

Board of Psychology

Board Meeting
April 17, 2020
Teleconference

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	
Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., Recording Secretary	2018-2023	x	
Natalie Gaughf, Ph.D., Credentialing Coordinator	2016-2021	x	
Monica Sutton, Ph.D., Treasurer	2017-2022	x	
Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D., Executive Secretary	2019-2024	x	

Also Present

Edward Wiggins, Jr., Esq., Special Assistant to the Attorney General
Stacie Sharp, Board Administrator
Emily Hester and Taja Slaughter, ASPPB

Call to Order:

Dr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. The meeting was conducted via WebEx teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Ellis asked Ms. Hester and Ms. Slaughter to discuss the PLUS application and the CPQ. They stated that the PLUS system workflow can be changed and tailor made to the jurisdiction’s specifications. Thus, with Mississippi’s provisions of an abbreviated application process for CPQ, ABPP, active military, and licensure in another jurisdiction, the applicant would not be required to complete the entire PLUS application. The PLUS application can also screen for specific areas under the CPQ to ensure that they match Mississippi’s requirements. They also stated that if a CPQ holder did not complete an APA/CPA approved program, ASPPB conducts a stringent evaluation of the applicant’s program to ensure that it meets these requirements. Ms. Hester and Ms. Slaughter exited the meeting.

Dr. Ellis called for amendments to the agenda.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Clark motioned, seconded by Dr. Yazdani, to approve the minutes with noted corrections of the 2/7/20 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Treasurer Report:

Dr. Sutton spoke with Tina Carter with the DFA office and while the budget looks good, there will need to be some planning with regard to allocation of funds between the psychology board and the autism board. It was suggested that the budget be split at 80% psychology board and 20% autism board. Thus, if supplies are purchased the cost would be split with 80% to the Psychology board and 20% to the autism board unless the supplies were for a specific board. It was brought up that there should be further discussion pertaining to what the percentage split should be, and Dr. Sutton will discuss this further with Ms. Carter.

Dr. Sutton also discussed the board working toward spending authority for the Autism Board, especially given that the autism board has had more activity and revenue through collecting dues from members.

Continuing Education Coordinator Report:

Dr. Clark reported that renewal notices have gone out.

Dr. Clark discussed an individual who had been scheduled for a CE audit last year, and who allowed their license to lapse by not renewing. This person has contacted Dr. Clark to renew their license this year, and was informed that they would have to pay dues from the previous year as well as this year, and their CE hours from the previous year need to be entered and audited.

Civil Commitment Coordinator Report:

Dr. Ellis had no report for Civil Commitment.

Chair Report:

Dr. Ellis reported that Mariann Burnetti-Atwell, Psy.D., CEO of ASPPB, contacted him pertaining to the recent tornados in Mississippi to ask if there were any needs of psychologists in the state secondary to these.

Dr. Ellis attended a webinar presented by the APA Insurance Trust regarding tele-health services during COVID-19 and will provide the board with a summary of this presentation.

Board Administrator Report:

Ms. Sharp reported that 98 people have renewed their licenses.

Ms. Sharp reported on a meeting she attended through Zoom with BARC on 4/8/20. There was discussion of the challenges regarding practice across state lines, which affirmed the board's decision to stay consistent with current rules and regulations. The EPPP testing sites are down, and only essential examinations are permitted. The PsycPact was discussed and it was a surprise to a number of jurisdictions that it had been brought to the attention of the legislature by an individual outside the psychology board. There was discussion of adding CE requirements for conducting tele-health visits.

Ms. Sharp reported that with the recent renewals there had been a request for Emeritus Status. There was discussion of the need for an Emeritus Status Application.

Ms. Sharp also requested that the passing score for the Jurisprudence Examination be specified in the update to the Rules and Regulations.

Executive Session:

Dr. Clark made the motion to enter into closed determination session to consider the need to enter into executive session. Dr. Yazdani 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. Wheeler reported that following actions took place during Executive Session:

Complaints:

Dr. Yazdani reports no new complaints. Amy Wilson with MPA received an email from an individual with a complaint against a psychologist. She forwarded this to Ms. Sharp, and Dr. Yazdani asked Ms. Sharp to contact the individual who made the complaint to inform them of the formal complaint process.

Candidate Status/Status of Applications/Complaints:

Dr. Gaughf presented three individuals for the Oral Examination and the Jurisprudence Examination scheduled for June 12, 2020, (04152019), (07292019), and (01312020).

Dr. Gaughf recommended a number of applicants for Temporary Practice Certificates; Jacklyn Ruhl, licensed in Louisiana, Janice P. Pazar, licensed in Tennessee, Bailey Tackett, licensed in Texas, Clifton Mixon, licensed in Louisiana, Amy Balentine, licensed in Tennessee, Amanda Gould, licensed in Tennessee, Christopher H. Bassin, licensed in Tennessee, Arkansas, and Texas, Brandon Baughman, licensed in Tennessee, Susana Scotti, licensed in California, and Aimee Lynette Keith, licensed in Texas. Dr. Clark moved to ratify these applicants and Dr. Yazdani seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote

Two applicants for TPC endorsed items on the attestation area of the application. Mr. Wiggins stated that these applicants should send associated documentation or a letter from the Board of their state pertaining to actions taken by their board.

Dr. Gaughf and Mr. Wiggins will review the Temporary Practice Certificate application language.

Dr. Gaughf reported that an individual is restarting the application process for the fourth time. This applicant had not completed the previous three applications.

Dr. Gaughf reported that there has been a delay with a case due to obtaining information on a criminal background check.

Dr. Gaughf reported that an applicant has completed the application, which has been forwarded to ASPPB. There was a concern with the criminal background check related to past misdemeanor and Mr. Wiggins verified that it is appropriate to proceed with the application.

Dr. Gaughf reported that an individual applying for licensure does not have an APA accredited internship. It was agreed that this individual is not eligible for licensure and the application fee will be refunded.

Old Business:

Dr. Clark reported that the ABPP requires applicants to have completed training at an APA/CPA approved program and have an APA/CPA approved internship.

Mr. Wiggins will follow up with Mr. Walley pertaining to his meeting with the Board of Education regarding the scope of practice of psychometrists.

New Business:

Dr. Clark discussed that there may be a proposal for considerations to be made for applicants who were unable to complete internship hours due to COVID-19. The board discussed that if the applicant has completed an APA program, this would suffice that they completed the required hours.

Dr. Yazdani will begin the renewal process for Ms. Sharp's contract.

Dre. Yazdani will also forward to board members an evaluation form for the Board Administrator position.

Review and Update of Rules and Regulations:

The board proof read the update of the Rules and Regulations, and ended at chapter 8.

Adjourn:

Dr. Clark moved to adjourn the meeting, and this was seconded by Dr. Yazdani. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. The meeting adjourned at 2:27 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., ABPP
Recording Secretary

March 27, 2020