

Board of Psychology

Board Meeting
December 4, 2020
Teleconference

Board Attendance

Present Absent

		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

Ed Wiggins Esq., Senior Special Assistant to the Attorney General
Stacie Sharp, Board Administrator
William Collins, Esq. Budget Analyst

Call to Order:

Dr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and called for amendments to the agenda.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Clark motioned, seconded by Dr. Gaughf, to approve the 11/06/20 minutes with noted corrections. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Treasurer Report:

Dr. Sutton reported that there were no issues with the budget. The board now has a Zoom account.

Continuing Education Coordinator Report:

Dr. Clark reported that the emails were sent pertaining to renewal of licenses. These have not been received by a number of psychologists, and this will be further explored.

Civil Commitment Coordinator Report:

Dr. Ellis reported that there will not be a training this year due to Covid-19. There also were no inquiries from people interested in certifications this fall.

Board Administrator Report:

Ms. Sharp reported that there continues to be difficulty in communication with ASPPB pertaining to applicants, which is leading to a delay in the process. Dr. Ellis will bring this concern to Dr. Gerald O'Brien with ASPPB. This was moved by Dr. Gaughf, seconded by Dr. Clark. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Chair Report:

Dr. Ellis discussed the upcoming meeting with MPA representatives and the mandate from the legislature to remove unnecessary barriers to licensure.

Executive Session:

Dr. Clark 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. Clark moved to consider going into executive session to discuss applications and complaints. Dr. Sutton 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 reported that current investigations are ongoing.

Candidate Status/Status of Applications/Complaints:

Dr. Gaughf recommended two applicants for Temporary Practice Certificate, Linda Jane Camlin, Massachusetts and Angelica R. Eddington, Tennessee. Dr. Yazdani moved to ratify Dr. Gaughf's recommendation and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended seven applicants for the oral examination; 04292020 - Never Licensed (Full), 11032020 - Idaho (Abbreviated), 06122020 - Never Licensed (Full), 06112020 - Never Licensed (Full), 07242017 - Never Licensed (Full) - Pending current background check report, 04152020, Louisiana - (Abbreviated), 04042020, Colorado (Abbreviated). Dr. Clark moved that these candidates be approved, and Dr. Yazdani seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote

Dr. Gaughf recommended three applicants for the EPPP, 06262020, 07232020, and 09012020. Dr. Sutton moved to accept this recommendation, seconded by Dr. Clark. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf discussed that an applicant does not have an APA accredited Internship and thus is not eligible for licensure in MS. Dr. Gaughf will send an official Board response.

Dr. Gaughf also discussed an applicant who was requesting permission for a second attempt at the EPPP, and this was approved.

Review and Update of Rules and Regulations:

The board met with the following representatives of the Mississippi Psychological Association's executive council; Kristen Alston, Ph.D., President, Mallory Malkin, Ph.D., President Elect, Danielle Maack, Ph.D., Region 1 Representative, Bryman Williams, Ph.D., Diversity Chair, and Penni Foster, Ph.D., Government Relations Officer. The board discussed the removal of the post-doctoral training requirement for licensure in Mississippi and addressed concerns raised by MPA members.

Old Business:

Dr. Ellis discussed the need for a public member to be appointed to the board, and there was question as to if there is a slate of three individuals approached for this position. This was addressed during the meeting with the MPA Executive Council representatives. Dr. Kristen Alston reported that there continues to be a search for people to add to the slate. Dr. Gaughf also discussed that she and Dr. Ellis will roll off the board in June, and thus it would be important for MPA to also develop a slate of psychologists to serve on the board.

Mr. Wiggins discussed his conversation with Erin M. Meyer, Special Assistant Attorney General pertaining to psychometrists practicing outside that school system, and thus outside the scope of their practice. It was proposed that there would be language on the licensure renewal form pertaining to this. Any penalty would originate with the Board of Psychology, which would be to pursue charges against the individual for violation of the statute. The first step would be, if the charges are substantiated, to send the offending individual a cease and desist letter from the Board. If that is not heeded within the time specified, then charges would be pursued. MCA 73-31-23 specifies that

(1) It shall be a misdemeanor:

(a) For any person not licensed under this chapter to represent himself or herself as a psychologist or practice psychology in the manner described in Section 73-31-3; or

(b) For any person to represent himself or herself as a psychologist or practice psychology in the manner described in Section 73-31-3 during the time that his or her license as a psychologist is suspended or revoked or lapsed; or

(c) For any person to otherwise violate the provisions of this chapter.

That misdemeanor shall be punishable, upon conviction, by imprisonment for not more than sixty (60) days or by a fine of not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), or by both that fine and imprisonment. Each violation shall be deemed a separate offense. The misdemeanor shall be prosecuted by the district attorney of the judicial district in which the offense was committed in the name of the people of the State of Mississippi.

New Business:

No new Buisness.

Adjourn:

Dr. Yazdani moved to adjourn the meeting, and this was seconded by Dr.Clark. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:38 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., ABPP
Recording Secretary

November 6, 2020