

**Board of Psychology**

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Board Meeting  
August 17, 2018  
Woolfolk Annex Building, Room 204  
Jackson, Mississippi

**Board Attendance**  
**Absent**

**Present**

John Askew, Ph.D., Continuing Education Coordinator	2013-2018	X	
Patricia Alexander, Ph.D., Member at Large (via teleconference)	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., Chairperson	2017-2022		X
Monica Sutton, Ph.D., Treasurer	2017-2022	X	
Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D., Executive Secretary & Recording Secretary	2014-2019	X	

**Also Present**

Gloria Green, Esq., Special Assistant Attorney General

**Call to Order:**

Dr. Askew called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. and called for amendments to the agenda. Approval of the June 7<sup>th</sup> minutes were added to the agenda. Also added to new business: ASPPB packet. To old business, the satisfaction survey and the on-line jurisprudence exam were added to the agenda.

Ms. Green suggested that the Board advertise all meetings as occurring via teleconference to allow Board members who are unable to attend the meeting at the last minute to participate.

Dr. Gaughf motioned, Dr. Sutton seconded, that all our meetings going forward will be advertised as taking place via teleconference. The motion was unanimously passed by a quorum of the Board. Notice is hereby provided that any Board member may participate in any Board meeting

by teleconference or video means, in which event public access will be provided at the Woolfolk Building Annex Conference Room 205.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Dr. Yazdani moved, seconded by Dr. Gaughf, to approve the minutes of the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting with the discussed corrections. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Yazdani moved, seconded by Dr. Gaughf, to approve the minutes of both the June 1<sup>st</sup> open and executive session minutes. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

**Board Administrator Search and Interview:**

Dr. Sutton asked to change the agenda to accommodate the interview of Ms. Cheryl Carr. Ms. Carr was interviewed. Dr. Askew led the interview process using the Board's previously adopted questions. After Ms. Carr left the interview, Dr. Yazdani moved, Dr. Sutton seconded, to offer Ms. Cheryl Carr a contract position starting as soon as possible and running through June 30, 2019 as a 20 hour a week contract worker at the rate of \$25.00 per hour not to exceed \$26,000. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. It was agreed that Dr. Yazdani would contact Ms. Carr with the offer.

**Continuation of Approval of Minutes:**

Dr. Yazdani, moved, seconded by Dr. Gaughf to approve the minutes of the June 7<sup>th</sup> minutes with the discussed corrections. Motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

**Board Appointees:**

The governor has appointed Dr. Molly Clark and Dr. John Askew. Dr. Askew withdrew himself from the candidates. Another appointment will be made.

**Civil Commitment:**

Dr. Ellis sent an e-mail requesting the following psychologists be approved to participate in the Civil Commitment Examiner certification training scheduled for Friday, September 14 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. at MPA:

Ashley Batashtini  
Lacey Herrington  
David Howard  
Danielle Maack  
LaShun Young  
Kathleen Patterson  
Tonya Hays  
Brandon Romana  
Emily Fortney

Dr. Yazdani moved, Dr. Gaughf seconded, approval of the above list of psychologists to take the Civil Commitment Examiner certification training. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

**Transition of Board Roles:**

The Board called Dr. Phelan to ask for his opinion on serving as Chair of the Board. Dr. Phelan informed the Board that he is not comfortable serving as Chair. Dr. Phelan was not able to continue attendance at the Board meeting. Dr. Gaughf moved, seconded by Dr. Sutton, that Dr. Ellis served as Chair of the Board through the rest of the fiscal year. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Dr. Sutton reported that the FY 2019 Budget has been approved. There was money available which allows for purchase of printer/copier/scanner. There is also money available for additional clerical part-time staff if the Board deems this necessary.

Dr. Sutton also reviewed with the Board the FY 2018 Year End Statement and 5 Year Strategic Plan.

**MPA Planning:**

Dr. Askew, Dr. Alexander, and Dr. Ellis will be presenting at the annual MS Psychological Association Meeting in September on CE reporting, ASPPB, and other regulatory issues.

**Old Business:**

Governor's Report finalization- the Board reviewed and edited the Report to the Governor.

PEER Occupational Licensing Survey. Dr. Askew completed and will be mailed next week.

DFA Year End Correspondence was reviewed.

**New Business:**

Dr. Askew reported that he responded to the letter from the Attorney General's office regarding pending litigation. There are no contingent liabilities pending.

Dr. Yazdani moved that we have a closed determination to determine if there's a need to go into executive session. Dr. Gaughf seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf moved that we go into executive session for the purpose of candidate status, status of applications, and complaints. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sutton. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

### **Actions taken during Executive Session:**

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

Dr. Alexander reported on complaints:

- a. Complaint Number 03302018. The complainant withdrew the complaint. Investigation closed.
- b. Inquiry regarding how to complain was actually regarding an LPC, not a psychologist. Dr. Alexander provided an informative letter to this person.
- c. Complaint Number 2018-2 regarding psychometrists practicing outside of their scope of practice. Ms. Whitley had given Ms. Green a response regarding this. The only option is for civil litigation given that the professional is not under the purview of the Board.
- d. New Case 2018-3. Physician filed against a psychologist at an agency for labeling him in a manner that he did not like. Under investigation.

Dr. Gaughf presented the following:

- a. 04142015- Application is complete. Recommending for EPPP.
- b. 08162017- Recommended for EPPP.
- c. 06202017- Recommended for EPPP.
- d. 09282017- Recommending for oral examination
- e. 01262018- Recommending for oral examination

Dr. Yazdani moved to approve 04142015, 08162017, and 06202017 to take the EPPP; and 09282017 and 01652018 to take the oral examination. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sutton. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf followed up on Dr. Persinger's license to determine it had been mailed. Dr. Askew reported that both Dr. Persinger and Dr. Fortney's licenses are in process and will be mailed soon.

Dr. Gaughf discussed one candidate's request for additional accommodations for an additional administration of the EPPP. This candidate was again recommended for accommodations on the EPPP.

Candidate 05162018 paid her \$50 back ground check fee twice, on line and by check. She will be issued a refund for the duplicate payment.

One candidate, submitted two applications which were different and also sent a duplicate payment and will need to be refunded. Dr. Gaughf will follow up on this.

### **Rules and Regulations:**

The Board discussed that review of the Rules and Regulations is an on-going process as they need to be updated again since the statues were updated. It was recommended that we take sections at a time from the statute. Starting in October, one hour will be devoted to Rules & Regulations review per Board meeting.

**Additional Old Business:**

Satisfaction Survey can be found under the report section of the license management system.

The new Board cell phone is not working. Dr. Askew will work on correcting this.

Regarding making the Juris-Prudence exam available on-line, Dr. Askew will follow up with Dr. Ellis and Prosonitech to attempt to have the process is ready for October.

**Additional New Business:**

Jurisdictional Concerns and EPPP2- ASPPB sent out an e-mail today regarding their updates, making its use more optional. ASPPB is also changing the name of the EPPP-2 to the Enhanced EPPP. At this time, there is no need for the Board to take any action. Dr. O'Brien sent an e-mail regarding his desire to have a telephone call with a Board representative on our view on the EPPP-2. Dr. Gaughf will follow-up with him regarding this.

PsyPact-The Board discussed this and determined no action needs to be taken at this time.

Orals need to be updated in the future- needs to be added to October or November agenda.

ASPPB Packet- Dr. Gaughf provided updated information to ASPPB regarding current Board members and deleted inactive Board members. Available on their website.

**Adjourn:**

Dr. Yazdani moved, Dr. Sutton seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

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