

## Board of Psychology

Board Meeting  
February 1, 2019  
Woolfolk Annex Building, Room 204  
Jackson, Mississippi

### Board Attendance

**Present    Absent**

Molly Clark, Ph.D., Recording Secretary	2018- 2023	X	
Steve Ellis, Ph.D., Chair & Civil Commitment Coordinator	2016-2021	X	
Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D.	2018-2023	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  
Gloria Green, Board Appointed Attorney  
Amy Mason, Department of Finance and Administration  
Tina Carter, Department of Finance and Administration  
John Askew, former Continuing Education Coordinator

### Oral Examinations:

The oral examinations of 2 candidates were conducted. The orals committees were:  
Drs. Natalie Gaughf, Ellis, and Clark; and Drs. Clark, Wheeler, and Yazdani.

### Call to Order:

Dr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and called for amendments to the agenda.

Dr. Lynwood Wheeler was recognized by Dr. Ellis as a newly appointed Board Member. The roles of the Board Members were reviewed and Dr. Ellis motioned, seconded by Dr. Yazdani, that Dr.

Wheeler be appointed to the role of Recording Secretary so that Dr. Clark could transition to Continuing Education Coordinator as previously determined. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:**

Dr. Yazdani moved, seconded by Dr. Gaughf, to approve the minutes with noted corrections of the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

**Continuing Education Coordinator Report:**

Dr. Clark reports that she will consult with Dr. John Askew related to the functions of the Continuing Education Coordinator. Dr. Askew did report that there were several outstanding matters that needed follow up from his term.

Dr. Clark motioned, seconded Dr. Wheeler, to extend the Continuing Education reporting period for Drs. Matherne and Bell until the end of the year per their request. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

**Appropriations Committee:**

Dr. Yazdani reports that while it was not required to meet with the appropriations committee it was beneficial as the committee members had questions related to the functioning of the Board. Dr. Yazdani reported that both the House and Senate Committees recognized that additional funding may be needed next year for the Autism Board.

**Civil Commitment Coordinator Report:**

Dr. Ellis reports that he was referred a case in which a VA employee licensed in MS but who is employed in Florida had a question related to her ability to perform a 72 hour emergency hold in the State of Florida. Dr. Ellis reports he advised her to contact the Florida Board of Psychology for information regarding her ability to provide this service.

**Chair Report:**

Dr. Ellis reports that he received an email from Dr. Phelan informing the Board of his decision to resign from the Board for health and family related concerns. Dr. Ellis reports that he will follow up with Dr. Phelan to let him know that he will inform Whitney Lipscomb, Director of Appointments for Gov. Bryant, and to Amy Wilson of the MS Psychological Association, of his decision to resign.

**Board Administrator Report:**

Ms. Carr reports that it came to her attention that the Board's address is listed incorrectly on the MS.gov website. Ms. Carr will follow up to see that the website at MS.Gov is updated. Dr. Yazdani recommended that Ms. Carr extend the address forward with the Yazoo City Post Office to ensure that all communications to the Board are received.

Ms. Carr reports that we are following up hiring part-time help for administrative activities.

**Attendees Recognized:**

The Board recognized the members Amy Mason and Tina Carter with the Department of Finance and Administration at 12:21 pm.

**Treasurer Report:**

Dr. Sutton arrived at 12:21 pm

Dr. Sutton introduced Amy Mason and Tina Carter with the Department of Finance and Administration. She reports that she would like them to address contractual services and the Board of Autism finances, which was provided.

Dr. Sutton presented the financial statement to the board.

**Executive Session:**

Dr. Yazdani made the motion to enter into closed determination session to consider the need to enter into executive session. Dr. Wheeler 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. Wheeler moved to consider going into executive session to discuss applications and complaints. Dr. Gaughf 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. 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.

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

**Follow up on Prior complaints:**

Dr. Yazdani reports receiving a response from the psychologists for case 10312018. Based upon the documentation received, Dr. Yazdani recommends closing the case with no action. Dr. Gaughf motioned, seconded by Dr. Sutton, to close the case with no action. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Yazdani presented case (12112018) and recommended an educational letter related to the complaint. Dr. Gaughf motioned, seconded by Dr. Wheeler, to send an educational letter related to the complaint. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Yazdani presented case (01092019) and is awaiting a response from the psychologist.

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

Dr. Gaughf reports that candidate (06012018) would like to request an appeal. Dr. Gaughf reports that she will follow up with the candidate to submit any new information pursuant to Rule 4.8 in the MS Board of Psychology Rules and Regulations.

Dr. Gaughf recommends Dr. Paul David Connor for a Temporary Practice Certificate pending passage of his jurisprudence examination, and Dr. Glen David King for a Temporary Practice Certificate pending passage of his jurisprudence examination. Dr. Yazdani motioned, seconded by Dr. Wheeler, to approve Drs. Paul David Connor and Glen David King for Temporary Practice Certificates pending their passage of the jurisprudence examinations.

The examination committee presented Walter Thomas Rueff for approval of licensure. Dr. Wheeler motioned, seconded by Dr. Monica Sutton, to approve Walter Thomas Rueff for licensure. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

The examination committee recommended Dr. Kathryn Waggoner, who passed her jurisprudence and who completed an abbreviated oral examination. Dr. Gaughf motioned, seconded by Dr. Sutton, to approve Dr. Kathryn Waggoner for licensure. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

**Review and Update of Rules and Regulations:**

The Board worked on the update of the Rules and Regulations and edited them through Chapter 4.5 to make them consistent with the current MS Statutes.

**Old Business:**

No old business.

**New Business:**

Dr. Gaughf motioned, seconded by Dr. Wheeler, that starting with license ending in 1030 that the year 2019 would be associated with 59 in the database and will move forward one number for each year. In addition, each license will have a space and then four additional numbers as of January 2019. The four digit number will continue consecutively with the number 1030 and will progress forward by one number for each license issued. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf reports that those persons who obtain a Temporary Practice Certificate currently has to take a jurisprudence exam each time they apply for a Temporary Practice Certificate. The Board will review the Temporary Practice Certificate requirements in the rules and regulations.

Dr. Gaughf reports that there is a required field on the ASPPB Plus system for EPPP scores for those who are applying for Senior Psychologists. Dr. Gaughf motioned, seconded by Dr. Yazdani, to remove the required field for EPPP scores to be in compliance with the MS Board of Psychology Rules and Regulations for Senior Psychologists. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf motioned, seconded by Dr. Yazdani, that the Board will document oral examinations by retaining candidate score sheet and summary score form. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Yazdani reported that she was contacted by MS Psychological Association about presentations and the Board Meeting at Annual Convention.

Dr. Gaughf reviewed the current abbreviated oral examination. Dr. Gaughf motioned, seconded by Dr. Clark, that the abbreviated oral examination for those with ABPP, according to Rules and Regulations 9.1, be defined as sections 7 and 8 and that CPQ's will take the oral examination in its entirety. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Ellis reports that he will extend an invitation the Autism Board to attend the next meeting.

**Adjourn:**

Dr. Gaughf motioned, seconded by Dr. Clark, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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Recording Secretary

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