Board Meeting
February 12, 2021
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
Alexis E. Morris, Esq., Senior Special Assistant to the Attorney General
Stacie Sharp, Board Administrator

Call to Order:
Dr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM and called for amendments to the agenda.

Review and Approval of Minutes:
Dr. Clark motioned, seconded by Dr. Gaughf, to approve the 01/08/21 minutes with noted corrections. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Treasurer Report:
Dr. Sutton had no report.

Continuing Education Coordinator Report:
Dr. Clark reported that renewals will be sent out and the list of psychologists to be audited will be developed.

Civil Commitment Coordinator Report:
Dr. Ellis had no report.

Chair Report:

Dr. Ellis stated that economic impact statements are due in March and asked that all board members attend to this.

Dr. Ellis participated in a task force with ASPPB pertaining to the impact COVID-19 has had on boards. Information from this meeting will be collated and dispersed for boards to review.

Dr. Ellis reported that a PIN pertaining to Ms. Sharp's position has been created and sent to the Chair of the House and Appropriation committee.

Dr. Ellis brought up the April 9-10 ASPPB meeting which is scheduled during a board meeting. Dr. Gaughf moved to cancel the full April board meeting, but instead have a one hour executive session meeting. This was seconded by Dr. Clark. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Board Administrator Report:
Ms. Sharp reported renewal notices are ready to be sent out on 3/1/21.

Ms. Sharp stated that she currently is working on the board's cyber risk insurance.

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. Clark 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 reported that case 201206 is still in process and she is waiting on a statement from the psychologist.

Dr. Yazdani received a new complaint but is researching it as the individual may not be a psychologist.

Dr. Yazdani reported that an individual with two separate complaints, 20190826 and 20190911, has requested a show case hearing pertaining to a lapsed license. Dr. Yazdani and Ms. Morris will

continue to gather information pertaining to this case. Ms. Morris will serve as the hearing officer in this case, and the potential date for a hearing was set for April 23, 2021.

Dr. Clark made a motion to accept the above recommendations made by Dr. Yazdani, and Dr. Gaughf seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Candidate Status/Status of Applications/Complaints:

Dr. Gaughf recommended the following applicants who successfully passed the oral examination and the jurisprudence examination for licensure: Susan Elizabeth Brown 10192020, James Charles Smith 10212019, Michele Larzelere 05122020, Nicholas William McAfee 06252020, Tera Bradley 07142020, and Kristin Elizabeth Austin 12182020. Dr. Clark moved that these candidates be accepted for licensure, and Dr. Yazdani seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended three applicants for Temporary Practice Certificate: Jane G. Hobart, Oregon, Raymond M. Singer, New Mexico, Jana K. Tran, Texas. Dr. Clark moved to ratify Dr. Gaughf's recommendation and Dr. Yazdani seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Review and Update of Rules and Regulations:

Dr. Gaughf reported that a one page summary of the bill introduced during the 2021 legislative session, specifically to remove the postdoctoral training requirement from the licensing statute, and to the extend the repealer date to 2025, was requested. She will provide this and will be contact person.

Dr. Clark discussed modifying the wording of rule 12.6 for newly licensed psychologists and she will research this more to continue clarification of appropriate wording.

Dr. Wheeler discussed the format and content of the oral exam, specifically if the clinical vignette continues to be necessary. The board discussed a potential revision of the oral exam to be jurisprudence focused. Ms. Sharp will also inquire on the ASPPB website as to the approach other boards are taking with the oral exam.

Old Business:

Dr. Ellis reported that the statement from the Department of Education to be included on the license renewal form for psychometrists has been approved, and the next step will be to add it to the renewal form.

New Business.

Dr. Clark discussed a question she received pertaining to Masters level clinicians administering and scoring psychological testing. It was discussed that the individual be referred to the Pearson Assessments website as an example of training requirements for specific psychological testing. The board recommends that practitioners practice within the scope of their training.

Dr. Ellis discussed being notified of a consulting firm of psychometrists evaluating children outside of the school setting and thus practicing outside the scope of their practice. It was discussed that the board will address these situations when the language is changed on the psychometrist's renewal form.

Dr. Ellis discussed a hypothetical situation presented by an individual who was not a licensed psychologist pertaining to disclosure to the patient of an illness. It was recommended that this individual be referred to the Mississippi Department of Health.

Dr. Ellis reported on another email from an individual who requested information for renewing a psychometrist license. This individual was referred to the Department of Education.

Dr. Ellis discussed a request made for a copy of a background check. It was agreed that if this is released it should be labeled "for personal use only."

Dr. Ellis discussed house bill 1263 Military Family Freedom Act. It was discussed that this will not change the licensure processes currently being followed by the board except for the fee.

Dr. Ellis received a request for inclusion of alcohol addiction resources on the board website. The board does not have resource links for treatment and only links to regulatory agencies.

Dr. Gaughf reported that changes in the board's rules and regulations are near completion.

Adjourn:

Dr. Clark moved to adjourn the meeting, and this was seconded by Dr. Sutton. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., ABPP
Recording Secretary

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