

MINUTES

**Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors
Robert E. Lee Building
239 North Lamar Street, Suite 402
Jackson, MS 39201**

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Board Members Present

Dr. Walter Frazier, Chair, Congressional District At Large
Dr. Juawice McCormick, Vice-Chair, Congressional District IV
Dr. Aretha Hargrove-Edwards, Congressional District II
Steven Rollins Stafford, Congressional District III

Others Present

Jay Eads, Special Assistant Attorney General
Wm. Jeffrey Jernigan, Board Attorney, Special Assistant Attorney General
LeeAnn Mordecai, Board Executive Director

Board Member Absent

Congressional District I – Vacant

I. Call to Order

The Regular Board meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors (“Board”) was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Dr. Walter Frazier, Chair (“Chair”) on Wednesday, September 21, 2016. The meeting was held in the Robert E. Lee Building, 239 North Lamar Street, Second Floor, Classroom C, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. A roll call of members was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Executive Session

It was motioned by McCormick to consider a motion to move into Executive Session to determine the need for an administrative hearing. The Board determined that an Executive Session was needed to conduct hearings (Complaint #2016-04 and Complaint #2016-05). It was motioned by McCormick, seconded by Stafford, and unanimously carried that the Board go into Executive Session.

It was motioned by McCormick, seconded by Stafford, and unanimously carried that the Executive Session recess at 11:40 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:22 p.m. with a call to order by Dr. McCormick.

It was motioned by McCormick, seconded by Stafford, and unanimously carried to consider a motion to move into Executive Session to make a decision as a result of

administrative hearings. It was motioned by Stafford, seconded by McCormick, and unanimously carried that the Board move into Executive Session at 3:11 p.m.

Regarding Complaint #2016-04 and Complaint #2016-05, it was motioned by Stafford that a party be contacted to request that a definitive response be provided within 30 days. Board decisions regarding those Complaints will be delayed pending receipt of requested response. Afterwards, the Board will reconvene and reenter Executive Session to render a decision. The motion was seconded by McCormick. Notwithstanding, the Board will make a decision no later than Wednesday, October 19, 2016. The defendants will be notified of the Board's decision via certified letter.

It was motioned by McCormick, seconded by Stafford, and unanimously carried that the Executive Session recess at 4:15 p.m.

III. Next Meeting

Administrative hearing of the Board is scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 9:30 a.m.
Robert E. Lee Building
239 North Lamar Street, Classroom C, Second Floor
Jackson, MS 39201

A regular meeting of the Board is scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, November 2, 2016, 9:00 a.m.
South Beach Biloxi Hotel & Suites
1735 Beach Boulevard
Biloxi, MS 39531

IV. Adjourn

It was motioned by Stafford, seconded by McCormick, and unanimously carried that the Board meeting be adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Approved this the 30th day of November, 2017.

/s/

Board Chair

/s/

Board Member