

Board of Psychology

January 12, 2018
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
Onetta Whitley	Deputy Attorney General

Call to Order

Dr. Alexander called the meeting to order at 11:24 a.m. and called for amendments to the agenda. There were none.

Approval of the Minutes

Dr. Yazdani made and Dr. Ellis seconded a motion to approve the December 1, 2017 minutes. The motion passed unanimously among those in attendance.

Report from the Chair

No report

Report from the Executive Secretary

No report

Report from Continuing Education Coordinator

No report

Report from the Treasurer

Dr. Sutton had no report; however, there was discussion of the upcoming meeting scheduled with the 2/24/18 appropriations committee. Drs. Alexander, Gaughf, Sutton, and Allen will attend that meeting.

Report from Management

Ms. Crocker reported that documents have disappeared off the website with no explanation and she will talk with MSI. about this. In addition, the jurisprudence exam will be available on-line through the board data system, but it will cost \$360.00 to install. The survey for newly licensed psychologists will also be available on the website and will cost \$200.00 to install. Dr. Gaughf moved to approve funding, in the amount of \$360.00 for the jurisprudence exam and \$ 200.00 for the newly licensed psychologist survey, once updated. The motion passed unanimously by those in attendance.

Dr. Yazdani asked for changes to the jurisprudence exam by January 30th so that the jurisprudence exam can be updated by the February board meeting.

Report from the Consultant

Dr. Allen reported that she, Dr. Alexander, and Ms. Crocker are reviewing the complaint process. A compliant form was placed on the board website, but it appears to have come from another organization, does not seem appropriate for the psychology board process, and it needs to be removed from the website. Dr. Ellis moved and Dr. Sutton seconded a motion to remove the on-line complaint form and keep the current system for filing complaints. This passed unanimously by all those in attendance.

Dr. Allen pointed out the need for the board to set expectations for Ms. Crocker and Dr. Allen. An updated Independent Contractor Agreement needs to be signed. The Board discussed asking a third party to facilitate a planning day with the purpose of clarifying job roles, streamlining board efficiency, training new board members, and strategic planning. Dr. Yazdani agreed to contact Dr. Beverly Smallwood and ask if she will facilitate this. The board identified possible dates as Feb 9-10 or March 2-3rd.

Report from Dr. Gaughf on the Statute Work Group

Dr. Gaughf sent Board edits of the Rules and Regulations to the Mississippi Psychological Association Executive Council so that updated proposed changes may be send to their lobbyist and proposals to legislators may be developed. Dr. Gaughf agreed to type a cover letter to go along with the proposed changes. MPA Day at the Capitol is January 31st from 7 -10 a.m.

Autism Board:

Ms. Denise de Rossette is analyzing the additional administrative cost of overseeing the Autism Board to get to the LBO. Ms. Whitley will talk with the Secretary of State's office to determine what tasks and expenses they have in running the Autism Board. It was agreed that Dr. Alexander will draft a letter to the chair of the Autism Board asking for his/her attendance at our February 2nd board meeting. Dr. Alexander will request that she/he be prepared to discuss their contact information, any legislation they have in the works, how they operate currently, their expectations, operating costs, and any other topics related to the transition of having the Autism Board under the administration of the Board of Psychology.

Old Business

The Board discussed the logistical difficulty of having current civil commitment trainees observe current evaluations. It was recommended that we change this requirement. Dr. Ellis stated that he would draft a recommended change to the requirement and bring it to the February meeting.

New Business

Dr. Yazdani motioned to consider the need to go into executive session to review candidates and complaints. Dr. Gaughf seconded this motion. The motion carried.

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Actions taken in Executive Session

Dr. Yazdani reported the following actions were taken during executive session:

Dr. Sarah Cunningham (09182017); Dr. David Howard (06242017); and Dr. Nathan Harper (02012017) will be granted licenses.

Candidate 08252017 did not pass the oral examination and was recommended to re-take the oral examination.

Candidates 09132017 and 09122017 were approved to take the EPPP.

New Business Continued:

Dr. Gaughf discussed a letter from Dr. Rubenzer regarding a telepsychology issue. It was decided that Dr. Alexander will write a response.

Regarding Dr. Andre Buteau's prior communication, it was recommended that he practice within his areas of competence and he should submit a form via the website declaring his areas of competency.

In response to Lacy Kantra's inquiry as to whether a post-doctoral experience could occur in her parents' psychology practice, it was pointed out that she is seeking licensure in Alabama. While the MS Board of Psychology would not recommend such an experience, she needs to contact the Alabama Board of Psychology to address this issue.

Dr. Alexander stated that Temporary Practice Certificates have been issued to Jolie Brams (12202017) and Reid Schwartz (01102017).

It was decided that the Board needs to look at the oral exam instructions and vignettes with suggested answers to ensure that they are in the best format. That will be added to the Board action list.

CE audits were discussed, and Dr. Allen noted that in 6 months, Dr. Askew looked at 100% of the CE reports. So, this is completed. Concerns were raised about how increasing the number of CE hours required will impact this process.

Adjournment

Dr. Gaughf made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Ellis seconded the motion which passed unanimously by those in attendance.

Next Board Meeting will be February 2, 2018 at the Woolfolk Building in Jackson.

On File
Recording Secretary

February 2, 2018
Date