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**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

**Friday, September 20, 2019
Teleconference Meeting**

Board Members Present

Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair, Congressional District-At-Large
Dr. Kimberly Elam Sallis, Congressional District I
Dr. Lynn Etheridge, Congressional District II (exited the meeting at 1:35 p.m.; returned to meeting at 2:20 p.m.)
Steven Stafford, Congressional District III (exited meeting at 3:04 p.m.; returned to meeting at 3:29 p.m.)

Board Members Absent

Congressional District 4 - Vacant

Others Present

Ken Walley, Board Attorney, Special Assistant Attorney General
LeeAnn Mordecai, Board Executive Director
Dr. Glenn Waller, Contract Investigator for the Board (entered meeting at 1:31 p.m.; exited meeting at 1:52 p.m.)

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 1:01 p.m. by Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair ("Chair") on Friday, September 20, 2019. The meeting was held via Teleconference and the public could attend the meeting in the Robert E. Lee Building, 239 North Lamar Street, Suite 402, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. A roll call of Board members was taken and a quorum was present. A determination vote for an Executive Session may be called at any time during the meeting.

II. Board Operations

A. Vice Chair Election

Due to the resignation from the Board by Victoria Williams, Congressional District IV, effective August 27, 2019, the Board held an election for Vice Chair as Williams held this position. Sallis was named Vice Chair and Etheridge was named Secretary.

B. Minutes Approval

It was motioned by Sallis, seconded by Etheridge, and unanimously agreed that minutes of the Friday, August 23, 2019, Regular Board meeting stand approved as submitted. 4-0

C. Monday, October 21, 2019 Meeting Agenda – Hearings

The Board will meet on Monday, October 21, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., for the purpose of scheduled hearings as follows:

1. 2018-03 – Conerly-Stafford-Board Complaint
2. 2019-18 – Carpenter-Sallis-Board Complaint
3. 2019-21 – DeLoach-Etheridge-Denied Application
4. 2019-22 – McGee-Strebeck-Denied Application
5. 2019-31 – Simmons-Strebeck-Denied Application
6. 2019-33 – *Dixon-Stafford-Denied Application*

III. Financial Matters

A. Financial Report

The Board reviewed the Financial Report.

B. ProsonITech Invoice #2019170

The Board reviewed Invoice #2019170 presented by ProsonITech in the amount of \$2812.50 for work on the website. The Board has previously approved the contract with ProsonITech.

IV. Informal Hearing

It was motioned by Sallis, seconded by Etheridge, and unanimously agreed, to deny request to forgo the previous Board's requirement for a 3-hour semester graduate-level class in Human Growth and Development as a requirement for licensure. 4-0

V. Old Business

A. Attorney General Opinion

There is no update on the requested AG opinion

B. Review of Required Statute Changes

It was motioned Stafford, seconded by Strebeck, and unanimously agreed, to accept the proposed changes submitted by Wally as amended. Changes included clarification on the renewal period of PLPC, renewal amount for PLPC, and the CEH requirements for PLPC. 4-0

C. NBCC Test Administration Agreement

It was motioned by Sallis, seconded by Etheridge, and unanimously agreed, to table the discussion on the NBCC Test Administration Agreement until further information can be obtained. 3-0. Mordecai will follow up with NBCC.

D. MCA Presentations

- Both sessions are Friday morning, back to back, on November 8, 2019.
- Held in Biloxi, MS at the Convention Center
- Session I: Key Components for Ethical Counselors
- Session II: HB 708: One Year Later
- Presentations will be reviewed by the Board members at a later date; Sallis and Strebeck will assist with the presentation slides

E. 2016-20 Sias, Dawn - Review for Fulfillment of Agreed Order

It was motioned by Etheridge, seconded by Strebeck, and unanimously agreed, to not accept the previously denied 3-hour CEH for fulfillment of the requirements of the Agreed Order. 3-0

F. 2017-29 Harris-Dorsey, Lorita (#1159) – Update on Agreed Order

The Board reviewed updates on status per Agreed Order for the months of July and August, 2019.

G. Website Update

Review and send feedback next week

H. Mississippi College Career Summit Invitation

Stafford will attend. November 1, 2019; 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

I. Northwest MCA Region Meeting

Sallis will attend and present on the PLPC process and requirements for supervisors September 20, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

V. New Business

No new business to discuss

VI. Executive Session

It was motioned by Stafford, seconded by Sallis, and unanimously agreed, that the Board consider a motion to close the regular meeting to determine the necessity of an Executive Session. The Board determined that an Executive Session was needed to discuss Complaint #2018-36. 4-0

It was motioned by Strebeck, seconded by Stafford, and unanimously agreed that the Board exit the Regular session and enter Executive Session. 3-0 The Board entered Executive Session at 1:35 p.m.

It was motioned by Stafford, seconded by Sallis, and unanimously agreed, to accept the recommendation by Dr. Waller, the Contracted Investigator, to set the Complaint for a Hearing. 3-0. The Hearing will be set for December 13, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

It was motioned by Sallis, seconded by Stafford, and unanimously agreed, to exit Executive Session and return to Regular Session. 3-0. The Board returned to Regular Session at 2:15 p.m.

It was motioned by Strebeck, seconded by Sallis, and unanimously agreed, that the Board consider a motion to close the regular meeting to determine the necessity of an Executive Session. The Board determined that an Executive Session was needed to review BQS / P-LPC / LPC / Candidacy / Comity / Continued Review applications, to discuss Board requests, and to review complaints. 4-0

It was motioned by Sallis, seconded by Strebeck, and unanimously agreed that the Board exit the Regular session and enter Executive Session. 3-0 The Board entered Executive Session at 3:25 p.m.

VI. Review of Licensure Applications / Board Requests – Executive Session

A. Review of Licensure Applications (P-LPC, LPC, LPC-S, Candidacy, Comity, and Continued Review

The Board reviewed licensure applications. See attached MS Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors Application Review-Executive Session Report.

VII. Complaints / Denied Applications / Board Requests – Executive Session

A. Complaint Updates

2017-28

It was motioned by Sallis, seconded by Stafford, and unanimously agreed to accept the recommendation of Strebeck to take no action. 3-0-1 with Strebeck abstaining.

2018-30

It was motioned by Sallis, seconded by Stafford, and unanimously agreed to accept the recommendation of Strebeck to take no action. 3-0-1 with Strebeck abstaining.

It was motioned by Etheridge, seconded by Sallis, and unanimously agreed to accept the recommendation made by Strebeck that the Board open a complaint on Carter for misrepresenting her reason for leaving employment. 3-0-1 with Strebeck abstaining.

2019-09

It was motioned by Sallis, seconded by Stafford, and unanimously agreed to accept the recommendation made by Strebeck to take no action. 3-0-1 with Strebeck abstaining.

See attached MS Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors Complaint Review Report for additional decisions.

It was motioned by Sallis, seconded by Stafford, and unanimously agreed to exit Executive Session. 4-0. The Board exited Executive Session at 3:42 p.m. and returned to Regular Session.

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

- A. Review of Licensure Applications
- B. Reviewed Board Complaints/Denied Applications

VIII. Next Meeting

Special Called Meeting of the Board

Monday, October 21, 2019

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Robert E. Lee Building

239 North Lamar Street, Suite 402

Jackson, MS 38901

For the purpose of Administrative Hearings and to Review Applications

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Time: 1:00 p.m.

William Carey University, Tradition Campus

Belmont Room

Scianna Hall

Biloxi, MS 39532

For the purpose of Administrative Hearings

Regular Meeting of the Board

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Time 9:00 a.m.

MCA

Biloxi, MS

Place to be determined

IX. Adjourn

It was motioned by Etheridge, seconded by Sallis, and unanimously agreed that the Board meeting adjourn. 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m. by Strebeck.

Approved this the 21st day of October, 2019.

/s/

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Board Chair

Board Member

ADDENDUM A

MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS				
APPLICATION REVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION				
Friday, September 20, 2019				
CR or Denied Apps for P-LPC	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Boykins, Kimera Zenatae	Contingent		4	0
Vowell, Elauran	Approved		4	0
Walker, Jaimie	Approved		4	0
CR or Denied Apps for Candidacy	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Winburn, Amanda Micheal	Approved		4	0
CR or Denied Apps for LPC	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Walker, Jennifer O'Neal	Continued Review		4	0
New Apps for P-LPC	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Garner, Luke	Contingent		4	0
Gaunt, Cari Ann	Contingent		4	0
Strickland-Housley, Danielle D.	Continued Review		4	0
Ward, Charles Patrick	Contingent		4	0
P-LPC to Candidacy Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Davis, Jessica Lauren	Approved		4	0
Holmes, Erica	Approved		4	0
Lenard, Sean	Contingent		4	0
Powell, Tabatha	Approved		4	0
Spencer, Melissa	Approved		4	0
Ward, LaKeida	Approved		4	0
P-LPC to LPC Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Boler, Aislin	Approved		4	0
New Apps for Candidacy	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Ellis, Victoria Brooks Bishop	Contingent		4	0

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New Apps for Comity	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Brooks, Amanda Elizabeth	Continued Review		4	0
New Apps for LPC-S	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Bolton, Robin Latisha	Approved		4	0
Smith, Kariean Patterson	Continued Review		4	0
Board Request		ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Brown, James Edward	Informal Hearing		4	0

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License Report to Board - September 20, 2019

Licensed Since Last Meeting - August 23, 2019	Issue Date	Lic Number
Christine Elizabeth Bates	9/11/2019	2424
Kenya Grace Bledsoe	8/27/2019	2418
Aislin Lorene Boler	9/25/2019	2432
Leigh Aden Box	9/19/2019	2429
Carvan Lorraine Carter	9/30/2019	2434
Brandance Gandy Dyar	9/23/2019	2431
Arlin W. Lang	9/19/2019	2427
Yolanda M. Lowery	9/3/2019	2423
Jennifer Wentz Meador	8/27/2019	2420
Kevin W. Merideth	8/27/2019	2419
Kayla Brooke Morgan	9/19/2019	2428
Molly Rachel Okeon	8/27/2019	2426
James Lee Rogers	9/26/2019	2433
Rachel Nicole Sims	9/3/2019	2422
Katrina T. Urbina	9/3/2019	2421
Staci Alys Waites	8/26/2019	2417
Amanda Micheal Winburn	9/25/2019	2430
Dylan Michael Wren	9/12/2019	2425
Robin Latisha Bolton, LPC-S	9/20/2019	390
Angel Lennice Brutus, LPC-S	8/23/2019	388
Rachel Clair Franklin, LPC-S	8/23/2019	385
Leon Tremain Jackson, LPC-S	8/23/2019	386

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Dena C. Thornburg, LPC-S	9/10/2019	389
Kathryn S. Wright, LPC-S	8/23/2019	387
Davis McLain Abraham	9/16/2019	P-0545
Jessica Bernice Barnes	9/19/2019	P-0338
Ryan Douglas Berkompas	8/26/2019	P-0533
Robin Ashley Bixler	8/26/2019	P-0534
Randy Lee Buckley	8/26/2019	P-0330
Mindy Susanne Crabb	8/26/2019	P-0535
Mallory McKnight Dill	8/26/2019	P-0536
Cari Ann Gaunt	9/20/2019	P-548
Jaquay Yvette Jackson	8/26/2019	P-0331
Drew Taran Key	9/19/2019	P-0544
Belinda Lunford	8/26/2019	P-0332
Bonnie Rebekah McNair	8/26/2019	P-0537
Sherita U'tica Moss	8/26/2019	P-0334
Paula Jean Price	8/26/2019	P-0539
Taylor Elise Ritchey	8/26/2019	P-0538
Billy W. Sanson	8/26/2019	P-0336
Joanna Marie Smith	8/26/2019	P-0540
Kathy Darlene Ulland	8/26/2019	P-0541
Elauran Adrianna Vowell	9/20/2019	P-0546
Jaimie Lee Walker	9/20/2019	P-0547
Charles Patrick Ward	9/25/2019	P-0549
LaKeida Victoria Ward	8/26/2019	P-0335
Tency Noel Weatherspoon	8/23/2019	P-0337
Stephanie Elizabeth Wielgosz	9/5/2019	P-0543
Alyssa Mae Wood	8/26/2019	P-0542