

Board of Psychology

Board Meeting
January 11, 2019
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	
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
Andy Noel, ProsonITech
Jack Noel, ProsonITech
Dr. Amanda Gugliano
Dr. Christine Collins

Oral Examinations:

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

Call to Order:

Dr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 10:23 a.m. and called for amendments to the agenda.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

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

Continuing Education Coordinator Report:

Dr. Askew reports that the nonprofit organization PESI has fewer choices with APA approved continuing education status. He reports that PESI has moved to Accreditation Council of Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) accreditation. Dr. Askew reports that the Board should consider ACCME and the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) approved programs for continuing education credit and consider adding these accrediting/approving bodies in the rules and regulation edits.

Dr. Askew reports that he received a request for continuing education approval of a course on ADHD from PESI and approved this workshop for continuing education credit. He reports that he also approved a two day workshop sponsored by PESI for credit.

Dr. Askew reports he was contacted by a psychologist who is asking for an extension of reporting due to a medical condition, and this request will be considered when additional communications are received.

Dr. Askew reports that online renewals for continuing education reporting will be going out soon via email and paper mailed copies. Dr. Gaughf motioned, Dr. Askew seconded, that by the 2021 licensure renewal continuing education reporting process take place online unless specifically requested. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Treasurer Report:

The financial statement was presented by Ms. Carr and reviewed. Ms. Carr reports that the post office box needs to be renewed. Dr. Yazdani motioned, seconded by Dr. Gaughf, that the post office box renewal be paid for by credit card. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Ms. Carr reports that any resource needed for office supplies needs to be reported to her as the State of Mississippi has certain approved vendors for these requests.

Dr. Gaughf reported the need for new recording devices and will pursue estimates on these devices.

Dr. Sutton reports that we will need to have contractual arrangements made for oral examiners for several meetings.

Civil Commitment Coordinator Report:

Dr. Ellis reports that in two years 7 of 8 new examiners for Civil Commitment were approved and only one applicant has not be approved.

Chair Report:

Dr. Ellis reports that the Internal Control Report was submitted with a plan of correction and that the board will be following the corrected plans to be in compliance with those regulations.

Dr. Yazdani reports that she would like to place on the next agenda whether or not the board would continue to use the Department of Financial Affairs. Dr. Ellis will place this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Dr. Ellis reports that board members will need to file conflicts of interest form with the State Ethics Commission.

Board Administrator Report:

Ms. Carr reports DFA contacted her related to our budget hearing with the State. She reports that she will place her name as the point of contact, will request a hearing based upon the will of the Board, and will contact the Board with the dates when it is scheduled with the State.

Dr. Sutton joined the meeting at 11:13 am.

Ms. Carr reports that she will begin to recruit for clerical assistance for the 2019 reporting cycle per the motion approved last meeting.

Ms. Carr reports that she will not be available for the March 1st scheduled meeting. It requested that the March 1st date be changed to March 8 due to scheduling conflicts with Ms. Carr and other Board members.

Ms. Carr reports working with Dr. Askew on the LMS training since the last Board meeting.

Dr. Gaughf reports that Ms. Carr received a letter from Vantage Health Plan related to primary source verification and wanted to verify that we complete this form. Dr. Askew reports that the Board does complete these forms.

Attendees Recognized:

The Board recognized the statements of Amanda Gugliano, PsyD and Christine Collins, PsyD.

Executive Session:

Dr. Yazdani made the motion to enter into closed determination session to determine the need to enter into executive session. Dr. Askew seconded the motion to enter into closed determination session to determine the need to enter into executive session. All board members were in favor.

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

Actions taken during Executive Session:

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

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

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

Follow up on Prior complaints:

Dr. Yazdani reports letters were sent for cases (10312018) and (12112018) and we are awaiting responses from the psychologists. Case (1092019) was just received and has not been reviewed.

Candidate Status/Status of Applications/Complaints:

The examination committee reports Nadia Bethley passed the jurisprudence and oral exam. Dr. Yazdani motioned, Dr. Askew seconded, that she be approved for licensure. The motion passed with all in attendance voting unanimously.

The examination committee reports candidate (01052018) passed jurisprudence and recommended the oral examination be deferred. Dr. Yazdani motioned, seconded by Dr. Askew, that candidate (01052018) oral examination be deferred. The motion passed with all in attendance voting unanimously.

Dr. Askew exited the meeting at 12:51 pm.

Dr. Gaughf reports Dewey Ertz (08072018) was approved for a temporary practice certificate. Dr. Yazdani motioned, seconded by Dr. Gaughf, that Dewey Ertz (08072018) be approved for a temporary practice certificate from 12/19/18-12/18/19. The motion passed with all in attendance voting unanimously.

Dr. Gaughf presented and recommends candidate (10062018) for the jurisprudence and oral examination. Dr. Yazdani motioned, seconded by Dr. Clark, that candidate (10062018) be approved to sit for the jurisprudence and oral examination. The motion passed with all in attendance voting unanimously.

Dr. Gaughf reports that the file of candidate (06012018) was reviewed by an outside evaluator. She presented the results of this report to the Board. In a thorough review of all of the documentation from candidate (06012018) and other reports, the Board determined that the candidate (06012018) qualifications do not meet the requirements by the rules and regulations of the MS Board of Psychology. Dr. Gaughf will communicate the results to candidate (06012018).

Review and Update of Rules and Regulations:

The Board worked on the update of the Rules and Regulations and edited the document for “first class mail” and modify this to read will be notified to make them consistent with the current notification practices.

LMS Training:

Andy Noel and Jack Noel trained the Board on the Licensing Management System.

Old Business:

Dr. Ellis reports that there is no old business to discuss.

New Business:

Dr. Ellis discussed the update to PSYPACT nationwide.

Adjourn:

Dr. Gaughf moved, Dr. Clark 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