

MINUTES

Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors
Special Called Board Meeting
239 North Lamar Street
2nd Floor, Conference Room C
501 North West Street; Jackson, Mississippi
Thursday, November 19, 2015

Board Members Present:

Dr. Walter Frazier, Chair
Dr. Juawice McCormick, Vice-Chair
Dr. Glenn Waller
Dr. Diane Williams

Others Present:

Jeff Jernigan, Attorney General's office
LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director
Lorenzo Carter, Respondent
J.D. "Woody" Woodcock, Attorney General's office, Hearing Officer
Cathy White - Court Reporter

I. Call to Order

The Special Called Board Meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors ("Board"), held in Conference Room C, 2nd floor, of the Robert E. Lee Building at 239 North Lamar Street; Jackson, Mississippi, was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Dr. Walter Frazier, Chair ("Chair"). The purpose of the special called meeting was administrative hearing. A roll call of members was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Hearing – In the Matter of Cause #2015-14 Lorenzo Carter

The Chair yielded the meeting over to the hearing officer, J.D. "Woody" Woodcock, who presided over the hearing. The Board was represented by Wm. Jeffrey Jernigan and Mr. Carter was represented by himself. Dr. Glenn Waller served as the prosecuting Board member and recused himself from the deliberations in this matter.

Witnesses who were sworn in and testified during the hearing included Dr. Glenn Waller and Mr. Carter. At the conclusion of the presentation of the evidence, Dr. Glenn Waller recused himself from the rest of the proceedings.

Closed Determination/Executive Session

After the Board had received testimonial and documentary evidence in the matter of Denied Application #2015-14, a motion was made at 1:50 p.m. by Dr. Juawice

McCormick with a second by Dr. Diane Williams that the Board go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session. The motion to go into a closed determination session was passed unanimously by the Board members present at the hearing.

In the closed determination session, Dr. Diane Williams moved, seconded by Dr. Juawice McCormick, that the Board had a reason to go into Executive Session at approximately 1:55 p.m., for the purpose of deliberating and considering the testimonial and documentary evidence heard and seen in the administrative hearing regarding Lorenzo Carter's Candidacy Application, 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: Dr. Walter Frazier, Dr. Juawice McCormick and Dr. Diane Williams.

The Board announced to the public the aforesaid reason as the Board's purpose for entering into executive session.

Executive Session

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

A motion was made by Dr. Juawice McCormick, seconded by Dr. Diane Williams, to approve Mr. Carter's application for Candidacy and to, therefore, sit for Licensed Professional Counselor examination. The motion carried with the following members voting for: Dr. Walter Frazier, Dr. Juawice McCormick and Dr. Diane Williams.

Upon the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board voted, upon motion made by Dr. Juawice McCormick, seconded by Dr. Diane Williams, to come out of Executive Session.

The Board resumed in open meeting by announcing the above described actions and votes taken in Executive Session. Dr. Glenn Waller returned to the Board meeting.

III. Adjournment

Upon motion by McCormick, seconded by Williams, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Approved this the 20th day of January, 2016.

/s/

Chair

/s/

Board Member