

Board of Psychology

Board Meeting
November 1, 2019
Woolfolk Building
Jackson, 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

Stacie Sharp, Board Administrator

William Collins, J.D., Budget Analyst, Legislative Budget Office

Dr. Joe Olmi, Terreca Cato, Brittany Pigg, Rebecca Wagner, Chelsea Johnson

Oral Examinations:

The oral examinations of 2 candidates were conducted at 9:00 AM. The examination committees were: Drs. Yazdani, Clark, and Wheeler and Drs. Gaughf, Sutton, and Ellis.

Call to Order:

Dr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 10:25 AM and called for amendments to the agenda.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Clark motioned, seconded by Dr. Yazdani, to approve the 9/26/19 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. Clark presented that the renewal letters will start for the coming year and psychologists were making payments will be followed up with.

Civil Commitment Coordinator Report:

Dr. Ellis reported that one trainee at the most recent training did a civil commitment evaluation and reported that the was training was helpful.

Dr. Ellis spoke further with Dr. Jim Herzog regarding Nurse Practitioners receiving training for civil commitment to improve the quality of these evaluations.

Chair Report:

Dr. Ellis discussed the Internal Control Assessment and stated that there are at least three questions that need to be addressed, and this will come up in new business. The Internal Control Assessment and assessment certification letter is due December 1st.

Board Administrator Report:

Ms. Sharp introduced William Collins, J.D. who attended today's meeting as an observer.

Ms. Carr presented that she went to the C-spire meeting and reported that C-Spire has a state contract. Ms. Sharp will contact C-Spire about a possible change in carrier for the Board's phone.

Report from the Board Delegate to ASPPB Fall Meeting:

Dr. Wheeler presented on the meeting which was held in Minneapolis, MN. Much of the focus was moving toward a model act, being aware of deregulation efforts, and continued work on the EPPP2.

Meeting with Dr. Joe Olmi and his Seminar in School Psychology, University of Southern Mississippi:

Board members introduced themselves to four students, discussed their roles on the board, and answered questions.

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. Yazdani moved to consider going into executive session to discuss applications and complaints. Dr. Wheeler 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 reported that the following actions took place during Executive Session:

Follow up on Prior complaints:

Dr. Yazdani reports no complaints. With regard the consent order, this individual (01092019) has until December 31st to comply.

Candidate Status/Status of Applications/Complaints:

Dr. Gaughf presented two individuals, Jessica Shanna James, Ph.D. (03072019) who successfully completed an abbreviated exam, as she was previously licensed in Indiana, and Gabrielle Gipson Banks, Ph.D. (07282019) who passed Oral examination and Jurisprudence examination for licensure: Dr. Yazdani moved that these candidates be accepted for licensure, Dr. Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf presented two individual's applications for temporary practice certificates, Michael Chafetz and Matthew Jonathan Mendel, be ratified. This was moved by Dr. Clark and seconded by Dr. Sutton. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended two individuals, (07192019) and (04252019) to sit for Oral Examination and Jurisprudence Examination to be administered on January 10, 2020. Dr. Clark moved and Dr. Yazdani seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf reported on application of (07242017). She acknowledged that there was an ethical concern raised during her graduate training. Dr. Gaughf received information pertaining to this which she reviewed with the board. It was moved that she be approved to take the EPPP by Dr. Yazdani, seconded by Dr. Sutton. 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. Wheeler made the motion to enter into open session. Dr. Yazdani seconded the motion to enter into open session. 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 9.1 to make them consistent with the current MS Statues.

It was moved by Dr Yazdani to establish a task force of Dr. Gaughf and Dr. Clark to address changing the post-doctoral requirement. This was seconded by Dr. Sutton. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Old Business:

Oral examinations will be scheduled in January, March, June, August, and November.

New Business:

Dr. Ellis discussed the Internal Control Assessment. It was discussed that our data is adequately backed-up. Performance measures have been established and there will be an annual performance review of the board administrator. A “whistleblower” policy is in place in that concerns will be reported to the chair of the board or board administrator. A motion was made for Dr. Ellis to complete the Internal Control Assessment and submit to DFA by Dr. Wheeler, seconded by Dr. Yazdani. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Yazdani moved that we cancel the December meeting. Dr. Wheeler seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Adjourn:

Dr. Wheeler motioned, seconded by Dr. Gaughf to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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

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