

## Mississippi Board of Psychology

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**Board Meeting  
May 16, 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 Phillips Strickland, Esq., Special Assistant Attorney General			

### **Call to Order**

Mr. Cumbest called the meeting to order at 10:12 am. He welcomed the new Attorney General liaison, Phillips Strickland, to the meeting.

### **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 as written.

Dr. Clark – Motion to approve agenda

Dr. Wheeler - Second

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

### **Motion to Approve March 7, 2025, Minutes**

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

Dr. Clark – Motion to approve March 7, 2025, minutes

Dr. Wheeler - Second

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

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## **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. Dr. Sly discussed the need for replacement of the Executive Director’s computer to facilitate Board functioning and the estimated cost.

Dr. Clark – Motion to approve funds for replacement equipment for the Executive Director with 50% of cost covered by the MS Board of Psychology and 50% of cost covered by the MS Autism Board

Dr. Armstrong – Second

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

## **CE Coordinator Report**

Dr. Wheeler – Reported that license renewal and CE reporting is ongoing.

## **Chair Report**

Mr. Cumbest – Discussed Board officer positions for the upcoming year. He will be communicating with Board members regarding their interest, and the discussion will continue at the next meeting. He also encouraged completion of the statement of economic interest forms and discussed the future distribution of the evaluations of the Executive Director.

## **Executive Director Report**

Ms. Sharp – Reported that the Board’s office has moved to the Sun N’ Sands building.

## **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. Sutton – Reported on complaint 250301 and recommended sending a letter of cease and desist.

Dr. Clark - Motion to approve Dr. Sutton’s recommendation and send a letter of cease and desist

Dr. Wheeler - Second

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

Dr. Sutton – Reported on complaint 250302 and recommended that it be closed.

Dr. Clark - Motion to approve Dr. Sutton’s recommendation

Dr. Wheeler - Second

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

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### **Candidates**

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

Dr. Sly and Dr. Foster recommended the following applicants who successfully passed the Oral Examination for licensure: Karen Van Winkle, Allison Hanauer, Kristen Harelson, April Berry.

Dr. Armstrong - Motion to accept Dr. Sly's and Dr. Foster's recommendations

Dr. Sutton - 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, 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:

Kara Mabus, Ran Fang.

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 Predoctoral Non-Applicants for EPPP Examination:**

Dr. Clark recommended ratifying the following predoctoral non-applicant for EPPP Examination: E20250122, E20250409, E20250430, E20250506.

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 Candidates for Temporary Practice Certificate:**

Dr. Clark recommended ratification of the following applicant for Temporary Practice Certificate: Jamie Hemphill Leavey, Lauren Woodruff Rasmussen, Mandi Wilkes Musso.

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 Approve Candidates for Oral Examination:**

Dr. Clark recommended the following candidates for the Oral Examinations: 20250208, U20250212, 20250201, 20250131, 20240911.

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

Dr. Clark brought forth the following candidates for the Oral Examinations: 20240909.

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

Dr. Armstrong - Second

The motion passed unanimously by those participating in the vote.

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## **Oral Exam Review**

The Board discussed the oral examination.

Dr. Clark – Motion to enact the approved changes to the oral examination

Dr. Armstrong – Second

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. Wheeler - Second

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

## **Old Business**

### **Civil Commitment Training**

Dr. Armstrong – Discussed ongoing development of civil commitment training.

Dr. Foster left the meeting at 12:11 pm. Dr. Clark recorded minutes for the remainder of the meeting.

## **Consideration of Request for Declaratory Opinion**

Ms. Sharp – Brought forth a submitted request for declaratory opinion. The Board reviewed and discussed the request for declaratory opinion.

Dr. Clark – Motion to not issue a declaratory opinion due to Rule 14.4 A, 14.4 D and 14.4 G

Dr. Wheeler – Second

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

## **New Business**

### **Request for Recommendation**

The Board was approached about a recommendation for how to proceed with management of practice records upon the death of a psychologist. It was determined that due to MS Statute 73-31-1 through 73-31-31 that the Board does not have the ability to provide a recommendation.

## **Motion to Adjourn**

Dr. Wheeler – Motion to adjourn the meeting

Dr. Clark – Second

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

Adjourned at 12:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Penni Foster, PhD  
Recording Secretary

May 20, 2025