

Board of Psychology

Board Meeting
December 7, 2018
Woolfolk Annex Building, Room 204
Jackson, Mississippi

Board Attendance

Present Absent

John Askew, Ph.D., Continuing Education Coordinator	2013-2018	X	
Molly Clark, Ph.D., Recording Secretary	2018- 2023	X	
Steve Ellis, Ph.D., Chair & 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., Executive Secretary	2014-2019	X	

Also Present

Cheryl Carr, Board Administrator

Dr. Michael Nadorff, Mississippi State University, Representing Doctoral Program Training Directors

Call to Order:

Dr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. and called for amendments to the agenda. Dr. Yazdani recommended that transitions of Board members be added to new business.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Yazdani moved, seconded by Dr. Gaughf, to approve the minutes with noted corrections of the November 2nd meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Continuing Education Coordinator Report:

Dr. Askew reports that he is reviewing licensure renewal letter formats and will present a recommended format in January 2019.

Dr. Askew reports that he is willing to assist with the transition of a Board member who will fill the role as Continuing Education Coordinator. Dr. Ellis recommended that there be a subcommittee under the Continuing Education Coordinator to assist with verification of continuing education. Dr. Gaughf recommended hiring clerical support to assist with the entry of the continuing education data. Dr. Clark moved, seconded by Dr. Gaughf, to hire temporary clerical support to assist with the 2019 license renewal and continuing education reporting cycle and to give the continuing education coordinator permission to contract for this service, using the personnel service template approved by the Board. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance.

Dr. Yazdani moved, seconded by Dr. Gaughf, that at the time Dr. Askew's Board term ends that Dr. Clark will assume the role of Continuing Education Coordinator. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance.

Treasurer Report:

The financial statement was presented by Ms. Carr and reviewed.

Civil Commitment Coordinator Report:

Dr. Ellis gave the Civil Commitment Exam and writing assessment to three applicants. Dr. Ellis moved, seconded by Dr. Yazdani, for Dr. Monica Sutton and Dr. Ashley Batastini be approved to be certified as civil commitment examiners. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Chair Report:

Dr. Ellis reported having a conversation with Dr. Dilks from the Louisiana State Board of Licensure related to the North Carolina Dental Board's legal case and he referred him to the Tennessee Licensure Board as a resource for his inquiry.

Dr. Ellis reported being contacted by Mr. Reilly from USA Today requesting, under the Public Records Act, to receive any communications on disciplinary actions sent from ASPPB to the Board. Dr. Ellis reported that we do not receive any information from ASPPB related to disciplinary actions, and there is nothing to report. He reported that he consulted with Onetta Whitley, JD, and he will follow upon that request.

Dr. Ellis responded to the Internal Control Audit and will submit the report to DFA.

Board Administrator Report:

Ms. Carr reports having worked and will continue to work with Dr. Gaughf on learning the LMS database.

Working Lunch on EPPP-2 with Dr. Michael Nadorff, Mississippi State University, Representing Doctoral Program Training Directors:

Dr. Nadoff presented three letters to the board outlining concerns with the enhanced EPPP. See the attached letters documenting the points that were discussed by the Board and Dr. Nadoff.

Executive Session:

Dr. Clark moved to consider going into executive session to discuss applications and complaints. Dr. Yazdani seconded the motion to consider going into executive session to discuss applications and complaints. All board members were in favor.

Dr. Yazdani made the motion to enter into executive session. Dr. Gaughf seconded the motion to enter into executive session. All board members were in favor.

Actions taken during Executive Session:

Dr. Yazdani moved to consider going into open session. Dr. Askew seconded the motion to consider going into open session to discuss applications and complaints. All board members were in favor.

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Dr. Yazdani reported that following actions took place during Executive Session:

Dr. Yazdani followed up upon complaint #07162018 by sending the results to the address on the form. The complainant contacted the Board requesting that the results be sent to his new address.

Dr. Yazdani requested guidance for how to proceed on a complaint when it appears that the complainant is unhappy with results of an evaluation. It was determined that the complainant should file an appeal the results of the examination through the VA System as this was a content complaint rather than a procedural complaint.

Dr. Gaughf reports that we have contracted with an evaluator to review candidate's 06012018 application.

Dr. Yazdani moved, seconded by Dr. Clark, to approve candidate 01032018 for the EPPP. The motion passed with all in attendance voting unanimously.

Dr. Yazdani moved, seconded by Dr. Clark, to approved candidates 01052018 and 08292018 for the jurisprudence and oral examination. The motion passed with all in attendance voting unanimously.

Dr. Yazdani moved, seconded by Dr. Askew, that candidate 08292018 be approved for a temporary license. The motion passed with all in attendance voting unanimously.

Dr. Yazdani moved, seconded by Dr. Askew, Raymond Singer 11142018, Robert Stanulis 11192018, and Robert Shaffer 12052018 as presented be approved for Temporary Practice Certificates. The motion passed with all in attendance voting unanimously.

Dr. Yazdani motioned, seconded by Dr. Askew, to approve candidate 04142015 for accommodations on the EPPP based upon the completed documentation. The motion passed with all in attendance voting unanimously.

Dr. Yazdani motioned, seconded by Dr. Clark, to waive the non-refund policy for this active duty military psychologist candidate 10022018 and to refund the application fee of \$300. The motion passed with all in attendance voting unanimously.

Old Business:

Dr. Gaughf reported making changes to the website and the LMS system in an effort to improve processes.

Dr. Gaughf reported that oral examination dates and the Board Meeting dates need to be scheduled for the remainder of 2019. The Board discussed that the Board will meet and have Oral Examinations on the following dates except where noted: January 11, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 16, September 26 (at MPA Annual Convention/No Oral Examination), October 4 (No Oral Examination), November 1, December 6 (No Oral Examination).

New Business:

Dr. Gaughf recommended that the review of temporary practice certificates be done at the scheduled board meetings unless there is documentation provided where there is a more emergent need. Dr. Askew recommended that language be added to clarify that 60 days are needed to process such requests.

Dr. Gaughf discussed that requirements for those licensed in other jurisdictions are required under MS Statues to have had a postdoctoral training, with the exception if they meet senior Psychologist status, which is practicing 20 years. The Board discussed whether this requirement in the MS Statue needs to be revisited at a later time.

Review and Update of Rules and Regulations:

The Board worked on the update of the Rules and Regulations and edited them through Chapter 4 to make them consistent with the current MS Statues.

Adjourn:

Dr. Gaughf moved, Dr. Askew seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Date