

Board Meeting March 6, 2026 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	
Dannell Roberts, Ph.D. 2025-2028	X	
Sarah Irby, Ph.D. 2025-2029	X	
<u>Also Present:</u> Stacie Sharp, Executive Director Pamela Ratliff, Esq., Special Assistant Attorney General		

Call to Order

Dr. Sutton called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Motion to Approve Agenda

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

Dr. Sutton asked for approval of the meeting agenda.

Mr. Cumbest – Motion to approve agenda

Dr. Armstrong - Second

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

Motion to Approve February 6, 2026, Minutes

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

Dr. Sly – Motion to approve February 6, 2026, minutes as written

Mr. Cumbest - 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.

Mississippi Board of Psychology

PSYPACT Commissioner Report

Dr. Sly – No report

Chair Report

Dr. Sutton – No report

Executive Director Report

Ms. Sharp – No report

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. Armstrong - 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 pending litigation.

Dr. Wheeler - Second

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

Actions Taken During Executive Session

Complaints

Dr. Wheeler – Reported that complaint 261002 is being investigated and recommended an educational letter.

Mr. Cumbest – Motion to send an educational letter

Dr. Armstrong – Second

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

Dr. Wheeler – Recommended that complaint 261002 be closed after an educational letter is distributed

Mr. Cumbest – Motion to approve

Dr. Armstrong – Second

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

Dr. Wheeler – Reported on complaint 260205 and noted that they have been unable to identify or locate the subject of the complaint.

Dr. Armstrong – Motion to close the complaint if the Attorney General’s office is unable to identify or locate the subject of the complaint

Dr. Wheeler – Second

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

Dr. Wheeler – Reported that complaint 260207 is currently being investigated.

Candidates

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

Dr. Sly recommended the following applicants who successfully passed the Oral Examination for licensure: Larry Palmer, Marlon Bailey.

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 Approve Candidates for EPPP:

Dr. Armstrong recused himself from the discussion and vote.

Dr. Roberts recommended the following candidate for the EPPP Examination: 20251028.

Mr. Cumbest - Motion to accept Dr. Roberts' recommendation

Dr. Wheeler - Second

The motion passed unanimously by those participating in the vote.

Motion to Ratify Predoctoral Non-Applicants for EPPP Examination:

Dr. Sly recused herself from the discussion and vote.

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

E20260215, E20260222.

Mr. Cumbest - Motion to accept Dr. Roberts' recommendation

Dr. Wheeler - Second

The motion passed unanimously by those participating in the vote.

Motion to Approve Candidates for Oral Examination:

Dr. Roberts recommended the following candidate for the Oral Examination: 20251021.

Mr. Cumbest - Motion to accept Dr. Roberts' recommendation

Dr. Wheeler - Second

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

Motion to Provide Extension of Licensure Application:

Dr. Roberts recommended extension of licensure application for an additional year: 20250214.

Dr. Armstrong - Motion to accept Dr. Roberts' recommendation

Mr. Cumbest - Second

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

Pending Litigation

Mrs. Ratliff – Reported that the civil lawsuit has been dismissed and the temporary practice certificate will be reinstated.

Motion to Approve Candidates for Oral Examination:

Dr. Sutton recommended the following candidate for the Oral Examination: U20250806.

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

Mr. Cumbest - 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. Irby - Second

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

Old Business

Civil Commitment Training

Dr. Armstrong – Reported on the development of the new civil commitment training online module.

New Business

HB 0479

Dr. Foster- Provided an update on current legislative bill HB 0479.

Mississippi Board of Psychology

Licensed Behavior Analysts Scope of Practice

Dr. Irby – Reported concerns about confusion of scope of practice for licensed behavior analysts with regard to testing and assessment. Discussion regarding a potential educational letter for the MS Autism Board regarding scope of practice will continue at future meetings.

Motion to Adjourn

Mr. Cumbest – Motion to adjourn the meeting

Dr. Wheeler – Second

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

Adjourned at 10:55 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Penni Foster, PhD
Recording Secretary

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