

Board of Psychology

Board Meeting
July 9, 2021
Teleconference

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/Treasurer 2017-2022			x
Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D., Chair	2019-2024	x	

Also Present

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

Call to Order:

Dr. Yazdani called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M. and called for amendments to the agenda. Dr. Clark noted that she would need to leave the meeting at 10:30 A.M.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Clark motioned, seconded by Dr. Ellis, to approve the Minutes of June 4, 2021, Executive Session Minutes from June 4, 2021, and the Executive Session Minutes from the Special Administrative Hearing of June 25, 2021, with noted corrections. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Treasurer Report:

Dr. Sutton's report was delivered to Ms. Sharp who shared that there are no budget or money concerns.

Continuing Education Coordinator Report:

Dr. Clark reported that renewals and Continuing Education deadlines have passed. She will be working with Dr. Wheeler to transition the duties to him and will work with him on the CE audits and CE provider renewals.

Civil Commitment Coordinator Report:

Dr. Ellis will be sending a notification through the MPA List serve that training will be available at MPA. This opportunity will be closed on August 6. At the August 6 meeting he will present candidates for approval before reaching out to ask that they pay and receive training materials.

Chair Report:

Dr. Yazdani reporting that she is working with Dr. Ellis and Dr. Sutton in transitioning of Board responsibilities and will begin working on new Board Member training materials.

Executive Director Report:

Ms. Sharp reported that 431 psychologists have renewed their licenses and submitted continuing education hours. The 100 licensed Behavior Analysts also had continuing education hours due by June 30 so it has been rather hectic. The process went very smoothly. She also reported that she has been working with ASPPB and ProsonTech to revise our application materials to reflect the removal of the post-doctoral requirement and the changes in Board roles. She is putting together the numbers for our annual reporting obligations.

Executive Session:

Dr. Clark made the motion to enter into closed determination session to consider the need to enter into Executive Session. Dr. Ellis seconded the motion to consider the need to 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. Ellis 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:

Ms. Sharp reported that following actions took place during Executive Session:

Complaints:

Ms. Morris reported that the AG's office responded to the filing in Chancery Court regarding complaints 20190826 and 20190911 and it should be before the Court fairly soon. An attorney from Civil Litigation has been assigned to the matter.

Complaint 20210601 was received in June. It centered around possible breach of confidentiality. Committee reviewed and it does not appear a violation occurred and Dr. Yazdani recommends closure. Dr. Ellis motioned and Dr. Gaughf seconded and the motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

It was noted that the Board needed to vote to amend the Minutes of February 12, 2021, to reflect that Alexis Morris was not the Hearing Officer, but that Kim Turner was appointed by the Board to be

Hearing Officer. The motion to appoint Kim Turner or any other officer appointed by the Attorney General's Office was made by Dr. Ellis and seconded by Dr. Clark and the motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Candidate Status/Status of Applications:

Dr. Clark asked if we should accept a screenshot of a report as verification of licensure in another state or do we require a copy of an actual license? There was discussion of existing license verification submissions. The Board agreed that a copy of the license or statement from the Licensure Board would suffice.

Dr. Clark recommended two applicants for Temporary Practice Certificates, Dr. Venette Westhoven of Texas, and Dr. Alex Rodrigues of Colorado. Dr. Ellis moved to ratify Dr. Clark's recommendations and Dr. Gaughf seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

The question was asked if the Board would require those wanting to renew a Temporary Practice Certificate to also retake the Jurisprudence Exam? The Board responded that yes, it is in the best interest of the public to require this.

Dr. Clark recommended the following individual to sit for the EPPP examination: 04092020. Dr. Ellis moved to accept this recommendation, Dr. Yazdani seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark recommended the following individuals to sit for the jurisprudence and oral examinations: 02112021, Licensed in GA and WA – abbreviated examination, and 06152020, Never Licensed - full examination. Dr. Ellis moved to accept these recommendations, Dr. Gaughf seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark recommended that the following individual who was approved for oral examination at the June 4, 2021, meeting be approved for a Temporary License: 01142021, currently licensed in Kentucky. Dr. Ellis moved to accept this recommendation, and Dr. Gaughf seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Clark moved to move out of Executive Session at 10:27 a.m. Dr. Ellis seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Review and Update of Rules and Regulations:

The Board briefly discussed that they think the Rules are ready for a final review by the Board and will reread in hopes of approving to be prepared for review by the OLRC at the August meeting.

Dr. Ellis shared a "Proposed Revision of Oral Exam" document for the Board to consider with suggestions on how the exam can be tailored to focus on regulatory aspects of how the Statutes and

Rules and Regulations should be defined and implemented. Discussion centered on drawing APA Ethical Principles guidelines into exam as Dr. Yazdani explained that most complaints and sanctions come from ethical violations. The Board is planning to continue offering a video conferencing option. There were a few additional suggestions made for further consideration.

Old Business:

The Board discussed plans for the Board Meeting and sessions to be led by the Board during MPA in late September. Currently all Board members plan to be in attendance. Dr. Clark motioned that the Board sponsor the bags at MPA as an educational tool. Dr. Ellis seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating the vote.

New Business.

The Board could not conduct any new business as no longer a quorum.

Adjourn:

Dr. Yazdani moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Gaughf. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:56 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacie Sharp
Executive Director

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