

Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors

Regular Board Meeting
Friday, May 21, 2021
Minutes

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 9:02 a.m. by Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair (“Chair”) on Friday, May 21, 2021. The meeting was held in the Robert E. Lee Building at 239 North Lamar Street, Conference Room C, 12th floor, Jackson, MS 39201. A roll call of Board members was taken, and a quorum was present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair, Congressional District-at-Large
Dr. Kimberly Elam Sallis, Vice-Chair Congressional District I
Dr. Lynn Etheridge, Congressional District II
Mr. Steven Stafford, Congressional District III (exited the meeting at 4:25 p.m.)
Mr. Issac Boose, Congressional District IV

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director, LPC Board
Ms. Alexis Morris, Board Attorney representative, Special Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Drew Malone, Hearing Officer, Special Assistant Attorney General
Mr. Matthew Wade Wicht, Defendant, Present via videoconference, through WebEx, Corinth, MS
Mr. John Howell, Attorney
Ms. Heather Glausier, Witness
Ms. Lori Busick, Court Reporter
Dr. Sandy Rogers, Witness, Present via video conference, through WebEx

Absent

April Seal

II. Administrative Hearing – Wicht, Wade (2020-09)

The Board conducted the Administrative Hearing.

III. Administrative Hearing – Seal, April (2020-05)

The Board conducted the Administrative Hearing.

The Chair recessed the meeting for Lunch at 12:43 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting in the Board office, Suite 402-403, Robert E. Lee Building at 1:36 p.m.

IV. Board Operation

After reviewing minutes no changes were made from the April 16, 2021 meeting. Dr. Sallis motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Dr. Etheridge seconded the motion.

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	

V. Financial Matters

A. The Board reviewed the financial report.

B. The Board established September 9 and 10 for Board Strategic Planning Meeting. Location to be determined.

C. Mr. Stafford motioned to approve travel for the May 21, 2021 meeting, Dr. Sallis seconded.

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	

D. Dr. Sallis motioned to approve the Cornerstone contract for FY 2022 meeting, Mr. Stafford seconded.

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	

E. Mr. Stafford motioned to approve the Ricoh contract for FY 2022 meeting, Dr. Etheridge seconded.

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	

F. Ms. Mordecai provided updated information to the Board of the various options for fingerprint scan/print available under the state contract. Mr. Stafford motioned to increase the previously approved amount of \$3,500 to \$5,000 for the purchase of LiveScan equipment, software, scanner, and training to generate background check results in the Board office, Dr. Etheridge seconded the motion.

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	

VI. New Business

A. The Board discussed notifying the Mississippi Counseling Association of the upcoming Board vacancy for District I.

B. The Board discussed sending a cease and desist letter to Anew Counseling and Wellness because the individual providing services is not a P-LPC or LPC.

Aye – Mr. Boose Aye – Dr. Etheridge Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford Aye – Dr. Strebeck

C. The Board discussed sending a cease and desist letter to Healing House because the individual providing services is not a P-LPC or LPC.

Aye – Mr. Boose Aye – Dr. Etheridge Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford Aye – Dr. Strebeck

D. Dr. Sallis motioned, Dr. Etheridge seconded, that the Board send a cease-and-desist letter to Ms. Wicht with Cornerstone Counseling Group because she provides counseling services and is not a P-LPC or LPC.

Aye – Mr. Boose Aye – Dr. Etheridge Aye – Dr. Sallis
Absent– Mr. Stafford Aye – Dr. Strebeck

E. The Board affirmed that only the Mississippi LPC Board governs the counseling profession in Mississippi without interference from other state Boards.

F. Dr. Etheridge motioned for LeeAnn Mordecai, Dr. Strebeck, Dr. Sallis, Mr. Stafford, Mr. Boose, Ms. Morris, and Dr. Etheridge will attend the State Licensure Board Meeting, August 4-6 in Denver, CO, seconded by Mr. Stafford.

Aye – Mr. Boose Aye – Dr. Etheridge Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford Aye – Dr. Strebeck

VII. Old Business

A. Office Closure Update - The Board decided that the Board's office will continue to be open by appointment only. The public can reach the Board's office by phone, email, and website. Ms. Mordecai conducts business in the office 2 days a week and, if needed, the public and licensees can schedule an appointment with her to facilitate in-person business.

B. Mr. Stafford motioned to repeal the proclamation dated March 16, 2020 and allow licensees until September 30, 2021 to comply with the Board's current Rules and Regulations for providing counseling, supervision, and telemental health services, seconded by Dr. Etheridge.

Aye – Mr. Boose Aye – Dr. Etheridge Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford Aye – Dr. Strebeck

Ms. Mordecai will post the information on the website and send email to all Mississippi licensees and all out of state licensees that notified the Board of their intent to provide telehealth services under the Board's March 16, 2020, Proclamation that all must comply with the Distance Professional Services Provider Rules and Regulations by September 30, 2021, in order to continue providing distance services.

- C. The Board received the videoconferencing equipment.
- D. The Board will accept a PESI training from Joni Gilbertson for Telemental Health training from PESI because ACA partnered with PESI to provide Gilbertson's 12.5 CEH training. The Board has not reviewed nor approved any other PESI training for the purposed of fulfillment of the Rules and Regulations for Distance Professional Services.
- E. Ms. Mordecai is seeking an individual to fill the Administrative Assistant.
- F. Ms. Morris updated the Board regarding HB 1263, Universal Licensure Law. Dr. Sallis motioned, Mr. Boose seconded, to establish the following Emergency Rules and Regulations to comply with the Universal Recognition of Occupational Licenses Act (HB 1263) effective July 1, 2021 as follows:
 - Rule 4.8. Universal Licensing Requirements
This section is governed under the provisions of the Universal Recognition of Occupational Licenses Act found under Mississippi Code Annotated section 73-50-2. Please refer to this code section for information regarding qualifications for licensure under this Act.
 - Rule 4.9. Temporary Work Permit
This section is governed under the provisions of the Universal Recognition of Occupational Licenses Act found under Mississippi Code Annotated section 73-52-9. Please refer to this code section for the qualifications for the temporary work permit.

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye – Dr. Sallis
Absent – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	

- G. MCA conference – rules and regulations for one session and supervision training for another
- H. Update Dr. Lorita Harris (2017-29) – Dr. Etheridge motioned, Dr. Sallis seconded, to release Dr. Harris of the Board order for 2017-29 because she was exonerated of all charges and found not guilty. Ms. Morris will provide a Release Letter.

VIII. Executive Session

CLOSED DETERMINATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Dr. Etheridge with a second by Mr. Boose, the Board voted to go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye – Mr. Boose
Absent– Mr. Stafford

Aye – Dr. Etheridge
Aye – Dr. Strebeck

Aye – Dr. Sallis

In the determination session, Dr. Sallis with a second by Dr. Etheridge, determined had reason to go into Executive Session, namely to: determine after deliberation and consideration of applications governing the practice of professional counselors, which deliberation and consideration could lead to litigation and/or an appeal of a Board order. The vote was as follows:

Aye – Mr. Boose
Absent– Mr. Stafford

Aye – Dr. Etheridge
Aye – Dr. Strebeck

Aye– Dr. Sallis

At 5:45 p.m., the Board announced to the public the aforesaid reasons as the Board’s purpose for entering into an Executive Session.

A. Board Request

- i. Tannehill, Jennifer (#1530) - Dr. Sallis motioned, Dr Etheridge seconded, to deny her request and not reinstate her license.

Aye – Mr. Boose
Absent– Mr. Stafford

Aye – Dr. Etheridge
Aye – Dr. Strebeck

Aye– Dr. Sallis

- ii. Chodrick, Kirsten (#1998) - Dr. Etheridge motioned to approve her retired status with the option to switch to non-practicing status if/when that option becomes available, seconded by Mr. Boose.

Aye – Mr. Boose
Absent– Mr. Stafford

Aye – Dr. Etheridge
Aye – Dr. Strebeck

Aye– Dr. Sallis

- iii. Williams, Thaddeus – Dr. Etheridge motioned, Dr. Sallis seconded, that based on the information he provided to the Board that the charges would not disqualify him from applying for licensure as a P-LPC or LPC.

Aye – Mr. Boose
Absent– Mr. Stafford

Aye – Dr. Etheridge
Aye – Dr. Strebeck

Abstain – Dr. Sallis

- iv. Dr. Etheridge motioned, Mr. Boose seconded, to open a complaint again Lawrence James (P-LPC#350) and his supervisor, Dean Worsham, LPC-S (795) because Mr. James appears to hold himself out as an independent practice counselor.

Aye – Mr. Boose
Absent– Mr. Stafford

Aye – Dr. Etheridge
Aye – Dr. Strebeck

Abstain – Dr. Sallis

B. Complaints Update

- i. Mr. Boose
2020-21 – Mr. Boose recommended to dismissed. Dr. Etheridge seconded. The motion carried.
The vote was as follows:

Abstain – Mr. Boose
Absent– Mr. Stafford

Aye – Dr. Etheridge
Aye – Dr. Strebeck

Aye– Dr. Sallis

Upon the conclusion of business of Executive Session at 7:45 p.m., the Board voted, upon motion made by Mr. Boose and seconded by Dr. Etheridge to exit Executive Session. The motion carried. The vote was as follows:

Aye – Mr. Boose

Aye– Dr. Etheridge

Aye – Dr. Sallis

Absent – Mr. Stafford

Aye – Dr. Strebeck

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

The Board resumed the regular session at 7:46 p.m. by announcing the actions taken within the Executive Session. The Board reviewed applications, potential litigation, and complaints (determinations as listed in Addendum A).

IX. Adjournment

Dr. Sallis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m., Mr. Boose seconded the motion.

Approved this the 16th day of July, 2021

/s/

/s/

Board Chair

Board Member

Dates for future meetings:

- July 16, 2021 – Special Called Teleconference (license review only)
- August 13, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. – Jackson, MS
- September 9-10, 2021 – Strategic Planning
- October 1, 2021 – tentative
- November 3, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m. at the MCA Conference

ADDENDUM A

MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS				
APPLICATION REVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION				
Friday, May 21, 2021				
P-LPC Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Allen, Erica R.	P-LPC		5	0
Adcock, Stacy Lyndel	P-LPC		5	0
Bozeman, Ashley Renee	P-LPC		5	0
Carr, Larry Joe	P-LPC		5	0
Cooper, Mallory Cutrer	CONTINUED REVIEW		5	0
Davis, Jessie Lee	CONTINGENT		5	0
Diaz, Emerson Nicolas	CONTINGENT		5	0
Earwood, Anne Overton	P-LPC		5	0
Griffith, William Houston	CONTINGENT		5	0
Middleton, Calyssa Nicole	CONTINGENT		5	0
Mote, James Andrew	CONTINGENT		5	0
Ross, Tiffany Tinette	CONTINUED REVIEW		5	0
Sweda, Stephanie C	CONTINGENT		5	0
Walker, Danderia Phileasa	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
Walker, Maricus Antwan	CONTINGENT		5	0
Weems, Anna Booth	CONTINGENT		5	0
Whitten, Kristin Rose	CONTINGENT	Sallis	4	0
P-LPC to Candidacy Apps or P-LPC to Licensure Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Abraham, Davis McLain	CANDIDACY		5	0
Branson, Jenelia Krishaun	CANDIDACY		5	0
Daniels, Rosalyn Lanae	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
Davis, Lyndsie Nicole	CANDIDACY		5	0
Goodson, Aaron Timmons	CANDIDACY		5	0
Haik, Chelsey Elise	LICENSURE		5	0
Odom, Yolanda Michelle	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
Robertson, Melissa Dawn	CANDIDACY		5	0
Williams, Shanytta Denise	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
New Apps for Comity	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Edwards, Belinda Kent	LICENSURE		5	0
Ervin, Lakeitha Mechelle	CONTINGENT		5	0

Gallant, Tara Calvin	LICENSURE		5	0
Nytes, Anne Albritton	CONTINGENT	Strebeck	5	0
Owens, Deandria Antonease	LICENSURE		5	0
Sierra, Cassandra Richburg	LICENSURE		5	0
Weeks, Nakondrea Layatta	CONTINGENT		5	0

New Apps for LPC-S	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Atkinson, Krista TraMaine	CONTINGENT		5	0
Boyd, Heather Jane	CONTINGENT		5	0
Carlucci, Chaney Renee	CONTINGENT		5	0
Foreman, Cali Marisa	LICENSURE		5	0
Leo, Kelli	LICENSURE		5	0
Martin, Olivia Long	CONTINGENT		5	0
Ward, Wynter Dominique	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0

New Apps for LPC (Licensure or Candidate)	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
King, Sydney Taylor	LICENSURE		5	0
Reasor, Jason Mims	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
Williamson, Peggy A.	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0

CR LPC-S Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Bouldin, Sherry	LPC-S		5	0

MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

License Report to Board - May 21, 2021

Licensed Since Last Meeting - April 16, 2021	Issue Date	Lic Number
Carroll Dean Blackledge	4/27/2021	2678
Belinda Kent Edwards	5/6/2021	2681
Tara Calvin Gallant	4/20/2021	2672
Chelsey Elise Haik	4/22/2021	2676
Sydney Taylor King	4/21/2021	2674
Kristy Wagner Laster	4/21/2021	2675
Bonnie Rebekah McNair	4/27/2021	2677
Anne Albritton Nytes	5/17/2021	2684
Deandria Antonease Owens	5/17/2021	2683
Cassandra Richburg Sierra	4/21/2021	2673
Shawna Alexandria Wallace-Foster	4/28/2021	2680

Nakondrea Layatta Weeks	5/12/2021	2682
Clinton Aaron Wilson	5/20/2021	2685
Ranarda L. Wright	4/28/2021	2679
Stacy Lyndel Adcock	4/16/2021	P-0680
Erica R. Allen	5/3/2021	P-0687
Ashley Renee Bozeman	4/16/2021	P-0681
Larry Joe Carr	4/16/2021	P-0682
Hannah Hawkins Cooke	5/21/2021	P-0693
Mallory Cutrer Cooper	5/21/2021	P-0692
Jessie Lee Davis	4/28/2021	P-0686
Emerson Nicolas Diaz	5/11/2021	P-0689
Anne Overton Earwood	4/16/2021	P-0683
Calyssa Nicole Middleton	5/11/2021	P-0690
James Andrew Mote	5/14/2021	P-0691
Stephanie C. Sweda	4/28/2021	P-0685
Maricus Antwan Walker	4/21/2021	P-0684
Lywanda Roticia White	5/5/2021	P-0688
Krista TraMaine Atkinson	9/28/2018	LPC-S #434
Sherry Bouldin	5/11/2015	LPC-S #431
Heather Jane Boyd	2/15/2017	LPC-S #437
Chaney Renee Carlucci	5/22/2015	LPC-S #436
Cali Marisa Foreman	7/28/2016	LPC-S #433
Kelli Leo	5/18/2012	LPC-S #432
Olivia Long Martin	9/6/2017	LPC-S #435
Erica Montgomery	4/27/2013	LPC-S #438
Tiffany A. Phillips	1/21/2016	LPC-S #440
Stephanie N. Ross-Copes	1/23/2020	LPC-S #439
Carolyn Faye Tureaud	5/21/2019	LPC-S #441
Anishia Victoria Wiley	12/17/2018	LPC-S #442