

Board of Psychology

Board Meeting
June 12, 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
Nelema Duncan, Autism Board

Call to Order:

Dr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 11:17 AM. The meeting was conducted via WebEx teleconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Ellis called for amendments to the agenda.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Yazdani motioned, seconded by Dr. Clark, to approve the minutes with noted corrections of the 3/17/2020 and 4/17/2020 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Treasurer Report:

Stacie Sharp reported that Dr. Sutton's report was that we are in good standing and that DFA would like all invoices be submitted 6/12/2020.

Continuing Education Coordinator Report:

Dr. Clark reported that there are currently 127 licenses that need renewal and she will send an email reminding licensees that the deadline is 6/30/2020.

Civil Commitment Coordinator Report:

Dr. Ellis reported that with regard to Civil Commitment the training will be held at an alternate time if the Mississippi Psychological Association's Annual Conference is held virtually.

Chair Report:

Dr. Ellis reported that the Board should not be impacted by budget shortfalls due to the Board not having requested or relying on funds from the State of MS. He reports having received inquiries and made responses about precautions for in person visits during the pandemic as well as training hour implications as a result of the pandemic. Dr. Ellis reports that the ASPPB web based application form for EPPP will go into effect July 1. He also reference that there is a toolkit with ASPPB related to advocacy. Dr. Ellis reports that Dr. Orwig with ASPPB contacted the Board related to service provision during COVID 19 and reported that our temporary practice certificates (TPCs) have been expedited and that the Board issued 25 TPCs since March 1 and June 1. He also reported having responded to the ASPPB self-study questions. Dr. Ellis reports that Senate Bill 2117 expedited licensure of military spouses and discussion was had about how our practices are within the parameters described in the bill. Finally, Dr. Ellis stated that the Proclamation Emergency is set to expire on 6/29/2020. However, it was discussed that this may be extended depending on the status of the COVID pandemic.

Board Administrator Report:

Ms. Sharp reports that the host of our website will change June 30, 2020 and there will be a new host. The Board acknowledges this change.

Ms. Sharp reports related to background checks that we have received a form from an organization that acknowledges that an applicant for licensure has met criteria. This organization follows the exact report that the board requires. We will consider other background check reports in light of the pandemic but it must be completed within the last two years and comply with the standards of the Board until the emergency proclamation is lifted.

Executive Secretary:

Lisa Yazdani reports that she has updated Mrs. Sharp's contract, that it was signed, and sent to DFA. DFA has sent that back, and the contract is in place. She reports that we are to evaluate the Board Administrator annually. This evaluation is to be completed before the end of June and Dr. Yazdani will meet and review the feedback with Mrs. Sharp before the end of June.

Dr. Yazdani received a request for Dr. Nordal to be nominated for Member at Large for the Board of ASPPB. She has solicited nomination letters and has completed the packet for submission.

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. It was also reported from this meeting that the EPPP testing sites are down, and only essential examinations are permitted. PsyPact was discussed

and it being discussed in the current legislative session by individuals outside of the 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. Yazdani made the motion to enter into closed determination session to consider the need to enter into executive session. Dr. Gaughf 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. Gaughf 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:

The motion was made by Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Gaughf, to exit executive session and to report out the actions that took place in Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

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

Complaints:

Dr. Yazdani reports receiving two new complaints. In complaint 06022001, a response was received on 6/12/2020 and will be reviewed. Complaint 06032002 was received, inquiry letters were sent, and Dr. Yazdani is awaiting a response.

Applicant Status/Status of Applications:

Dr. Gaughf recommended three individuals for licensure following the passing of the Oral Examination and the Jurisprudence Examination completed on June 12, 2020, Dominic Galvez (04152019), Kathleen Brock (07292019), and Emma Peden (01312020). A motion to approve these applicants for licensure was made by Dr. Yazdani and seconded by Dr. Clark. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote

Dr. Gaughf recommended 19 applicants for Temporary Practice Certificates; Arthur Horvath licensed in California, Hugh Turner licensed in Ohio, Gwendolyn Beard licensed in Tennessee, Carlos Torres licensed in Tennessee, Christine Haasz licensed in Pennsylvania, Anita Davis licensed in Tennessee, KC Kossel licensed in Colorado, Michelle Larzelore licensed in Louisiana, Tracey Murry licensed in Louisiana, Beth Arredondo licensed in Louisiana, Megan Wilkins licensed in Tennessee, Laura McLain licensed in Georgia, Hammad Ncho licensed in Georgia, Linnea

Esselstrom licensed in California, Paul Hovanesian licensed in California, Jessica Valluzzi licensed in California, Daniel Glenn licensed in California, Margaret Shean licensed in California, Rachel Edelman licensed in California and New York. Dr. Clark moved to ratify these applicants and Dr. Yazdani seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote

Dr. Gaughf recommended the following applicants to sit for the EPPP: applicant 09232019 and applicant 11132019. Dr. Gaughf and Mr. Wiggins rigorously reviewed the background check of applicant 11132019 and did determine that they met eligibility to be considered to sit for the EPPP. Dr. Clark motioned to approve these applicants to sit for the EPPP and Dr. Yazdani seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended the following applicants for oral examination: applicant 12262019 – abbreviated oral examination due to having a license in North Carolina, applicant 04102020 – abbreviated oral examination due to having a license in Alabama. Applicant 04102020 also requested a temporary license, and applicant 12142019, who was recommended for approval pending his passing the EPPP and completed application. A motion was made by Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Yazdani, to approve applicant 12262019 and applicant 04102020 for an abbreviated oral examination and to approve applicant 12142019 for oral examination pending passage of the EPPP and complete application. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Review and Update of Rules and Regulations:

The board proof read the update of the Rules and Regulations, and ended at Chapter 9.

Old Business:

Mr. Wiggins will follow up with Mr. Walley pertaining to his meeting with the Board of Education regarding the scope of practice of psychometrists. Mr. Wiggins stated that the conversation he had with Mr. Walley indicated a possibility of including an attestation in the renewal form with the consequences of disciplinary action included if there was practice outside of the scope for psychometerists. He reports that there could also possibly be code changes in Chapter 37 to address the concern as well. He reports that he will follow up and report on this concern.

New Business:

Dr. Sutton joined the meeting at noon along with Nelema Duncan, with the Autism Board. There was discussion about a proposal from Prosnotech to include a license management system for the Autism Board and the financial mechanisms for obtaining the system. The proposal had three different options related to a system that increased in price with each tiered offering. A motion was made by Dr. Gaughf and seconded by Dr. Yazdani to pursue up to the 3rd level of the proposal and that the psychology board will cover above and beyond what funding the Autism Board exceeded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. Dr. Sutton also discussed the board working toward increasing spending authority for the Autism Board, especially given that the autism board has had more activity and revenue through collecting dues from members.

The ASPPB statement on social media commenting period deadline has passed but the Board did review and discussed the statement.

The Board also discussed the possible return to face-to-face practice and telehealth along with the possible emergency declaration extension and implications of either of those actions.

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 3:47 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Molly Clark, Ph.D., ABPP

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