

Board of Psychology

February 2, 2018
Woolfolk Building
Jackson, Mississippi

Board Attendance

Present Absent

Patricia Alexander, Ph.D., Executive Secretary	2013-2018	X	
John Askew, Ph.D., Chair and Continuing Education Coordinator	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
Onetta Whitley, Esq.	Deputy Attorney General
Denise De Rossette	Cornerstone Financial
Karen Christoff, Ph.D.	Assistant to the Board Administrator
Dr. Jim Moore	Autism Board

Call to Order

Dr. Alexander called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and called for amendments to the agenda.
Dr. Yazdani requested the addition of the jurisprudence exam.

Approval of the Minutes

Dr. Yazdani made and Dr. Gaughf seconded a motion to approve the January 12, 2018 minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously among those in attendance.

29 **Report from the Chair**

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31 No report

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33 **Continuing Education Coordinator Report:**

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35 It was reported that 211 out of 415 audits are complete (50%).

- 36 • Of those, 49 (22%) had errors. The most common errors misattributed APA-
37 approval.
- 38 • Six psychologists did not report ethics CEs, but submitted an ethical course
39 (cultural diversity) to count for the ethics/legal requirement. Dr. Askew
40 recommended that the Board allow these.
- 41 • Thirty-three psychologists have to complete additional CE's to meet the
42 requirement (they have 90 days to do so.)
- 43 • Overall, it appears that everyone made a good faith effort to comply with the new
44 procedures.
- 45 • Approximately 75% of renewing psychologists completed both their renewals and
46 submitted their CE certificates on-line.

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48 **Executive Secretary's Report:**

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50 Dr. Alexander, Dr. Allen, Ms. Crocker and Ms. De Rossette attended a legislative hearing
51 regarding the Autism Board. There is an additional \$14,000 available in FY19 to cover expenses
52 in administering the Autism Board.

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54 **Statute Changes:**

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56 Dr. Gaughf reported that SB 2480 is still active. Dr. Allen described two other active bills that
57 could impact the Board of Psychology: SB 2775 and HB 1058 to establish shared administrative
58 services of small boards.

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60 **Autism Board:**

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62 Dr. Jim Moore from the Autism Board joined the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Discussion centered on a
63 possible MOU between the Board of Psychology and the Secretary of State's office with the
64 Secretary of State retaining administrative responsibilities for the Autism Board until the end of
65 FY20. Mr. Nathan Upchurch, Assistant to the Secretary of State, is drafting the MOU and was
66 planning to have it completed by the March 9th Board meeting.

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68 **Planning Meeting:**

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70 Dr. Smallwood has agreed to facilitate the planning meeting on March 2nd and 3rd. She has
71 requested that Board members send her responses to pre-meeting questions.

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73 **Financial Report:**

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75 Ms. De Rossette distributed and discussed the Board's financial report. The Board is generally
76 on track with projections.

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78 **Suggested Changes to the Website:**
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80 There were very few suggestions for changes. Dr. Askew would like to add links for
81 downloadable forms. Ms. De Rossette suggested that we consider adding a module within the
82 data base to collect CE information. There was discussion of links to the statute, which seem to
83 be restricted for some people.
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85 Ms. De Rossette left Board meeting at 1:30 p.m.
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87 **Report from Management:**
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89 The Board has received an inquiry regarding reciprocity the Texas Board. Dr. Alexander will
90 respond with a letter saying that the board does not wish to pursue this at this time.
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92 Ms. Crocker is developing a process for archiving correspondence and letters generated by the
93 Board.
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95 Ms. Crocker and Dr. Alexander are working on a complaint data base.
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97 **Report from the Consultant:**
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99 Dr. Allen will be doing a presentation to residents and interns at the Jackson VAMC on February
100 16th. She encouraged all Board members to attend the upcoming ASPPB mid-year meeting in
101 Savannah in April. Ms. Whitley, Dr. Gaughf, Dr. Alexander, Dr. Allen, Dr. Ellis, Ms. Crocker,
102 and possibly Dr. Sutton will be attending.
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104 **Old Business**
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106 Dr. Yazdani discussed the updated jurisprudence examination questions. Suggestions were made
107 and Dr. Yazdani will update based on the discussion and distribute the updated exam to Board
108 members for comment.
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110 Dr. Alexander reported on two inquiries to which she has sent replies and described a third who
111 is requesting that the Board approve his work in a new setting.
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113 **New Business:**
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115 Dr. Alexander moved to consider the need to go into executive session to review candidates and
116 complaints. Dr. Yazdani seconded this motion. The motion carried.
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118 Dr. Yazdani moved to go into executive session to review candidates and complaints. Dr.
119 Alexander seconded the motion and the motion carried.
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121 **Actions Taken in Executive Session:**
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123 Dr. Yazdani reported the following actions were taken during executive session:
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126 **Oral Examinations:**

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128 Candidate 08212107 was recommended for orals.

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130 **Complaints**

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132 Case 07272017, was closed with no ethical violation found.

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134 Three complaints are still under investigation.

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136 Dr. Gaughf made a motion that the Board consider going into executive session to discuss Ms.
137 Crocker's performance and asked for Ms. Crocker and Dr. Christoff to be excused, with
138 remaining members, Onetta Whitley, Deputy Attorney General and Mardi Allen, Ph.D., Board
139 Consultant to remain. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

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141 Dr. Gaughf made a motion to go into Executive Sessions to discuss Ms. Crocker's performance.
142 Dr. Yazdani seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

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144 **Actions Taken in Executive Session:**

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146 The Board discussed options regarding the contract of the Board Administrator. As more
147 information was needed regarding options, it was agreed that the Board would recess this
148 meeting and would reconvene in Executive Session on February 9th at 2:30 at the office of the
149 Attorney General on the 11th floor of the Walter Sillers Building. Ms. Whitley agreed to make
150 all necessary postings of the meeting.

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152 After much discussion, on February 9th Dr. Gaughf made a motion to terminate the contract of
153 the Board Administrator for the convenience of the Board, effective on February 23rd with
154 continued payment on her contract until March 31st as is consistent with her contract. Dr.
155 Yazdani seconded the motion. The motion carried with Drs. Askew, Ellis, Gaughf, Sutton, and
156 Yazdani voting in favor and Dr. Alexander opposing.

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158 The Board voted to engage in an emergency contract for administrator beginning on or around
159 February 23rd and ending on or about June 30th.

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162 **Adjournment**

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164 The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m. on February 9th.

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167 Next Board Meeting is March 9th at the Woolfolk building. The Board will also have planning
168 days March 2 & 3 at Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond.

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172 Recording Secretary

Date