

Mississippi Board of Psychology

**Board Meeting
August 15, 2025
Virtual Meeting by Zoom**

<u>Board Attendance</u>		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Kevin Armstrong, Ph.D., CE Coordinator	2024-2029	X	
Molly Clark, Ph.D., Credentialing Coordinator	2023- 2028		X
Chris Cumbest, M.Div, Treasurer and Public Member	2022-2027	X	
Penni Foster, Ph.D., Recording Secretary	2021-2026	X	
Kaye Sly, Ph.D., PSYPACT Commissioner	2021-2026	X	
Monica Sutton, Ph.D., Chair	2022-2027	X	
Lynwood Wheeler, Ph.D., Executive Secretary	2023-2028	X	
<u>Also Present:</u> Stacie Sharp, Executive Director Phillips Strickland, Esq., Special Assistant Attorney General Dr. David Gavel, MPA Immediate Past President LaDarion Ammons, MPA Executive Director			

Call to Order

Dr. Sutton called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Dr. Sutton asked for amendments to the agenda, and Dr. Sutton added a report by the PSYPACT Commissioner to the agenda.

Dr. Sutton asked for approval of the meeting agenda as amended.

Mr. Cumbest – Motion to approve agenda as amended

Dr. Armstrong - Second

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

Motion to Approve June 6, 2025, Minutes

Dr. Sutton asked for any amendments to the minutes, but no amendments were made.

Dr. Wheeler – Motion to approve June 6, 2025, minutes as written

Dr. Armstrong - Second

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

Treasurer Report

Mr. Cumbest –Presented the budget for the MS Board of Psychology and the MS Autism Board. Mr. Cumbest reported that both boards are operating within budget, and financial operations are in good standing. He discussed increases to the budgets and other budgetary changes.

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CE Coordinator Report

Dr. Wheeler – Reported that Dr. Armstrong will serve as the CE Coordinator moving forward after today's report. He stated that audits of CE credits for license renewal have occurred with one audit ongoing.

Dr. Wheeler asked that the acronym for ACCME be corrected in the CE sections on the Board website and in the Rules and Regulations.

Dr. Armstrong – Motion to make corrections

Mr. Cumbest - Second

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

Chair Report

Dr. Sutton – Shared feedback from a recently licensed applicant about the oral examination process.

PSYPACT Commissioner Report

Dr. Sly – Reported on PSYPACT membership and current discussions by the PSYPACT commission related to education requirements, fee structures, and other issues.

Executive Director Report

Ms. Sharp – Reported on the anticipated Board meeting dates for 2026. She also stated that the bags that the Board will provide at the Mississippi Psychological Association (MPA) convention in September 2025 are ordered and complete.

Presentation from MPA Representatives

Dr. Gavel – Reported on MPA's recent conversations and membership survey regarding potential masters level licensure. Considerations for current and future practice of psychology were discussed.

Dr. Gavel and Mr. Ammons left the meeting at 11:45 am.

Motion to Enter into Closed Determination Session

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

Dr. Wheeler - 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):

Mr. Cumbest - Motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing candidate status, status of applications, complaints, and ED salary.

Dr. Wheeler - Second

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

Actions Taken During Executive Session

Complaints

Dr. Wheeler – No open complaints

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Candidates

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

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

Steven Michael Bishop, Yedidya David Levy, Alexis Kaylyn Liberto, Jessica Diane Nicholson.

Mr. Cumbest- Motion to accept Dr. Armstrong'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. Armstrong recused himself from the discussion and the vote.

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

Dawn Lancaster, Hailey Elizabeth Ripple.

Mr. Cumbest - Motion to accept Dr. Sly's recommendation

Dr. Wheeler - Second

The motion passed unanimously by those participating in the vote.

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

Dr. Sly recommended the following applicant did not successfully pass the Oral Examination for licensure and must retake section 3: 20250129, 20250208.

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

Mr. Cumbest - Second

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

Motion to Ratify Predoctoral Non-Applicants for EPPP Examination:

Dr. Sutton recommended ratifying the following predoctoral non-applicant for the EPPP Examination: E20250630, E20250730.

Dr. Armstrong - Motion to accept Dr. Sutton'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. Sutton recommended the following candidates for the Oral Examination: 20250428, 20241204, 20250528.

Mr. Cumbest - Motion to accept Dr. Sutton's recommendation

Dr. Armstrong - Second

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

Motion to Approve Candidates for Oral Examination:

Dr. Foster and Sutton recused themselves from the discussion and the vote.

Dr. Wheeler recommended the following candidate for the Oral Examination: 20241112.

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

Mr. Cumbest - Second

The motion passed unanimously by those participating in the vote.

Motion to Ratify Candidates for Temporary Practice Permit:

Dr. Sutton recommended ratification of the following applicants for Temporary Practice Permit: U20250729, U20250806.

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

Dr. Armstrong - Second

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

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Motion to Ratify Candidates for Temporary Practice Certificate:

Dr. Sutton recommended ratification of the following applicant for Temporary Practice Certificate: Megan Alsop (LA).

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

Dr. Armstrong – Second

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

Motion to Approve Increase in ED's Salary as Recommended on June 27, 2024:

Mr. Cumbest – Discussed ED's increase in salary as approved by the Board on June 27, 2024. To satisfy the salary increase as previously approved in FY24, the ED's salary should be raised at this time by \$3,800 to the total of \$68,000 to be paid by the Mississippi Board of Psychology and the Mississippi Autism Board.

Mr. Cumbest – Motion to affirm increase by \$3,800 to the total of \$68,000 as previously approved

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. Armstrong - Second

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

Old Business

Civil Commitment Training

Dr. Armstrong – Discussed the ongoing development of new civil commitment training in collaboration with Dr. Steve Ellis.

New Business

Board Attendance and Meeting at MPA

Ms. Sharp – Requested information about Board member attendance at the MPA convention in September 2025.

Board Attendance at ASPPB

Ms. Sharp – Requested information about Board member attendance at the ASPPB meeting in October 2025.

Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Cumbest – Motion to adjourn the meeting

Dr. Wheeler – Second

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

Adjourned at 12:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Penni Foster, PhD
Recording Secretary

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