

Board of Psychology

Board Meeting
February 7, 2020
Woolfolk Conference Room 117S
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	
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

Ken Walley, Esq., Special Assistant to the Attorney General
Stacie Sharp, Board Administrator

Oral Examinations:

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

Call to Order:

Dr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 9:59 AM and called for amendments to the agenda.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Yazdnai motioned, seconded by Dr. Sutton, to approve the minutes with noted corrections of the 1/10/20 meeting minutes. 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:

Ms. Sharp presented the Renewal Notice for the upcoming license renewal to be proofed before posting.

Civil Commitment Coordinator Report:

Dr. Ellis reports that Dr. Jay Stone (53-935) performed satisfactorily on the work sample and recommended that he be approved to conduct civil commitments. This was moved by Dr. Yazdani and seconded by Dr. Gaughf. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Chair Report:

Dr. Ellis reports that the Senate appropriation meeting will be at 2/11/20 at 11:30 AM.

Board Administrator Report:

Ms. Sharp reported that she is exploring the creation of a PIN number for the Board Administrator position. This was discussed and will be further researched by a task force of Drs. Sutton, Yazdani, and Ellis.

Ms. Sharp reported that she passed CMPA class. The application checklist is now live. Dr. Gaughf returned her laptop as now she is able to use the LMS system online. Dr. Sutton raised the issue of the phone purchased by the Board, and if this is still needed. It was agreed that this contract should be cancelled as it is not being utilized.

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 following actions took place during Executive Session:

Follow up on Prior complaints:

Dr. Yazdani reports no new complaints.

Dr. Yazdani presented case (01092019) and reported that the consent order has been signed, the continuing education has been completed, and upon payment of the fine, the case will be closed.

Candidate Status/Status of Applications/Complaints:

Dr. Gaughf presented two candidates, Dr. Joni Renbarger (04152019) and Dr. Lisa Roberts (10162019) who both successfully completed the Jurisprudence examination and an abbreviated oral examination, as both were previously licensed in another jurisdiction. Dr. Yazdani moved that these two candidates be accepted for licensure and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended one candidate, (04152019) to sit for the Jurisprudence Examination and the Oral Examination to be administered on March 27, 2020. Dr. Yazdani moved to accept, and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Review and Update of Rules and Regulations:

The Board completed editing and updating of the Rules and Regulations to make them consistent with the current MS Statues.

Old Business:

Drs. Gaughf and Yazdini reported on a concern raised by Dr. Joe Olmi. Dr. Olmi contacted the board with regard to individuals practicing outside their scope of practice. Specifically, some state universities are training individuals to be certified by the Department of Education to conduct evaluations, and a number of these individuals are practicing outside of the school setting. There have been numerous complaints pertaining to this. Mr. Walley will discuss with the Department of Education potential actions which can be taken, and will work toward organizing a meeting to address this further. It was discussed that it would be most appropriate for the Department of Education to address these individuals who are practicing outside their scope of practice.

Dr. Gaughf discussed the procedure for psychologist primary source verification, and that this is carried out through ASPPB as Mississippi utilizes the Plus system for applications.

Ms. Sharp reported that if an applicant for licensure has a CPQ, that does not mean they have completed an APA/CPA accredited program. Thus, with CPQ applicants, the board still has to verify if the program is APA/CPA accredited.

Dr. Gaughf reported on the task force to review the postdoctoral experience requirement, and it was discussed that this requirement is a potential barrier for people coming to the state.

New Business:

No new business.

Adjourn:

Dr. Wheeler 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 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., ABPP
Recording Secretary

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