

Board of Psychology

October 6, 2017
Woolfolk Building
Jackson, Mississippi

Board Attendance

Present Absent

John Askew, Ph.D., Chair and Continuing Education Coordinator	2013-2018	X	
Patricia Alexander, Ph.D., Executive Secretary	2013-2018	X	
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 1:11 pm and asked for amendments to the agenda. Because Dr. Alexander needed to leave the meeting early, Executive Session was moved up on the agenda.

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

Dr. Alexander 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. Askew and passed unanimously by those in attendance.

Actions taken in Executive Session

After Oral Examinations earlier in the day, the following candidates: Kristy McRaney, Michele Slater, Gina Mire-Manguna, Joy Zelikovsky, John McCoy, and Daniel Barnes, were deemed to have met all criteria for licensure and were approved for Licenses to Practice Psychology in Mississippi.

The application file of Candidate 10132016 is now retired following the candidate's second failed attempt at the Oral Examination this morning.

The Board approved the delay of Oral Examinations for candidates 08252017 and 02012017 at the candidates' requests.

Approval of the September 21, 2017 Minutes

Dr. Yazdani made and Dr. Ellis seconded a motion that the September 21, 2017 minutes be approved as corrected. The motion passed unanimously among those in attendance.

Discussion of the Website

Ms. Crocker reported that she is continuing to have difficulty logging into the Board website. As such, the minutes of the Board are only posted through March 2017. Dr. Askew stated he will work with Ms. Crocker to correct this problem.

Report from Continuing Education Coordinator

Dr. Askew reported that most renewing psychologists have reported all of their continuing education activities and most have entered all of their certificates on line. He will be pulling names for the random audit in the near future.

Report from Civil Commitment Coordinator

Dr. Ellis reported that there were three participants in the civil commitment training offered at the Mississippi Psychological Association meeting in Biloxi last month. All three completed the training, passed the examination, and are awaiting the opportunity to complete their performance samples.

One of these trainees registered on site and the Board approved her participation in this workshop.

Report from Dr. Gaughf on the Statute Work Group

Dr. Gaughf, Dr. Allen, and Ms. Crocker from the Board met with members of the Mississippi Psychological Association Executive Council to discuss proposed statutory changes. This group will meet again on October 26, 2017.

Report on Oral Proceeding on Changes to the Rules and Regulations

Dr. Ellis moved that the Board withdraw the proposed rules and their summary from the Secretary of State's web page. Dr. Yazdani seconded the motion which passed unanimously by those in attendance.

Old Business

Dr. Allen reported on progress on the new Board member packet and asked that the Board develop a description of each Board officers' responsibilities for inclusion in this document.

Dr. Yazdani reported that she cannot attend the PSYPACT meeting in November and encouraged another Board Member to go. Dr. Gaughf agreed to attend if her schedule allows her to do so.

Dr. Kathleen Young contacted Dr. Gaughf requesting a new original licensure certificate. Ms. Crocker stated that she will follow-up on this and make certain Dr. Young gets a replacement licensure certificate.

Evaluation of Management Services

The Board discussed the need to clarify the roles of all Board members and staff and consultants. Issues discussed will be put on upcoming agendas under old business with a goal of solving problems and to help Board business be accomplished more efficiently. It was also pointed out that the Board payroll runs in two periods monthly: 1st – 15th and 15th – 31st.

At 4:55 p.m., Dr. Ellis made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Yazdani seconded the motion which passed unanimously by those in attendance.

Next Board Meeting will be November 3, 2017 at the Woolfolk Building in Jackson
Next Oral examination will be November 3, 2017

On File
Recording Secretary:

11/3/17
Date

