

Mississippi Board of Psychology

**Board Meeting
February 7, 2025
Virtual Meeting by Zoom**

<u>Board Attendance</u>		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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	
<u>Also Present:</u> Stacie Sharp, Executive Director Alexis Morris, Esq., Special Assistant Attorney General			

Call to Order

Mr. Cumbest called the meeting to order at 9:38 am.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Mr. Cumbest asked for amendments to the agenda but no amendments were made.

Mr. Cumbest asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

Dr. Clark – Motion to approve agenda

Dr. Armstrong - Second

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

Motion to Approve January 10, 2025, Minutes

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

Dr. Clark – Motion to approve January 10, 2025, minutes

Dr. Wheeler - Second

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

Treasurer Report

Dr. Sly –Presented the budget for the MS Board of Psychology and the MS Autism Board. Dr. Sly reported that both boards are operating within budget, and financial operations are in good standing.

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PSYPACT Report

Ms. Sharp – Reported on behalf of Dr. Lisa Yazdani. She stated that the Board should send Dr. Yazdani any feedback related to the PSYPACT discussion about applicants who did not receive training from APA-accredited institutions.

CE Coordinator Report

Dr. Wheeler – Reported that this is a CE reporting year. Psychologists must report their CE training by June 2025 and auditing of randomly selected psychologists will be performed.

Chair Report

Mr. Cumbest – Reminded the Board about MPA's Day at the Capital event on February 13, 2025. He stated that Dr. Armstrong will be attending the new board member training by ASPPB in February 2025. Mr. Cumbest reported that the ASPPB mid-year meeting is in April, but that no Board members will attend this year due to budget constraints. He noted that the March Board meeting will be held virtually.

Executive Director Report

Ms. Sharp – Received notification from the State Auditor about an audit of all boards and commissions. She stated that she provided the requested information. Ms. Sharp recommended that the Board add a link to PSYPACT verification to the License Verification section of the Board's website.

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. Clark - Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing candidate status, status of applications, complaints, and oral exam review

Dr. Wheeler - Second

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

Actions Taken During Executive Session

Complaints

Ms. Sharp – Reported on behalf of Dr. Sutton that there were no new complaints.

Candidates

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

Dr. Clark recommended the following applicant who successfully passed the Oral Examination for licensure: Michael Logan Smith, Carmen Patrise Lewis.

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

Dr. Sly - Second

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

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Motion For Candidates Who Did Not Successfully Pass the Oral Examination for Licensure:

Dr. Foster recommended the following applicant did not successfully pass the Oral Examination for licensure and must retake sections 4 and 5: 20240502.

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

Dr. Wheeler - Second

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

Motion to Ratify Applicants for the EPPP Examination:

Dr. Armstrong recused himself from the discussion and the vote.

Dr. Clark recommended ratifying the following applicants for the EPPP Examination: 20241108.

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

Dr. Sly - Second

The motion passed unanimously by those participating in the vote.

Motion to Ratify Applicants for EPPP Examination:

Dr. Clark recommended ratifying the following applicants for the EPPP Examination: 20240928, 20241218.

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 Ratify Predoctoral Non-Applicants for EPPP Examination:

Dr. Clark recommended ratifying the following predoctoral non-applicant for EPPP Examination: 20250116.

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: 20250130.

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

Dr. Armstrong - Second

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

Applicant Criminal Background Check

Dr. Clark – Received the FBI report and guidance for the background check for applicant 20240909.

Dr. Armstrong – Motion to approve the criminal background check as received and to move the applicant forward

Dr. Wheeler – Second

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

Oral Exam Review

Mr. Cumbest – Followed up on the recent discussion on revisions to the oral examination.

Motion to Exit Executive Session

Dr. Clark – Motion to exit executive session

Dr. Wheeler - Second

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

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Old Business

Civil Commitment Training

Mr. Cumbest – Dr. Steve Ellis was not able to attend today's meeting to discuss civil commitment training. He recommended he be invited to a future meeting.

Legislative and Statute Updates

Ms. Morris – Discussed several proposed bills regarding potential regulations for occupational licensing boards.

Dr. Foster – Reported that a letter of support from the Board proposing changing the number of Board members listed in the MS Code of 1972, 73-31 from 7 to 9 members was sent to the Mississippi Psychological Association. She reported that Senate Bill 2731 addressing the MS Code of 1972, 73-31, was proposed but did not include the requested change.

New Business

Applicant Reference Form

Dr. Clark – Reviewed the current professional reference form for licensure applicants and made recommendations for changes.

Dr. Wheeler – Motion to approve Dr. Clark's recommended revised professional reference form

Dr. Armstrong – Second

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

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 11:07 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Penni Foster, PhD
Recording Secretary

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