Complaint case 11082016 was dismissed for no evidence of ethical violations.

Temporary Practice Certificates were issued to Drs. Reid Schwartz, and Xavier Amador.

Dr. Ellis moved that the Board leave executive session and passed unanimously with Dr. Yazdani and Mr. Hinton absent and not voting.

Civil Commitment Training:

Dr. Ellis reported that he has communicated with Dr. Clark, about providing civil commitment training at the MPA meeting in September. He has spoken with the one applicant who has requested mentorship, and will follow up with the Gulf Coast VA regarding their request for training for four of their psychologists.

Old Business:

Dr. Allen reported on her discussions regarding the question of when postdoctoral supervision can officially begin and what, if any, training and experience criteria are required of postdoctoral supervisors.

Dr. Christoff and Ms. Crocker will add a sentence to the Rules, Regulations regarding the ability of applicants to begin counting hours of post-doctoral supervised training when dissertation is defended, internship, and coursework are completed, and the completion of all degree requirements has been documented by the program director or department chair of the graduate program.

The 5 years post-licensure requirement for supervisors will also be deleted from the proposed Rules and Regulations.

New Business:

Appropriation hearings on the Board's purposed budget were held last week. The Board asked for level spending of \$124,000 as has been approved for the last several years.

There are no bills from the workgroup on boards and commissions that include the Board of Psychology at this time. In SB 2625 the Autism Board would be moved to the Department of Education for administrative support.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be February 17, 2017.



Respectfully Submitted