

## **MINUTES**

Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors  
Regular Board Meeting  
Suite 402; Robert E. Lee Building  
239 North Lamar Street; Jackson, Mississippi  
February 17, 2016

### **Board Members Present**

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

### **Others Present**

Jeff Jernigan, Attorney General's Office  
LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director  
Morgan Bryant, MLPCA Liaison (left at 9:37 a.m.)  
Dr. Marc Showalter (arrived at 11:07 a.m., departed at 12:00 p.m.)  
Dr. Suzanne Dugger (arrived at 11:07 a.m., departed at 12:00 p.m.)

### **Board Members Absent**

District III – Vacant  
District IV – Vacant

## **I. Call to Order**

The Regular Board meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors (“Board”), held in the Board office at Suite 402 of the Robert E. Lee Building located at 239 North Lamar Street in Jackson, Mississippi, was called to order at 9:13 a.m. by Dr. Walter Frazier, Chair (“Chair”) on February 17, 2016. A roll call of members was taken and a quorum was present.

## **II. Board Operations**

### **A. Minutes Approval**

The Board reviewed the January 20, 2016, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Upon motion by McCormick, seconded by Waller, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as amended.

### **III. New Business**

#### **A. Electronic Board Meeting Equipment and Software**

McCormick presented options available and requested formal presentations by three vendors at the March meeting. Board asked McCormick to schedule.

#### **B. LPC-S Application Review**

Board discussed possibility of scoring LPC-S applications and measurement of knowledge and skills from training. No motion was made.

#### **C. LPC-S Questions**

Board reviewed and discussed questions as presented by LPC-S.

1. Can an LPC-S supervise someone who is working in another state but lives in Mississippi? The Board discussed the liability and state legal issues for both parties. In the opinion of the Board, the LPC-S could not supervise work of a supervisee in another state unless that LPC-S was also licensed in that state. The Board agreed they would not approve.
2. Can LPC-S supervise a Practicum student who is attending an online program? The Board agreed the Practicum and Internships must have an onsite supervisor, not off site, and the institution should provide the supervisor. The Board agreed they would not approve.

#### **D. Grand Canyon University (GCU) Accreditation**

The Board discussed GCU to determine if acceptable program. Discussion was tabled until March meeting. Board asked Executive Director to contact academic affairs for program and curriculum information.

#### **E. LPC Self Reporting**

The Board discussed LPC responsibility of self-reporting in reference to American Counseling Association Code of Ethics. Board recommends LPC contact MLPCA, MCA, and/or ACA Ethics Committees for advise because once the Board is notified, the Board has obligation to take action. When LPC does self-report to Board, LPC must present remedial steps taken.

### **IV. Board Operations (continued)**

#### **A. Financial Matters**

The Board tabled Financial Matters and the review of Routine Expenditures and Encumbrances to FY2016 Budget as submitted by Cornerstone Consulting representative Alice Gorman until March meeting.

1. Travel Vouchers

Upon motion by Waller, seconded by McCormick, the Board unanimously agreed to pay travel vouchers in the amount of \$210.60 for McCormick and Frazier.

2. FY2017 Budget Update

Frazier, Mordecai, and DeRossette met with House Appropriations Subcommittee on February 16 and now will meet with the Senate when hearing is set. Dr. Frazier will attend.

Chair called a break at 10:53 a.m.

Guests Arrived at 11:07 a.m.

Chair reconvened the meeting.

### **V. University of Mississippi**

The University of Mississippi representatives, Dr. Suzanne Dugger and Dr. Marc Showalter, presented information regarding state license exam and request the Board accept either National Counselor Exam (NCE) or the National Clinical Mental Health Counselor Exam (NCMHCE) as opposed to only the NCMHCE. They also asked the Board to consider to develop two-tier license with NCE as the first tier prior to beginning post-graduate supervision and the NCMHCE as the second tier after completing supervision and the Board's review of all application supporting documentation.

Dr. Dugger – discussed licensure issues with the Board.

Chair recessed the meeting for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Chair reconvened the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

### **V. Executive Session**

Upon motion by McCormick, seconded by Waller, the Board unanimously agreed to close the meeting at 12:45 p.m. for a consideration of the necessity for an Executive Session. The Board made a determination that an Executive Session was needed for the purpose of reviewing complaints and licensure applications, discussing issues pertaining to matters of potential litigation. Upon motion by Waller, seconded by McCormick, the Board unanimously agreed the Board had reason to go into Executive Session. The Board entered into Executive Session

The Board exited closed session, upon motion by Waller, seconded by McCormick, and unanimously carried. Upon motion by Waller, seconded by McCormick, the Board unanimously agreed go into Executive Session at 12:47 p.m. for the reasons above.

Upon conclusion of the business of the Executive Session, motion by McCormick seconded by Waller, and unanimously approved, the Board agreed to exit Executive Session, and return to open session at 3:05 p.m.

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

Applications were reviewed. Complaints were reviewed and discussed.

Upon motion by Waller, seconded by McCormick, the Board unanimously agreed to approve decisions made during Executive Session. (See following chart for additional details). Abstentions noted.

**MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS  
APPLICATION REVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION  
Wednesday, February 17, 2016**

<b>CR Apps for LPC</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Wilson, Victoria Leonard	Approved	0	3	0

<b>CR Apps for Candidacy</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Brown, Carol J.	Approved	0	3	0
Lycette, Karen Lord	Approved	0	3	0
Alexander, Mechelle L.	Continued Review	0	3	0
Culley, Kimberly Antoinette	Approved	0	3	0
McGilvery, Linda Marie	Approved	0	3	0

<b>CR Apps for LPC-S</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Wilson, Shandra	Approved	0	3	0

<b>New Apps for Licensure</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Guyer, Teri L.	Approved	0	3	0
Stafford, Emily Sara Helms	Approved	0	3	0
Boatman, Victoria June	Approved	0	3	0
Turner, Richard Christopher	Approved	0	3	0
Piercy, Joseph Ben	Approved	0	3	0

<b>New Apps for LPC-Supervisor</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Brown-Ware, Mildred	Approved	0	3	0
Steen-Brown, Adriann	Continued Review	McCormick	2	0
Jackson, Ruby J.	Approved	0	3	0
Patton, August	Approved	0	3	0
Lacy, Wanda LaShaun	Approved	0	3	0
Parsons, Theresa D.	Approved	0	3	0
Rouser, Detra Latrice	Continued Review	0	3	0

<b>New Apps for Candidacy</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Lambert, Amanda Renee	Denied	0	3	0
Weems, Destinie C.	Approved	0	3	0
Blaylock, Meg Hanson	Approved	0	3	0
McCray, Mischa Latta	Approved	0	3	0
Weaver, Brenna Jeanine	Approved	0	3	0
White, Erin Kennedy	Continued Review	0	3	0
Bryant, Alayna Speed	Approved	0	3	0

<b>Board Request</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Fairman, Erica M. - request to take exam 4th time	Approved		3	0
Patterson, Karen A. - request to take exam 3rd time	Approved		3	0
Johnson-Waldington, Mary - request informal hearing for denied application	March 16, 2016 - Informal Hearing			

<p><b>MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS</b>  <b>License Report to Board - February 17, 2016</b></p>
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<b>Licensed Since Last Meeting - January 20, 2016</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>	<b>Lic Number</b>
Elizabeth Louise Boyle	1/22/2016	2060
Desiree Wasinger Carnathan	1/25/2016	2065
Megan Ann Colvin	1/22/2016	2062
Ebonye' D. Debose-Moore	2/12/2016	2070
Meghan K. Flynt	1/22/2016	2059
Christopher Gosa	2/11/2016	2068
Megan Mignon Hamm	1/25/2016	2064
Rebecca Elisabeth Kimbrough	2/11/2016	2069
Lindsay Dyer Kyle	1/25/2016	2063
Tiffany A. Phillips	1/21/2016	2058
Brittany Spence Sapp	1/22/2016	2061
Ashley Renae Schramm	2/10/2016	2067
Ashley Whitney Smith	2/10/2016	2066

**MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS**  
**Executive Session - February 17, 2016**

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<b>COMPLAINTS</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>Investigating Board Member</b>
2015-09	Pending	J. McCormick
2015-10	Pending	J. McCormick
2015-11.1 & 11.2	Pending	G. Waller
2015-18	Pending	W. Frazier
2015-20	Pending	J. McCormick
2015-21	Pending	J. McCormick
2015-22 - denied application	set hearing when have quorum	J. McCormick
2015-23	Pending	W. Frazier
2015-24	Pending	W. Frazier
2015-25	Pending	W. Frazier
2015-27	Pending	W. Frazier
2013-02	Pending	Update on Appeal
2014-12	Pending	Frazier - Compliance with Agreed Order
2016-01	assigned	G. Waller
2016-02	Pending	W. Frazier
2016-03 - denied application	Schedule informal Hearing March 16, 2016	W. Frazier

**VI. Old Business**

**A. Reciprocity Rule/Portability**

Upon motion by Waller, seconded by McCormick, the Board unanimously agreed to accept rule for applicants for licensure via comity with edits to 4.7.C. and addition of Rule 4.8. as drafted by Board attorney. Final Rule to be presented at the March meeting prior to filing with Secretary of State.

**B. Rules and Regulations**

1. Process to Reinstate Inactive License  
Mordecai draft language for March meeting.
2. Retired, Lapsed, and Inactive Status Clarification  
Waller to review Rules and make suggestion on Retired, Inactive, and Lapsed status at March meeting.
3. Juris Prudence Exam

Executive Director to contact NBCC to set up meeting or prepare proposal for March meeting

4. NBCC Meeting – “Hot Topics”

McCormick will submit list of Mississippi’s “Hot Topics” for the NBCC meeting.

C. Board Action Items

The Board reviewed the list and noted updates.

**VI. Next Meeting**

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

239 N Lamar Street; 4<sup>th</sup>Floor; Suite 402  
Robert E. Lee Building  
Jackson, MS

**VII. Adjournment**

Upon motion by Waller, seconded by McCormick, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 4:55p.m.

Approved this the 16th day of March, 2016.

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Chair

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Board Member