

## Mississippi Board of Psychology

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**Board Meeting  
August 16, 2024  
Woolfolk State Office Building  
501 N West St, Jackson, MS 39201**

<b><u>Board Attendance</u></b>		<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Kevin Armstrong, Ph.D.	2024-2029	X	
Molly Clark, Ph.D., Credentialing Coordinator	2023- 2028	X	
Chris Cumbest, M.Div, Chair and Public Member	2022-2027	X	
Penni Foster, Ph.D., Recording Secretary	2021-2026	X	
Kaye Sly, Ph.D., Treasurer	2021-2026	X	
Monica Sutton, Ph.D., Executive Secretary	2022-2027	X	
Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., CE Coordinator	2023-2028	X	
<b><u>Also Present:</u></b> Stacie Sharp, Executive Director Alexis Morris, Esq., Special Assistant Attorney General Lisa Yazdani, Ph.D, Outgoing Board Member and PSYPACT Chair			

### **Call to Order**

Mr. Cumbest called the meeting to order at 10:16 am.

### **Recognition of Outgoing Board Member**

Mr. Cumbest - Dr. Yazdani was recognized with gratitude for her years of service to the MS Board of Psychology.

### **Introduction of New Board Member and Oath of Office**

Mr. Cumbest - Dr. Armstrong was introduced as the newly appointed member of the MS Board of Psychology. Dr. Armstrong participated in and attested to the Oath of Office.

### **Motion to Approve June 7, 2024, Minutes with Amendments**

Mr. Cumbest asked for any amendments to the minutes, but no amendments were made.

Dr. Clark – Motion to approve June 7, 2024, minutes with no amendments

Dr. Sutton - Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

### **Treasurer Report**

Dr. Sly – The MS Board of Psychology and the MS Autism Board received the new FY2025 budget and were granted level funding. Both Boards are operating within budget. Financial operations of both Boards are in good standing.

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## **CE Coordinator Report**

Dr. Wheeler – An application from an organization to become a Board-approved CE provider was received and is currently being reviewed.

## **PSYPACT Chair Report**

Dr. Yazdani - There are currently 16 PSYPACT providers who named Mississippi as their home licensing state. She will be attending the next PSYPACT meeting in November 2024.

## **Executive Director Report**

Ms. Sharp – The next ASPPB meeting interferes with the currently scheduled November Board meeting.

Dr. Clark – Motion to reschedule the November 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting to October 25, 2024.

Dr. Wheeler - Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Ms. Sharp – She will complete Board members’ registration for the Mississippi Psychological Association convention in September 2024.

## **Motion to Enter into Closed Determination Session**

Dr. Wheeler - Motion to enter into closed determination session to consider the need to enter into Executive Session

Dr. Clark - Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

## **Motion to Enter into Executive Session**

**In accordance with Miss. Code Ann. §25-41-7(1), Miss. Code Ann. §24-41-7(3), & (5):**

Dr. Wheeler - Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing candidate status, status of applications, personnel issues, and complaints

Dr. Clark - Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

## **Actions Taken During Executive Session**

### **Personnel Issues**

Mr. Cumbest – The Executive Director’s salary increase will be phased in over the FY2025 and FY2026 budgets.

Dr. Sutton - Motion to approve a 7% salary increase for the Executive Director for FY 2025 budget with the remaining salary increase added to the FY2026 budget.

Dr. Wheeler – Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

### **Complaints**

Dr. Sutton – There were no open complaints at this time.

### **Candidates**

#### **Applicant Request:**

Dr. Clark – Applicant 20210727 requested review due to atypical circumstances at the EPPP testing site Dr.

Clark recommended that given that ASPPB invalidated the delivery of that EPPP exam, the applicant be allowed to take the exam again without the 2-year waiting period.

Dr. Wheeler – Motion to accept Dr. Clark’s recommendation

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Dr. Armstrong – Second

The motion passed with all in attendance participating in the vote and only Dr. Foster voting in opposition.

### **Motion to Ratify Candidates for Temporary Practice Certificate:**

Dr. Clark recommended ratification of the following applicant for Temporary Practice Certificate:

Lauren Stroker (FL).

Dr. Wheeler - Motion to accept Dr. Clark's recommendation

Dr. Sutton - Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote

### **Motion to Ratify Applicants for EPPP Examination:**

Dr. Clark recommended ratifying the following applicant for the EPPP Examination: 20231203.

Dr. Wheeler - Motion to accept Dr. Clark's recommendation

Dr. Sutton - Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote

### **Motion to Ratify Predoctoral Non-Applicants for EPPP Examination:**

Dr. Clark recommended ratifying the following predoctoral non-applicant for EPPP Examination: E20240717.

Dr. Armstrong - Motion to accept Dr. Clark's recommendation

Dr. Wheeler - Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

### **Motion to Approve Candidates for Oral Examination:**

Dr. Clark recommended the following candidates for the Oral Examinations: 20221215, 20210721, 20240227, 2024060, 20240629, 20240506, 20240303, U20240416.

Dr. Wheeler - Motion to accept Dr. Clark's recommendation

Dr. Foster - Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

### **Motion to Ratify Candidates for Temporary License:**

Dr. Clark recommended ratification of the following applicant for Temporary License:

Kathleen Anne Crimmins.

Dr. Sutton - Motion to accept Dr. Clark's recommendation

Dr. Wheeler - Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote

### **Motion to Approve Candidates Who Successfully Passed the Oral Examination for Licensure:**

Dr. Clark recommended the following applicants who successfully passed the Oral Examination for licensure:

MacKenzie Sidwell, Claude Robinson, Michael Lester.

Dr. Wheeler – Motion to accept Dr. Clark's recommendation

Dr. Armstrong - Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

### **Motion to Exit Executive Session**

Dr. Wheeler - Motion to exit executive session

Dr. Clark - Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

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## **Old Business**

### **Board Presentation to MPA**

Dr. Yazdani – Discussed the Board’s proposed presentation at the MPA 2024 annual convention.

### **ASPPB Mandate to Implement EPPP-2**

Mr. Cumbest – Discussed the ASPPB’s recent mandate for future implementation of the EPPP-2.

### **Masters Level Providers**

Mr. Cumbest – Discussed the national issue regarding masters level providers.

### **Statute Review**

Mr. Cumbest – The statute and upcoming changes for the 2025 legislative session were discussed. This discussion will continue during the next meetings.

## **New Business**

### **Meeting Dates for 2025**

The Board meeting dates for 2025 were reviewed.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Dr. Clark– Motion to adjourn the meeting

Dr. Wheeler – Second

The motion passed unanimously with all in attendance participating in the vote.

Adjourned at 1:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Penni Foster, PhD  
Recording Secretary

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