

Board of Psychology

December 1, 2017
Woolfolk Building
Jackson, Mississippi

Board Attendance

Present Absent

		Present	Absent
John Askew, Ph.D., Chair and Continuing Education Coordinator	2013-2018	X	
Patricia Alexander, Ph.D., Executive Secretary	2013-2018	X Via telephone	
Steve Ellis, Ph.D., Civil Commitment Coordinator	2016-2021		X
Natalie Gaughf, Ph.D., Credentialing Coordinator	2016-2021	X	
Patrick Phelan, O.D., Public Member	2017-2022	X	
Monica Sutton, Ph.D., Treasurer	2017-2022		X
Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D., Recording Secretary	2014-2019	X	

Also Present

Helen Crocker	Board Administrator
Mardi Allen, Ph.D.	Board Consultant
Karen Christoff, Ph.D.	Assistant to Board Administrator

Call to Order

Dr. Askew called the meeting to order at 9:29 pm and asked for amendments to the agenda. The Board agreed to delay discussion of the Rules and Regulations until a future meeting.

Approval of the Minutes

Dr. Yazdani made and Dr. Alexander seconded a motion that the November 3, 2017 minutes be approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously among those in attendance.

Report from the Chair

No report

Report from the Executive Secretary

Dr. Alexander reported that Temporary Practice Certificates (TPCs) have been issued to Drs. Daniel Malcolm Spica and J. Jolene Bailey. In addition, Dr. Tora Brawley meets requirements and will be issued a TPC.

Report from Continuing Education Coordinator

No report

Report from the Treasurer

Ms. Crocker presented the financial report and stated that the Board is “on target” with budget goals. There was no further discussion.

Report from the Consultant

Dr. Allen reported that she has been asked by ASPPB to serve on the Exam Coordination Committee. She also discussed her responses to APA’s questions regarding post-doctoral training requirements.

Dr. Allen asked that Board members respond to surveys when sent and provide more details about the specific duties of their positions for the next meeting.

Report from Management

Ms. Crocker reported that Board records have been digitized by the Institute for the Blind and will be added to the Board data system.

Report from Dr. Gaughf on the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) National Summit

Dr. Gaughf reported on her notes from this meeting. The major issues seem to be related to billing, specifically to Medicaid and Medicare, since these agencies do not currently cover telehealth services. No action is needed by the Board at this time.

Report from Dr. Gaughf on the Statute Work Group

Drs. Gaughf and Allen met with members of the Mississippi Psychological Association Executive Council for continued discussion on proposed statutory changes. After Dr. Gaughf presented prior Board recommendations to the work group, additional statute changes were identified and summarized for the Board to review. The Board made suggestions for the work group to consider. The work group will begin the process of submission of the bill to the legislature.

Old Business

The Board discussed the revisions to the oral exam instructions. Board staff will make the discussed revisions and have the revised version available for the next administration of these exams.

The Board discussed and deleted several questions from the jurisprudence exam and plans to continue reviewing the exam at the next meeting. There was agreement that questions should be written on relevant statutes other than Chapter 31.

The Board discussed the survey sent to newly licensed psychologists and agreed that the survey should be administered online using a program such as Survey Monkey. Dr. Gaughf moved that the Board begin using the revised format immediately and that we begin reviewing results quarterly to determine if there are any trends needing attention. The motion was seconded by Dr. Yazdani and passed unanimously by those in attendance.

The Board discussed a request for information from a forensic psychologist regarding whether or not consultation via telepsychology with an attorney from Mississippi would be approved by the Board, and decided to defer a response until the Board’s attorney can review the request and offer an opinion.

New Business

The Board discussed the memo from Dr. Shoemaker regarding next year’s MPA convention. It was decided that the Board would be interested in doing a lunch and learn presentation and that Dr. Ellis will provide another Civil Commitment workshop. Dr. Allen will respond to MPA on behalf of the Board.

Dr. Yazdani moved and Dr. Phelan seconded a motion to close the open meeting and consider the need for Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

Dr. Yazdani moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of applications, Oral Examinations, and review of complaints. The motion was seconded by Dr. Phelan and passed unanimously by those in attendance.

Actions taken in Executive Session

Additional information on complaint 04212017 will be requested from the VA; investigations on complaints 11132017, 08272017, and 11082017 are ongoing.

Candidate 06242017 was approved to sit for an oral exam in January.

The Board discussed a request for information from a licensed psychologist and will respond in writing.

Adjournment

At 3:30 p.m., Dr. Yazdani made a motion, seconded by Dr. Phelan, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

Next Board Meeting and Oral examination will be January 12, 2018 at the Woolfolk Building in Jackson.

On File

Recording Secretary

Date