

## Mississippi Board of Psychology

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### Board Meeting January 10, 2025 Virtual Meeting by Zoom

<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			

#### **Call to Order**

Mr. Cumbest called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

#### **Motion to Approve Agenda**

Mr. Cumbest asked for amendments to the agenda. Dr. Cumbest requested to move the Oral Exam Review to Executive Session and to add Legislative and Statute Updates to Old Business.

Mr. Cumbest asked for approval of the meeting agenda as amended.

Dr. Clark – Motion to approve agenda as amended

Dr. Wheeler - Second

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

#### **Motion to Approve December 6, 2024, Minutes**

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

Dr. Clark – Motion to approve December 6, 2024, minutes

Dr. Armstrong - 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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## **CE Coordinator Report**

Dr. Wheeler – No report

## **Chair Report**

Mr. Cumbest – Will attend an ASPPB meeting for Board chairs in January 2025.

## **Executive Director Report**

Ms. Sharp – Noted receipt of an email regarding correctional facilities. The Board discussed, and the Executive Director will send a response.

## **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**

Dr. Armstrong recused himself from the discussion and left the meeting at 9:45 am.

Dr. Sutton – Recommended closing complaint 240801.

Dr. Clark - Motion to close complaint 240801

Dr. Wheeler - Second

The motion passed unanimously by those participating in the vote.

Dr. Armstrong rejoined the meeting at 9:48 am.

Dr. Sutton – Recommended closing complaint 241002.

Dr. Armstrong - Motion to close complaint 241002

Dr. Clark - Second

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

### **Candidates**

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

Dr. Foster recommended the following applicant who successfully passed the Oral Examination for licensure: David Christopher Carden.

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

Dr. Armstrong - Second

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

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

Dr. Sly recommended the following applicant who successfully passed the Oral Examination for licensure: Amy Pitts Brom, Charles Cutez Waller.

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

Dr. Wheeler - 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: E20250107.

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

Dr. Sutton - 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: 20240726, 20210727.

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

Dr. Wheeler recommended the following candidates for the Oral Examinations: 20240709, 20240630.

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

Dr. Armstrong - Second

The motion passed unanimously by those participating in the vote.

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

Dr. Clark recommended the following candidates for the Oral Examinations: 20240502.

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 Ratify Applicants for EPPP Examination:**

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

Dr. Armstrong recommended ratifying the following applicants for the EPPP Examination pending approval of a background check: 20240909.

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

Dr. Sly - Second

The motion passed unanimously by those participating in the vote.

### **Oral Exam Review**

The Board discussed revisions to the oral examination.

Dr. Clark – Motion to accept recommended revision

Dr. Wheeler – Second

The motion passed with the majority of the vote. Dr. Foster voted in opposition to the motion.

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## **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.

## **Old Business**

### **Civil Commitment Training**

Dr. Armstrong – Spoke with Dr. Steve Ellis regarding prior civil commitment training. Dr. Armstrong recommended the Board invite Dr. Ellis to the next meeting for further discussion.

### **Legislative and Statute Updates**

Dr. Foster – Discussed the Board's recommendation to propose changing Board membership in the MS Code of 1972, 73-31 from 7 to 9 members.

Dr. Clark – Motion to move forward with requesting this change and sending a letter of explanation to the Mississippi Psychological Association

Dr. Armstrong – Second

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

## **New Business**

No new business to report.

## **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 11:12 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Penni Foster, PhD  
Recording Secretary

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