

**Board of Psychology**

Board Meeting  
May 7, 2021  
Teleconference

**Board Attendance**

**Present      Absent**

		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 11:21 A.M. and called for amendments to the agenda.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:**

Dr. Wheeler motioned, seconded by Dr. Yazdani, to approve the 4/9/21 Executive session and the 4/15/21 minutes with noted corrections. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

**Treasurer Report:**

Dr. Sutton reported that the board is a stable financial position and operating within the parameters of the budget.

**Continuing Education Coordinator Report:**

Stacie Sharp reported that follow up notifications for licensure and CE approved providers is going well.

**Civil Commitment Coordinator Report:**

Dr. Ellis will have a notice posted on the MPA listserv pertaining to interest in a September training.

**Chair Report:**

Dr. Ellis had no report.

**Board Administrator Report:**

Ms. Sharp discussed BARC summaries received, as well as information pertaining to Military applications being prioritized and psychometrists/psychological assistants.

Ms. Sharp is receiving questions pertaining to the post-doctoral requirement law change. It was agreed that this information be posted in the "frequently asked questions" area on the web site.

Ms. Sharp reported that the PIN process is going well and should be completed by July 1.

**Executive Session:**

Dr. Yazdani 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 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:**

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

**Complaints:**

Dr. Yazdani reported that the hearing with regard to complaints 20190826 and 2019091 is scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Candidate Status/Status of Applications/Complaints:**

Dr. Gaughf recommended the following applicants who successfully passed the oral examination and the jurisprudence examination for licensure: Kelsey Anne Bonfils, Beth C. Arredondo, Susan Brown, Heather Kayle Puglizevich, Nicholas Theodore Tworek. Dr. Yazdani moved that these candidates be accepted for licensure, and Dr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Ellis, chair of the examination committee for 10072020, recommended that she retake the oral examination.

Dr. Gaughf recommended three applicants for Temporary Practice Certificate: Anita Ann Davis, Marcia J. Schwartz, Kimberly Christine Koessel, (PENDING PASSING JURISPRUDENCE EXAM), Samantha Renee Jordan, (PENDING PASSING JURISPRUDENCY EXAM). Dr. Sutton

moved to ratify Dr. Gaughf's recommendation and Dr. Yazdani 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: 03112021, 03102021, 03092020 (Approved to retake EPPP). Dr. Yazdani 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: 07082020, 02022021, 03262021, 03182021, 01192021, 12142019 (PENDING POSTDOC VERIFICATION FROM ASPPB). Dr. Yazdani moved to accept these recommendations, Sr. Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Dr. Gaughf brought up a question about another individual completing application on behalf of a candidate. Ms. Morris stated that the application in this case must come from a company or individual with notarized documentation

Dr. Gaughf stated that there were multiple questions about foreign programs and eligibility for licensure, but there are no complete applications at this time.

Dr. Gaughf discussed an individual who is presenting themselves as a psychologist. Ms. Morris recommended that this individual be responded to with a formal mailed letter from the Board giving a time frame to change their business name and website. Given that this person was not trained at an APA approved program, and does not have an APA approved internship, their application fee will be refunded, as they are not eligible for licensure.

Dr. Gaughf discussed an individual for whom the ASPPB requested that the Board accept alternative verification of pre and post doctoral hours. It was agreed that the Board is willing to review alternative documentation, but this individual must meet eligibility requirements.

### **Review and Update of Rules and Regulations:**

Dr. Gaughf discussed 4.4 and 4.5 pertaining to programs outside the US and Canada, and the Board's standards for licensure eligibility are an APA approved graduate program and internship.

The Rules and Regulations were finalized and will be reviewed by Ms. Morris.

### **Old Business:**

Dr. Ellis reported that Mississippi Code 73-31-27 has been added to the psychometry licensure renewal form.

### **New Business.**

There was discussion of revising the oral examination, as well as oral exams requirements for ABPP's. The board will begin the process of revising the oral exam.

There was discussion of Mississippi joining PSYPACT. Janet Orwig of ASPPB will be invited to the next board meeting to discuss the steps to be taken.

**Adjourn:**

Dr. Yazdani 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

May 7, 2021