

Board of Psychology

Board Meeting
June 4, 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., Special Assistant Attorney General
Stacie Sharp, Board Administrator

Call to Order:

Dr. Ellis called the meeting to order at 12:04 P.M. and called for amendments to the agenda. He stated that Janet Orwig would be unable to meet with the board today.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Clark motioned, seconded by Dr. Gaughf, to approve the May 7, 2021, Executive Session and the May 7, 2021, minutes with noted corrections. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Treasurer Report:

Dr. Sutton spoke with Jason Quon, DFA Budget analyst, who suggested that funds from the autism board's budget be utilized in paying for the PIN for Ms. Sharp. He consulted and confirmed that this was an appropriate use of funds and suggested the amount of \$12,500. Dr. Gaughf moved that funds from the Autism Board be used assist in paying Ms. Sharp's PIN, and Dr. Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Continuing Education Coordinator Report:

Dr. Clark reported that renewals are going well. The list of licensees who will be audited has been pulled and will be carried out after June 30th.

Dr. Clark discussed a group that requested consideration to become a Board approved CE provider. She further discussed that this organization is not qualified based on rule 12.4, and the Board affirmed this.

Dr. Clark crafted new language for the Rules and Regulations pertaining to CE requirements for newly licensed psychologists, specifically: Newly licensed psychologists are considered to have satisfied continuing education requirements for the continuing education cycle in which they are licensed. They will be required to report continuing education for the next two-year reporting cycle. Dr. Wheeler moved to accept this new language, Dr. Gaughf seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

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.

Chair Report:

Dr. Ellis received a survey on the EPPP-2. He suggested that this be completed by another member of the Board. Dr. Gaughf went over the survey and the Board agreed that the EPPP-2 will not be offered to applicants from Mississippi, and any results obtained will not be part of their file at the present time.

Dr. Ellis reported that the slate of individuals to be appointed to the Board has been submitted to the governor.

Board Administrator Report:

Ms. Sharp has been working with the Autism Board on their web site.

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. 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. Yazdani reported the individual with complaints 20190826 and 20190911 requested an informal conference. Since the response to the complaints from the psychologist and his attorney had not been received until late on the afternoon prior to the board meeting (June 3rd), there was insufficient time to consult with the board counsel to review that response. Thus, Dr. Yazdani recommended that we go forth with the hearing. Dr. Clark motioned and Dr. Sutton seconded and the motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Candidate Status/Status of Applications/Complaints:

Dr. Wheeler chaired the oral examination committee of Christopher Michael Perez 12142019, Leah Suzanne Boepple 01192021, and John Frank Drozd 02022021 with Dr. Ellis and Dr. Yazdani, and reported that these candidates passed.

Dr. Clark chaired the oral examination committee of Jennifer Marie Ladner-Graham 07082020, Emily Kathleen Crochet 03262021, Andrew Craig Voluse 03182021, and Emily E. Brickell 10072020 with Dr. Sutton and Dr. Gaughf, and reported that these candidates passed.

Dr. Gaughf recommended the above applicants, who successfully passed the oral examination and the jurisprudence examination, for licensure: Dr. Clark moved to accept this recommendation, and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended one applicant for a Temporary Practice Certificate, Megan Leigh Wilkins, Tennessee. Dr. Sutton moved to ratify Dr. Gaughf's recommendation and Dr. Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended that following individuals to sit for the EPPP examination: 02202021 and 02152021. Dr. Clark moved to accept this recommendation, Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf recommended the following individuals to sit for the jurisprudence and oral examinations: 03102021, Never Licensed – full examination, 01142021, South Carolina and Kentucky – abbreviated examination and 04092021, Alabama – abbreviated examination (PENDING BACKGROUND CHECK REPORT). Dr. Clark moved to accept these recommendations, Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Review and Update of Rules and Regulations:

Reviewed current Jurisprudence and Oral Examination materials, processed, and related MS Statute and Rules and Regulations. The board will draft potential changes to content and process and follow up at upcoming Board meeting.

Old Business:

Janet Orwig and PSYPACT discussion was canceled.

Reviewed current MS Statutes and Rules and Regulations related to individuals with foreign degrees. After consultation with APA, the Board determined that there is no method for determining APA or CPA equivalency of foreign degree programs at the present time. According to APA, there will be future review of this issue.

New Business.

The Board agreed to present at the upcoming MPA convention and will follow up with MPA.

Discussed election of Board Officers and voted on Election. Will combine CE Coordinator and Civil Commitment Coordinator positions. Dr. Clark moved to approve the slate of Officers and Dr. Gaughf seconded and the Slate passed unanimously. Beginning 07/01/2021, Board Officers will be as follows.

Lisa Yazdani – Chair

Monica Sutton - Executive Secretary

Molly Clark - Credentialing Coordinator

Lynwood Wheeler - CE Coordinator

Open Psychologist Position - Recording Secretary

Open Psychologist Position - Treasurer

Open Public Member

Second Executive Session:

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

Dr. Gaughf recommended applicant 03092021 for the EPPP examination. Dr. Clark moved to accept this recommendation, and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Adjourn:

Dr. Clark 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 3:32 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., ABPP

June 4, 2021

Recording Secretary