



**Mississippi State Board of Examiners
for Licensed Professional Counselors**

August 1, 2022

Joshua Alexander Magruder
1134 E. Wellsgate Dr.
Oxford, MS 38655

RE: 2020-17 & 2020-18

Dear Mr. Magruder

This Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors (Board) reviewed the documentation submitted by you in the matter of 2020-17 & 2020-18 Agreed Order. After review, the Board finds that you are released from the terms and conditions set forth in the Order in cause no. 2020-17 & 2020-18.

If you have any questions, please contact the Board office at (601) 359-1010.

Sincerely,

Richard Strebeck, PhD, LPC-S, NCC, CSAT, BC-TMH
Chair

Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors

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Alexis E. Morris, Special Assistant Attorney General and Board Attorney

**BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS**

IN THE MATTER OF:

JOSHUA MAGRUDER

CAUSE NO. 2020-17 & 2020-18

CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes before the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed professional counselors concerning an entry of a consent order regarding Joshua Magruder.

Upon recommendation of the Board's representative in this matter, and with consent of the respondent, the parties stipulate and agree to the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is a duly constituted authority existing within the executive branch of the government of the State of Mississippi and is charged with licensure and regulation of the practice of licensed professional counseling under Title 73, Chapter 30, of the Mississippi code of 1972, as amended. The main executive offices are located at 239 North Lamar Street, Suite 402, Jackson, MS 39201.
2. Joshua Magruder, the Respondent, is a Licensed Professional Counselor holding license Number 1572 and is a Board Qualified Supervisor holding certification Number 227 issued by the Board. His LPC license was initially issued on or about 02/25/2011 and is set to expire 06/30/2021. His Board Qualified Supervisor certification was issued on or about 05/25/2014 and is set to expire 06/30/2021.
3. By entering into this Consent Order, Respondent waives any defect in proceedings before the Board and any further right to notice and hearing under Title 73, Chapter 30 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, or any other governing laws, rules and regulations at this time.
4. Respondent had the opportunity at all times to seek advice from competent counsel of his choice. No coercion has been exerted upon the Respondent nor have any promises been made other than those reflected in this Consent Order. The Respondent has freely and voluntarily entered into this Consent Order after the opportunity to consult with legal counsel and being motivated only by the desire to resolve the issues addressed herein and for the purpose of avoiding further administrative or judicial action with respect to this cause.

5. It is expressly understood by Respondent that this Agreed Order is subject to the approval of the Board and shall have no force and effect unless and until signed by the Board. Respondent agrees and authorizes the Board staff and/or legal counsel to present this Agreed Order to the Board for consideration of the terms provided herein. Respondent further understands and agrees that, in order to decide regarding approval of this Agreed Order, discussions must take place between Board members, staff and legal counsel. Should this Agreed Order not be accepted by the Board, Respondent agrees that the presentation to and consideration of the Agreed Order shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation in or resolution of these proceedings, including serving as arbiter in any hearing regarding the Respondent by having considered this matter. Similarly, if this Agreed Order is not accepted Respondent will be free to defend himself in a formal hearing before the Board and no admissions or inferences will be made from Respondent's willingness to have entered into this Agreed Order.
6. Respondent is fully aware of his right to contest charges made against him in a formal hearing. These rights include: representation by an attorney at the Respondent's expense, the right to a public hearing on the charges filed, the right to confront and cross examine witnesses, to receive written findings of fact and conclusions of law supporting the decision of the merits of the accusations, and the right to obtain judicial review of the Board's decision.
7. Respondent expressly waives all further procedural steps, and expressly waives all rights to seek judicial review of or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of any action taken by the Board and/or its representative(s) in this matter, the Consent Order and/or the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and penalty imposed by the Consent Order.

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board makes the following:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and Respondent under Section 73-30-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. Venue is likewise properly placed before this Board to hear this matter in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi.
2. The Board gave Respondent due, proper and timely notice of the charges against him and has fulfilled all relevant procedural legal requirements.
3. Under Section and 73-30-21, the Board is authorized to revoke, suspend, assess a civil penalty (fine), place a license holder on probation, refuse to renew a license and/

or take other appropriate action with respect to any license for a violation of the laws, rules and regulations governing licensed professional counselors.

4. Respondent is charged with violating the following American Counselor Association (ACA) provisions:
 - i) F.4.c. – Standards for Supervisors

5. Respondent is charged with violating the following LPC Board Rules:
 - i) 2.2.D.
 - ii) 4.2.B.
 - iii) 4.3.B.2.

6. As an LPC-S, Respondent provided post masters supervision for 2 individuals (complainants for 2020-17 and 2020-18) who were not credentialed as Provisional Licensed Professional Counselors (P-LPCs).

Based upon the foregoing Conclusions of Law, the Board makes the following:

ADJUDICATION

1. Respondent's Board Qualified Supervisor (BQS) status is suspended for 18 months from the Board signing of this agreement.

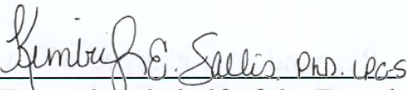
2. Respondent will complete, either in person or synchronous video, 6 continuing education hours (CEH) in supervision ethics. These hours will be in addition to the required continuing education hours for licensed professional counselors.

3. To reinstate Respondent's license, the Respondent must:
 - a) Request reinstatement from the Board;
 - b) Upon June 30, 2021 license renewal cycle, Respondent must maintain LPC-S as pursuant to Rules and Regulations of the Board;
 - c) Complete the 18-month suspension of this BQS status;
 - d) Complete 6 CEH in supervision ethics within the 18-month supervision timeframe;
 - e) Submit an updated supervision contract, which must include a document retention policy.

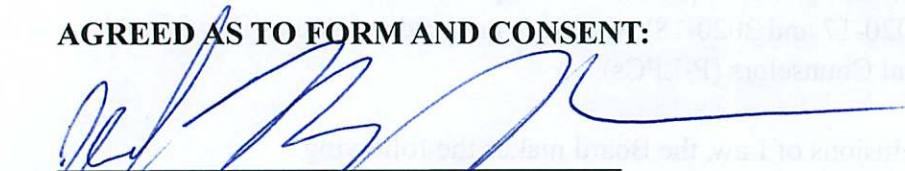
4. Respondent is aware that if he violates the terms of this Agreed Order or further violates the laws, rules, regulations and code of ethics governing practice as a licensed professional counselor, the Board may take further disciplinary action against the Respondent, up to and including suspension and revocation of his license.

SO ORDERED this the 22nd day of January 2021.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS**

By: 
For and on behalf of the Board

AGREED AS TO FORM AND CONSENT:


JOSHUA MAGRUDER, LPC