

## Board of Psychology

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Board Meeting  
September 26, 2109  
Mississippi Psychological Association 2019 Convention  
Imperial Palace Conference Center  
Biloxi, Mississippi

### Board Attendance

**Present    Absent**

Molly Clark, Ph.D., Continuing Education Coordinator	2018- 2023		x
Steve Ellis, Ph.D., Chair & Civil Commitment Coordinator	2016-2021	x	
Natalie Gaughf, Ph.D., Credentialing Coordinator	2016-2021	x	
Monica Sutton, Ph.D., Treasurer	2017-2022	x	
Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., Recording Secretary	2018-2023	x	
Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D., Executive Secretary	2019-2024	x	

### Also Present

Cheryl Carr, Board Administrator  
Visitor – Emily T. Johnson, Ph.D.

### Call to Order:

Dr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 4:48 PM and called for amendments to the agenda.

### Review and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Gaughf motioned, seconded by Dr. Sutton, to approve the 8/16/19 minutes with noted corrections. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

### Treasurer Report:

Dr. Sutton presented the financial statement to the board.

### Continuing Education Coordinator Report:

Dr. Gaughf reported for Dr. Clark. The CE portion of the website has been updated.

PESi has been notified of our changes to CE acceptance.

The Board has been approached by the Trust with a request to become a board approved sponsor of CE. There was discussion regarding sending a letter to APA about this.

**Civil Commitment Coordinator Report:**

Dr. Ellis reported that there are 4 individuals registered for the Civil Commitment training tomorrow.

**Chair Report:**

Dr. Ellis reported that the annual report was sent to the governor's office and posted to the Board website.

**Board Administrator Report:**

Amy Mason with DFA inquired as to whether the board member slate was complete and Ms. Carr informed her that the Board is currently without a public member.

Ms. Carr inquired about the cell phone and if it was under a state contract. Ms. Carr has been asked to attend the C Spire Annual State Agency Meeting pertaining to this.

Ms. Carr reapplied for the board to have tax exempt status.

The travel card has been utilized for the upcoming ASPPB meeting, and there was discussion of utilizing the ASPPB jurisdictional financial assistance program.

**Stakeholder Feedback Session:**

There was no feedback from the psychologist in attendance.

**Executive Session:**

Dr. Gaughf made the motion to enter into closed determination session to consider the need to enter into executive session. Dr. Sutton seconded the motion to consider the need to enter into executive session enter into executive session. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf moved to consider going into executive session to discuss applications and complaints. Dr. Yazdani seconded the motion to go into executive session to discuss applications and complaints. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

**Actions taken during Executive Session:**

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

**Complaints:**

Dr. Yazdani reported that there were two complaints, 20190826 and 20190911, made against the same psychologist. A letter was sent to the complainant that the psychologist's license had lapsed, and that if this individual reapplies for licensure there will be a hearing to address the complaints.

**Candidate Status/Status of Applications/Complaints:**

Dr. Gaughf recommended one individual, (03072019), to sit for Oral Examination and Jurisprudence Examination to be administered on November 1, 2019. Dr. Sutton motioned and it was seconded by Dr. Yazdani. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended two applications for Temporary Practice Certificates made by Mark Andrew Brenzinger and Bryce Summers be ratified. Dr. Yazdani motioned and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf reported a concern with an applicant with a previous legal charge. She will consult with Onetta Whitley.

Dr. Gaughf reported that Ms. Whitley researched the law pertaining to the applicant with the previous felony conviction and affirmed that this individual is not eligible for licensure.

Dr. Yazdani reported on the interview of Ms. Stacie Sharp for board administrator. It was the consensus of the group to offer her the position. The contract would extend until the end of June 2020. The motion to offer Stacie Sharp the position at \$30 an hour, not to exceed 62,400 a year, was made by Dr. Sutton and seconded by Dr. Gaughf. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Wheeler moved to consider going into open session. Dr. Gaughf seconded the motion to consider going into open session. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf made the motion to enter into open session. Dr. Wheeler seconded the motion to enter into open session. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

**Old Business:**

No old business.

**New Business:**

Dr. Gaughf requested approval to request to have Andy Noel with ProsonITech upgrade the application checklist and the license management system. This expenditure was moved by Dr. Gaughf and seconded by Dr. Sutton. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

**Adjourn:**

Dr.Yazdani motioned, seconded by Dr. Sutton to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

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Lynwood C. Wheeler, Ph.D., ABPP  
Recording Secretary

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Date