

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

Special Call Meeting
(via telephone conference)
Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Board Members Participating

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 Participating

Wm. Jeffrey Jernigan, Board Attorney, Special Assistant Attorney General
LeeAnn Mordecai, Board Executive Director
Alice Gorman, Board CPA, Contract Agent-Cornerstone Consulting, Inc.

Board Members Absent

Congressional District I – Vacant

I. Call to Order

The Special Board meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors (“Board”) was called to order at 2:07 p.m. by Dr. Walter Frazier, Chair on Wednesday, December 14, 2016. A roll call of members was taken and a quorum was present.

The meeting was held via teleconference on the following call number: (877) 820-7831, #3115927. Public participation was made available in the Robert E. Lee Building, Suite 402, located at 239 North Lamar Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

The purpose of the teleconference was to discuss the Legislative Budget Office (LBO) “Budget Working Group Survey”. The LBO survey, dated December 2, 2016, was sent from Senator Eugene S. Clarke, District 22 and addressed “To All Executive Directors of Boards and Commissions”. Responses to the survey are due by January 1, 2017.

Gorman discussed the LBO survey, which presented the following three possible agency structures for Boards and Commissions: **General Fund** (Revenues deposited into the general fund and appropriations dispersed from general fund), **Consolidation** (Similar agencies move into closer proximity and share as many services as possible while maintaining separate licensing authority), and **Hybrid** (Board becomes mostly autonomous, no state appropriations will be received, no state health insurance plan and retirement benefits will be received).

Frazier suggested that the Board respond to the LBO survey questions in the following manner:

1. Which of the three possible agency structures (general fund, consolidation, hybrid) would you prefer? None of the above

2. What are some things that you believe that the legislature is not taking into consideration when it comes to these three models? None. Those options do not seem to address the same problems, and, is therefore not exhaustive of an extensive list.

3. Do you believe the makeup of your board needs to be revisited? No

Are there requirements to the makeup of your board that you feel are antiquated? No. The system has been updated. Example: Online application process and computerized resources.

4. Does your agency offer a license that you feel is unnecessary? No. We believe that our license is necessary.

Could your agency offer a certification instead in an effort to lessen the burden of government the industry you regulate? No

It was motioned by McCormick, seconded by Stafford, and unanimously carried that the Board accept suggestions offered by Frazier as the official responses to be submitted to the LBO.

II. Next Meeting

A regular meeting of the Board is scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, January 25, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

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Administrative hearing of the Board is scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 1:00 p.m.

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III. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. by Frazier.

Approved this the 23rd day of February, 2017.

/s/

Board Chair

/s/

Board Member