

Board of Psychology

Board Meeting
April 6, 2018
Woolfolk Annex Building, Room 204
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

Mardi Allen, Ph.D.	Board Consultant
Onetta Whitley, Esq.	Deputy Attorney General
Romaine Richards, Esq.	Attorney General's Office
Dr. Jim Moore	Autism Board
Dr. Emily Johnson	Autism Board

Oral Examination of 1 Candidate: Committee: Dr. Alexander, Dr. Askew, and Dr. Ellis

Call to Order:

Dr. Askew called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. and called for amendments to the agenda.
Dr. Yazdani requested that during Old Business we talk about the Board copier.

General Business:

Discussion of former Administrator's personal information on the Board laptop. Ms. Whitley recommended that the Board determine the cost of providing Ms. Crocker with files off the

Board computer and determine if it is feasible to provide her with the information. It would be a courtesy to provide her with this information, but the Board is not required to do so.

Dr. Allen asked for clarification of her role as Board Consultant. Dr. Askew informed her with all the transitions, the Board has not yet addressed the role of the Board Consultant.

Approval of the March 9th Minutes:

Dr. Yazdani moved to approve the minutes of the March 9th meeting with Dr. Sutton's suggested updates. Dr. Ellis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with all those in attendance voting.

Treasurer's Report / Audit:

Dr. Sutton was not yet able to set up on-line banking because the entire account was in the prior administrator's name. Dr. Sutton recommended that the Board open a new account. Ms. Whitley and Ms. Richards suggested requesting DFA assistance with this. Dr. Sutton asked the Board if she should change the password for the bank account so that she has access to the account on-line. There was consensus that she should.

Dr. Askew reported on the Commodity Expenditures Testwork findings thus far. Ms. DeRossetti has answered initial questions with the input of the Board.

MOU Discussion with Autism Board Representatives:

Drs. Johnson and Moore were in attendance. Ms. Richards had concerns regarding who would pay bills on behalf of the Autism Board, but there really are not expenses. Ms. Richards stated that it is a simple MOU with the Secretary of State's Office covering the Autism Board's administration and noted that \$4000 was added to the Board of Psychology for the administration of the Autism Board. Transfer to the Board of Psychology will happen in July 2019. Autism Board fees are set in the law rather than in Rules and Regulations. They are working on defining the roles of the Autism Board officers.

Dr. Yazdani moved to execute the MOU with the Autism Board with the understanding that the administration of the Autism Board will transition back to the Board of Psychology by July 1, 2019. Dr. Ellis seconded. The motion passed with all those in attendance voting unanimously.

CE Report/2018 License Renewals: Dr. Askew discussed the renewal notifications.

Dr. Askew brought a request for prior CE approval of the Board. Dr. Alexander moved, Dr. Yazdani seconded, to approved CE for Dr. Olmi and other USM faculty for "Assessment and Interventions for Disruptive or Impulse Control Disorders" on April 13th presented by the School of Allied Health Professionals at the Human Development Center in New Orleans. The motion passed with all those in attendance voting unanimously.

(Ms. Richards left the meeting.)

Continuing Education Deficiencies: Regarding_2017 Deficiency Notification and Remediation: Dr. Askew will be again contacting those who are deficient.

The Board recessed for lunch and Drs. Moore and Johnson left the meeting.

Old Business:

Copier- Ms. Whitley recommended that the Board contact surplus property to see if what they recommend in terms of disposing of the copier consistent with state regulations.

Dr. Gaughf left notes with several topics to discuss and the Board reviewed them. In response to an email received, it was discussed that there is no residency requirement to be licensed in MS. If the consumer is in MS and the psychologist is licensed in MS, then the psychologist may live in another state and may treat the consumer via tele-health.

Dr. Askew received several requests for a mailing list and gave an update on that process. Dr. Askew has found numerous mistakes in the addresses and has been updating the list prior to sending them out.

Dr. Ellis stated that he is in the process of changing the addresses and contact information on the website.

Dr. Askew gave an update on the license management system. He is working with Andy from Prosonotech regarding this.

Dr. Allen provided a report: She did not apply for the position of CEO of ASPPB. ASPPB developed a Board member resource manual from which she is drawing for the MS Board resource manual. She also found that there is updated Ethics Committee. Reminder that the annual report to the Ethics Commission needs to be done by each board member by June 1st. The Board annual report to the Governor's office is due at the end of July. The strategic plan goes in with the budget request.

Dr. Ellis moved to consider going into executive sessions to review applicants. Dr. Alexander seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

Dr. Yazdani moved that we enter executive session for the purpose of considering candidates for licensure. Dr. Alexander seconded it. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

Actions Taken in Executive Session:

Dr. Yazdani reported that the following actions were taken during Executive Session:

Dr. Ellis recommended that Dr. Jones be approved for licensure. Dr. Yazdani seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance. Dr. Askew will contact Dr. Jones to confirm her approval for licensure.

Dr. Lynwood Wheeler requested licensure verification for an application for Alabama licensure. Dr. Askew will provide this.

Dr. Ellis moved, Dr. Alexander seconded, to approve Virginia Persinger to take the EPPP pending her fingerprinting and background check results. The motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

Dr. Ellis moved, Dr. Yazdani seconded, that Emily Fortney and Jessica Fugitt be approved to take the oral exam on May 11, pending the results of their finger printing and background check results. Motion passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

The board discussed Christine Collins’s email questions once again. Ms. Whitley suggested that the current status of the law is for programs newly established or areas where no licensure exists, there may be a way to argue for equivalency of the graduate training program per MS 73-31-13. However, the Board is unable to provide a determination without having an application filed for licensure. Therefore, a response will be sent to Ms. Collins.

New Business: None

Dr. Ellis moved to adjourn, Dr. Alexander seconded. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next meeting will take place on May 11th following oral examinations.

Topics to be added to the next agenda: Board stance/education on psychometrists; Rules and Regulations; Ethics Commission updates; Annual Report to the Governor (due July 31st); planning for the Autism Board transition; strategic plan review.

Lisa B. Yazdani, Ph.D.

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Recording Secretary

Date

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