

Board of Psychology

Board Meeting
December 3, 2021
Woolfolk Conference Center. Room 117S
Jackson, MS.

Board Attendance

Present Absent

Molly Clark, Ph.D., Credentialing Coordinator	2018- 2023	X	
Steve Ellis, Ph.D., Civil Commitment Coordinator	2016-2021	X	
Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., Recording Secretary & CE Coordinator	2018-2023	X	
Natalie Gaughf, Ph.D., Credentialing Coordinator	2016-2021	X	
Monica Sutton, Ph.D., Executive Secretary and Treasurer	2017-2022	X	
Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D., Chair	2019-2024	X	

Also Present

Alexis Morris, Esq., Special Assistant Attorney General
Stacie Sharp, Executive Director

Call to Order:

Dr. Yazdani called the meeting to order at 10:57 A.M. and called for amendments to the agenda.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Clark motioned, seconded by Dr. Ellis, to approve the October 8, 2021 minutes with noted corrections. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Treasurer Report:

Dr. Sutton reported that with regard to the budget the Board is in good standing. She and Ms. Sharp will be evaluating equipment needs, such as a projector, for purchase in the near future.

Continuing Education Coordinator Report:

Dr. Wheeler had no report.

Civil Commitment Coordinator Report:

Dr. Ellis had no report. He was able to provide assistance to a psychologist pertaining to concerns with the commitment procedures.

Chair Report:

Dr. Yazdani discussed planning a Board retreat, possibly in March of 2022. One of the goals of the retreat would be development of a “New Board Member Packet” detailing to responsibilities of the various officers on the board.

Executive Director Report:

Ms. Sharp purchased a WiFi hotspot for use at Board meetings. The need for this arose with oral examinations being conducted virtually. Cameras will also be purchased.

Executive Session:

Dr. Clark 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. Clark 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:

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

Complaints:

Dr. Sutton reported that there are no new complaints

Candidate Status/Status of Applications:

Dr. Clark recommended four applicants for Temporary Practice Certificate, Gabriela Claire Huffman Oliva, Jennifer Robin Shapiro, Jesse Daniel Lambert, and Michael L Sakowitz.

Dr. Ellis moved to ratify Dr. Clark’s recommendation and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark reported that Debra Lee Beckel-Root was issued a Temporary Practice Permit under UROLA. Dr. Ellis moved to ratify Dr. Clark's recommendation, and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Old Business:

The board discussed procedures for working within the Universal Recognition of Occupation and Licensure Act.

New Business:

No new business.

Dr. Yazdani called the meeting to a recess at 12:18 PM until the Administrative Hearing began.

Administrative Hearing:

Beginning at 2:00 PM the Board heard from Attorney Morris, witnesses for and against the psychologist, the psychologist's counsel, and the psychologist regarding complaints 20190826 and 20190911.

Adjourn:

Dr. Yazdani moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Wheeler. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., ABPP
Recording Secretary

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