

Mississippi Board of Psychology

Board Meeting March 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 Steve Ellis, PhD			

Call to Order

Mr. Cumbest called the meeting to order at 9:36 am. He welcomed Dr. Steve Ellis to the meeting.

Motion to Approve Agenda

Mr. Cumbest asked for amendments to the agenda. He stated that the Oral Exam Review was added in error and should be removed from the agenda.

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

Dr. Wheeler – Motion to approve agenda

Dr. Clark - Second

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

Motion to Approve February 7, 2025, Minutes

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

Dr. Armstrong – Motion to approve February 7, 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.

CE Coordinator Report

Dr. Wheeler – Reported that license renewal notices have been distributed.

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Chair Report

Mr. Cumbest – No report

Executive Director Report

Ms. Sharp – Reported that she met with the State Auditor regarding the audit of all boards and commissions. She stated that she is collecting additional information as requested by the auditor. Ms. Sharp stated that a link to PSYPACT verification was added to the License Verification section on the Board's website.

Old Business

Civil Commitment Training

Dr. Armstrong – Introduced Dr. Steve Ellis and discussed the future of civil commitment training. Dr. Ellis provided information on the history of the training and recommended options for the future.

Legislative Updates

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

Dr. Clark – Motion for Ms. Morris to draft language that addresses Senate Bill 2248 and the impact on the Board's interjurisdictional compact.

Dr. Sutton – Second

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

Dr. Foster – Reported on the current status of Senate Bill 2731 addressing the MS Code of 1972, 73-31.

Motion to Enter into Closed Determination Session

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

Dr. Sutton - 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, and complaints.

Dr. Wheeler - Second

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

Actions Taken During Executive Session

Complaints

Dr. Sutton – Reported that there are no open complaints.

Candidates

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

Dr. Clark and Dr. Sutton recommended the following applicants who successfully passed the Oral Examination for licensure: Rachel Bacigalupi, Suzana Flores.

Dr. Wheeler - Motion to accept Dr. Clark's and Dr. Sutton's recommendations

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

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

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

Dr. Wheeler - Second

The motion passed unanimously by those participating in the vote.

Motion to Ratify Candidates for Temporary Practice Permit:

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

Jessica Diane Nicholson.

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 Applicants for the EPPP Examination:

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

Dr. Clark brought forth ratification of the following applicants for the EPPP Examination: 20241112.

Dr. Armstrong - Motion to accept the ratification

Dr. Wheeler - 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: 20240911.

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: E20250301.

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: 20241014, 20240130, 20241119, 20230623, 20240712, 20240303.

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. Clark brought forth the following candidates for the Oral Examinations: 20220301.

Dr. Wheeler - Motion to approve the candidate for oral examination

Dr. Sly - Second

The motion passed unanimously by those participating in the vote.

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Request for Refund

Dr. Clark reported that a person requested a refund due to an error. She stated that the notification was immediate and that she recommended a refund be provided.

Dr. Sly – Motion to grant the refund

Second – Dr. Wheeler

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

Motion to Exit Executive Session

Dr. Clark – Motion to exit executive session

Dr. Sutton - Second

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

New Business

Emailed Question

Dr. Clark – Reported on a question received by email. It was discussed that the person should follow the process to request a formal declaratory statement.

Dr. Clark – Motion that the Executive Director instruct the individual to submit their question according to Chapter 14 of the Rules and Regulations

Second – Wheeler

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

Motion to Adjourn

Dr. Clark – Motion to adjourn the meeting

Dr. Sutton – Second

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

Adjourned at 11:33 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Penni Foster, PhD
Recording Secretary

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