

## **MINUTES**

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

**Wednesday, November 6, 2020**

William Carey University, Tradition Campus  
Belmont Room, Scianna Hall

#### **Board Members Present**

Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair, Congressional District-At-Large  
Dr. Kimberly Elam Sallis, Congressional District I  
Dr. Lynn Etheridge, Congressional District II

#### **Board Members Absent**

Congressional District 4 - Vacant  
Steven Stafford, Congressional District III

#### **Others Present**

Ken Walley, Board Attorney, Special Assistant Attorney General  
LeeAnn Mordecai, Board Executive Director  
Kim Papania, Esq., Hearing Officer  
S. Anne Edwards, Court Reporter  
Pamela Horne  
Brittany Berry  
Stephanie Piefer  
Tina Sullivan  
Lisa Cummings, LPC  
Nicole Hymel  
Kashika Burkett  
Shelbi Lewis, P-LPC  
Carol Jones, LPC  
Troy Farris  
Dustin Panolin

#### **I. Call to Order**

The Regular Board Meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors (“Board”), held in Belmont Room, Scianna Hall, William Carey University, Tradition Campus, Tradition, Mississippi, was called to order at 1:08 p.m. by Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair (“Chair”). The purpose of the special called meeting was

administrative hearing in the matter of a complaint. A roll call of members was taken and a quorum was present.

## **II. Administrative Hearing – In the Matter of Cause #2019-03 - Smith, Terry**

The Chair yielded the meeting over to the hearing officer, Kim Papania, who presided over the hearing. The Board was represented by Mr. Ken Walley and Mr. Terry Smith was not represented.

Witnesses who were sworn in and testified during the hearing included Dr. Richard Strebeck.

### **Closed Determination/Executive Session**

After the Board had received testimonial and documentary evidence in the matter of Complaint #2019-03, a motion was made at 1:35 p.m. by Etheridge, with a second by Sallis that the Board go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session. The Hearing Officer stated there was sufficient cause to enter Executive Session. The motion to go into a closed determination session was passed unanimously by the Board members present at the hearing. Strebeck recused himself from the deliberations regarding the case.

In the closed determination session, Sallis moved, seconded by Etheridge, that the Board had a reason to go into Executive Session, namely for the purpose of deliberating and considering the testimonial and documentary evidence heard and seen in the administrative hearing, a subject which could lead to an appeal of the Board's decision or litigation against the Board. The motion carried with the following members voting for: Sallis and Etheridge. Strebeck abstaining.

Upon the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board voted, upon motion made by Etheridge and seconded by Sallis, to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried with the following members voting for: Sallis and Etheridge. Strebeck abstaining.

The Board resumed in open meeting at 1:56 p.m. by announcing the following actions taken in Executive Session.

## **III. Executive Session**

Within the Executive Session, the Board took the following action:

A motion was made by Etheridge, seconded by Sallis, that the Board take the Respondent's, Terry Smith, license.

The vote was as follows: Aye-Dr. Lynn Etheridge and Aye-Dr. Kimberly Sallis. Abstaining-Dr. Richard Strebeck.

## **II. New Business**

### **A. Investigation Training**

Mr. Walley presented training to the Board on investigation procedures as pursuant to Rules and Regulations. Mr. Walley discussed matters concerning recommendations for administrative hearings and evidentiary items needed to pursue.

### **B. Advisory Letters**

Mr. Walley discussed Advisory Letters as an option for settling complaints without proof of convincing evidence and provided alternative wording for Agreed Order that would not require the Order to be a matter of public record.

## **III. Next Meeting**

Thursday, November 7, 2019, 9:30 a.m.  
Gulf Coast Convention Center  
Biloxi, MS 39531

## **IV. Recess**

Strebeck recessed the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

## **MINUTES**

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

**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 7, 2019**  
Gulf Coast Convention Center  
Mississippi Counseling Association

#### **Board Members Present**

Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair, Congressional District-At-Large  
Dr. Kimberly Elam Sallis, Congressional District I  
Dr. Lynn Etheridge, Congressional District II

#### **Board Members Absent**

Congressional District 4 - Vacant  
Steven Stafford, Congressional District III

#### **Others Present**

Ken Walley, Board Attorney, Special Assistant Attorney General  
LeeAnn Mordecai, Board Executive Director  
Steven Midgette, LPC (exited at 10:20 a.m.)

### **I. Call to Order**

The Regular Board meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors (“Board”) was reconvened and called to order at 9:38 a.m. by Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair (“Chair”) on Thursday, November 7, 2019. The meeting was held at the Mississippi Counseling Association, Gulf Coast Convention Center, Biloxi, Mississippi. A roll call of Board members was taken and a quorum was present.

### **II. Board Operations**

#### **A. Minutes Approval**

It was motioned by Etheridge, seconded by Sallis, and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2019, Emergency Called Board meeting via teleconference. 3-0

It was motioned by Etheridge, seconded by Sallis, and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2019, Regular Board meeting as amended. 3-0

### **III. Financial Matters**

#### **A. Financial Report**

The Board reviewed the Financial Report submitted by Cornerstone.

#### **B. Administrative Hearing Costs**

1. Frazier Invoice - The Board reviewed invoice from Dr. Walter Frazier, expert witness for October 21, 2019, Administrative Hearing, #2018-03. Cornerstone will be directed to pay invoice as pursuant to agreement.
2. 2019-03 – Motion by Etheridge, seconded by Sallis, and unanimously agreed to assess costs of the Administrative Hearing on November 6 to Mr. Terry Smith as pursuant to statutes. (2-0-1)
3. Walley presented expenses for reimbursement for the FARB conference in the amount of \$624.

### **IV. New Business**

The Board set meeting dates for January – June 2020.

### **V. Old Business**

#### **A. FARB update from Ken Walley**

**B. Jurisprudence Exam** – Board discussed the exam and the need to wait for AG opinion.

**C. Using State of Mississippi email address** - Board members shall use state issued email address for all correspondence related to Board business.

**D. 2017-29 - Harris, Lorita** - the Board reviewed the update submitted.

**E. 2019-02 Melvin Logan** – request to reschedule hearing for denied application set for February 28, 2020.

F. **DeLoach, Ronny** - request for hearing for denied application set for February 28, 2020.

G. **McGee, Genika** - request for hearing, denied application set for February 28, 2020.

## **VI. Executive Session**

It was motioned by Etheridge, seconded by Strebeck, and unanimously agreed that the Board consider a motion to close the regular meeting to determine the necessity of an Executive Session. (3-0-0) The Board determined that an Executive Session was needed to review BQS / LPC / Candidacy / Comity / Continued Review applications, and to discuss Board requests.

3-0-0.

It was motioned by Strebeck, seconded by Etheridge, and unanimously agreed that the Board exit the regular session and enter Executive Session. The Board entered Executive Session.

3-0-0.

Upon return to open session, the following was announced as actions taken while in Executive Session:

- A. Considered Board Requests
- B. Reviewed Board Complaints/Denied Applications
- C. Reviewed Licensure Applications (P-LPC, LPC, LPC-S, Candidacy, Comity, Continued Review)
- D. See attached Addendum

## **VII. Recess**

Strebeck recessed the meeting at 12:34 p.m.

## MINUTES

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

**Regular Board Meeting**  
**Friday, November 8, 2019**  
Gulf Coast Convention Center  
Mississippi Counseling Association

#### **Board Members Present**

Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair, Congressional District-At-Large  
Dr. Kimberly Elam Sallis, Congressional District I  
Dr. Lynn Etheridge, Congressional District II

#### **Board Members Absent**

Congressional District 4 - Vacant  
Steven Stafford, Congressional District III

#### **Others Present**

LeeAnn Mordecai, Board Executive Director

### **I. Call to Order**

The Regular Board meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors (“Board”) was reconvened and called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair (“Chair”) on Friday, November 8, 2019. The meeting was held at the Mississippi Counseling Association, Gulf Coast Convention Center, Biloxi, Mississippi. The purpose of this meeting was to conduct two presentations for the Mississippi Counseling Association. A roll call of Board members was taken and a quorum was present.

The “Key Components for Ethical Counselors” presentation began at 8:00 a.m. The “HB708 - One Year Later” presentation began at 9:00 a.m.

### **II. Upcoming Meetings**

January 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. - Administrative Hearing

- 2018-52 - Etheridge, Lynn

January 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. - Administrative Hearing

- 2019-18 Carpenter, David

January 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. - Administrative Hearing

- 2018-50 Claveau, LouAnna

February 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. - Administrative Hearings

- Logan, Melvin - denied application
- DeLoach, Ronny - denied application
- McGee, Genika - denied application

March 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Regular Board Meeting at Delta State University

March 27, 2020 TBA

Present at Woodall Conference at Delta State University

May 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Regular Board meeting

Jun 19, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting via Teleconference - application review only

### **IX. Adjourn**

It was motioned by Strebeck, seconded by Sallis, and unanimously agreed that the Board meeting adjourn. (4-0-0). The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. by Strebeck.

Approved this the 16th day of January, 2020.

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Board Chair

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Board Member



**ADDENDUM**

<b>MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS</b>				
<b>APPLICATION REVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>				
<b>Thursday, November 7, 2019</b>				
<b>P-LPC Apps</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Branson, Jenelia Krishaun	Approved		3	0
Cook, Timothy Michael	Approved		3	0
Goodson, Aaron Timmons	Approved		3	0
Hogue, David Olson	Approved		3	0
Johnson, Lana Michelle	Approved		3	0
King, Amy McCary	Continued Review		3	0
Miller, Mary Nicole	Contingent		3	0
Moore, Sarah Katherine	Approved		3	0
Painter, Melissa Ann	Continued Review		3	0
Pearson, Allison Page	CONTINGENT		3	0
Travis, Andrea LaNell	Continued Review		3	0
Valentine, Michael J	Approved		3	0
<b>CR P-LPC Apps</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Cumbest, Sherry Aycocock	Approved		3	0
Flowers, Kimala Nateesha	Approved		3	0
<b>P-LPC to Candidacy Apps</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Bell, Stephanie Christine	Approved		3	0
Boykins, Kimera Zenatae	Approved		3	0
Cumbest, Sherry Aycocock	Approved		3	0
Frankum, Jana Elaine	Approved		3	0
Moore, Devin Hadley	Approved		3	0
Smith, Jerra Leigh	Contingent		3	0
Velez, Alysha Sophia	Contingent		3	0
<b>P-LPC to LPC Apps</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Lewis, Christine Denise	Approved		3	0

## ADDENDUM

<b>New Apps for Candidacy</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Staup, Chelsea Faught	Continued Review		3	0
<b>New Apps for Licensure</b>				
<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	
Graham, Shawn Michele	Continued Review			
Shoffner, Thomas Edward	Approved		3	0
Smith, Quinton L	Approved		3	0
<b>New Apps for Comity</b>				
<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	
Rush, Kimberly Diane	Approved		3	0
<b>New Apps for LPC-S</b>				
<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>	
Coleman, Janna Renae	Approved		3	0
Shaw, RobDreka C.	Continued Review		3	0
Walsh, Melanie R.	Contingent		3	0
<b>Board Request</b>				
<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>		
Kennedy, Siyuan Chen	Request to take NCMHCE 3rd time - Approved		3	0

### **MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS** **License Report to Board - November 7, 2019**

<b>Licensed Since Last Meeting - October 21, 2019</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>	<b>Lic Number</b>
Frank Barletta	10/24/2019	2443
James Edwin Blackmon	11/6/2019	2445
Amanda Elizabeth Brooks	10/24/2019	2439
Charsie Lynn Duvall	10/22/2019	2437
Cynthia Leah Francis	10/22/2019	2436
Angela E. Gray	10/28/2019	2444
John T. McMillan	10/22/2019	2438
Yolanda A. Miller	10/24/2019	2440
John Zachary Thompson	10/22/2019	2435
Matthew Lamar Thornton	10/24/2019	2442
Codi LaBrina Wallace	10/24/2019	2441

**ADDENDUM**

Amie R. Aguillard	LPC-S 393	10/21/2019	
Persephone Bishop-Lowe	LPC-S 391	10/21/2019	
Marlon Casy McNemar	LPC-S 392	10/21/2019	
Kimera Zenatae Boykins	10/31/2019	P-0341	
Samantha Blair Hale	10/21/2019	P-0339	
Melody Lou Landrum-Arnold	10/21/2019	P-0551	
Quinton L. Smith	10/21/2019	P-0340	
Brandon Glen Tutor	10/21/2019	P-0550	
Lois Nicole Young	10/21/2019	P-0552	

<b>MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS</b>			
<b>November 6 - 8, 2019</b>			
<b>COMPLAINTS</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>Investigating Board Member</b>	
2018-34	No Action	K. Sallis recommended no action. Etheridge motioned, Strebeck seconded, 2-0-1	
2019-06	No Action	K. Sallis recommended no action. Etheridge motioned, Strebeck seconded, 2-0-1	
2019-23	No Action	Strebeck recommended no action, Etheridge seconded, 2-0-1	