

Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors

Regular Board Meeting
Teleconference
Friday, June 19, 2020
Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair, Congressional District-at-Large
Dr. Kimberly Elam Sallis, Congressional District I
Mr. Steven Stafford, Congressional District III

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director, LPC Board
Ms. Leyser Hayes, Board Attorney representative, Special Assistant Attorney General.
Ms. Alexis Morris, Board Attorney representative, Special Assistant Attorney General.

ABSENT

Mr. Ken Walley, Board Attorney, Special Assistant Attorney General.
Dr. Lynn Etheridge, Congressional District II
Mr. Isaac Boose, Congressional District IV

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 1:00 p.m. by Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair (“Chair”) on Friday, June 19, 2020. The meeting was held via teleconference. The meeting was accessible to the public by contacting the Board office for a call-in number to join the meeting by telephone. A roll call of Board members was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Board Operations

A. Minutes Approval

1. May 15, 2020 - Dr. Sallis motioned to adopt the minutes as amended, Mr. Stafford seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the minutes. Vote: 4-0.

At 1:20 p.m. Dr. Sallis motioned to enter a Determination Session to determine the need to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Stafford. The Board approved the motion. Vote: 3-0

At 1:21 p.m. Mr. Stafford motioned to enter Executive session due to need to discuss application review, seconded by Dr. Sallis. The Board approved the motion. Vote: 3-0

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The Board reported out to the public the need to enter Executive Session.

The Board entered Executive Session at 1:22 p.m.

III. Executive Session

The Board reviewed and approved applications for licensure.

At 2:01 p.m., Mr. Stafford motioned to exit Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Sallis, and the Board unanimously agreed to exit Executive Session. Vote: 3-0

Upon return to open session, the Board announced the following actions:

- The Board reviewed and approved applications for licensure.

IV. Financial

- A. Ms. Mordecai reported that she signed the yearly lease agreement for the current office space.
- B. The Board reviewed the invoice (\$2,665) for Cornerstone Consulting, which is a recurring expense.
- C. Mr. Stafford motioned to pay the AASCB membership dues (\$900), Dr. Sallis seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion. Vote: 3-0

V. Old Business

- A. Ms. Mordecai continues to work from home and conduct business in the Board's office by appointment only. She will return to the office in accordance of the Governor's Executive Order 1495.
- B. The Board reviewed the proclamation and made no changes.
- C. Dr. Strebeck updated the Board on the status of HB 777, which the MS Legislature passed and transmitted it to the Governor for his decision, which has a deadline of June 25, 2020.
- D. Dr. Strebeck updated the Board regarding Bayside CEH, which agreed to discontinue the use of the Board's likeness and inference of endorsement by the Board.

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E. Rules and Regulations update

1. The Board discussed the proposed TeleMental Health Rules and Regulation changes. After taking public comments under consideration and discussion among the Board members, Mr. Stafford motioned to revise Rule 1.4.O as follows:

Distance Professional Services: Counseling, consulting, and clinical supervision services provided by an LPC (as referenced in Rule 7.5) in one location to a recipient of services in another location by means of secure electronic communication ensuring HIPAA compliance in either asynchronous or face-to-face synchronous methods and, as appropriate, verbal telephone communications.

- Dr. Sallis seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion. Vote: 3-0
2. Mr. Stafford motioned to postpone proposed Rule 4.8: Licensing of Military-Trained Counselors and Military Spouses due to pending legislation (SB 2117), seconded by Dr. Sallis. The Board will review and revise the proposed Rule 4.8 once the final disposition of the legislation is finalized. The Board approved the motion. Vote: 3-0
 3. Mr. Stafford motioned to postpone proposed Rule 4.9: Request for Pre-Licensure Determination due to pending legislation (SB 2759), seconded by Dr. Sallis. The Board will review and revise the proposed Rule 4.9 once the final disposition of the legislation is finalized. The Board approved the motion. Vote: 3-0

F. The Board agreed to publish on the “News” section of the website information regarding pre-approved providers and that any other providers will be subject to board approval at the time of license renewal.

1. Once this SB 2117 bill passes and goes into effect, the Board will have until 1/1/2021 to implement new rule to provide for a temporary license for military spouses if a license is not issued within two weeks.
2. Postpone Rule 4.8 due to pending SB 2117. Once this bill passes and goes into effect, the Board will have until 1/1/2021 to implement new rule to provide for a temporary license for military spouses if a license is not issued within two weeks.

G. Dr. Sallis motioned to postpone reviewing and signing pending Board Orders (2018-52, 2019-20, 2019-21, 2019-22, and 2020-07) due to appointment of new Board attorney (Ms. Morris), so that she can provide appropriate guidance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stafford. The Board approved the motion. Vote: 3-0

H. Dr. Sallis discussed the revised Board order for David Carpenter (2018-48). The revised Board order would allow 11 CEHs via online and extend the deadline until December 20, 2020. Ms. Hayes stated she and Ms. Morris would work with Mr. Walley to revise the Board order for final action.

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VI. New Business

A. Dr. Etheridge submitted a revised notification letter for consideration. Ms. Morris will review the revisions and the Board will follow up with discussion at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

At 3:38 p.m. Dr. Sallis motioned to enter a Determination Session to determine the need to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Stafford. The Board approved the motion. Vote: 3-0

Dr. Sallis motioned to enter Executive session due to the need to discuss complaints, seconded by Mr. Stafford. The Board approved the motion. Vote: 3-0

The Board reported out to the public the need to enter Executive Session.

The Board entered Executive Session at 3:40 p.m.

At 3:53 p. m. the Board exited Executive session and announced that the Board voted to schedule a hearing for complaint #2020-12 at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.

VII. Executive Session

Dr. Strebeck briefly presented complaint #2020-12. After some discussion, Dr. Sallis motioned that the Board hear this complaint in an Administrative Hearing, Mr. Stafford seconded. The Board approved the motion. Vote 3-0

At 3:58 p. m. Dr. Sallis motioned the Board adjourn the meeting, Mr. Stafford seconded. The Board unanimously approved the Motion. Vote: 3-0

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Dates for future meetings:

- August 21, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. – Robert E. Lee Building
- September 28, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. – Hearing/Robert E. Lee Building

Approved this the 21st day of August, 2020.

Board Chair

Board Member

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MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS				
APPLICATION REVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION				
Friday, June 19, 2020				
P-LPC Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Belk, Letisha Renae	CONTINGENT		3	0
Blassingame, Olivia Hope	CONTINGENT		3	0
Bloodsaw, Brittany CeNette	CONTINGENT		3	0
Donald, Lindsey Lanell	CONTINGENT		3	0
Ellzey, Christopher Bennent	CONTINGENT		3	0
Gaddis, William Bryan	CONTINUED REVIEW		3	0
Garner, Shayna Michelle	CONTINGENT		3	0
Gordon, Charity Ruth	CONTINGENT		3	0
Heidelberg, Jennifer Delane	CONTINGENT		3	0
Johnston, Andy Franklin	CONTINGENT		3	0
Lewis, Audrika Marianna	P-LPC		3	0
Piccaluga, Amy U	CONTINGENT		3	0
Reed, Hannah Claire	CONTINGENT		3	0
Seybert, Lori Ann	P-LPC		3	0
Small, Ranesha Diamond	P-LPC		3	0
Sparks, Courtney Danielle	P-LPC		3	0
Strauss, Belinda Blue	CONTINGENT		3	0
Warren, Amber Grace	CONT'D REVIEW		3	0
New Apps for Candidacy	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Foster, Stacey J.	CONTINUED REVIEW		3	0
Herrington, Sheldon Timothy	CANDIDACY		3	0
Sumrall, Sonya McRaney		Stafford		
New Apps for Licensure	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Harold, Marie Elise Lagarde	CONTINGENT		3	0
Neal, Sheerah Ayrr	CONTINGENT		3	0

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P-LPC to Candidacy Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Bankhead, Rasheedah Atiyah	CANDIDACY		3	0
Holder, Estina Michelle	CANDIDACY		3	0
Leflore, Eboni Ke'ara	CANDIDACY		3	0
Pace, Shelby Kathryn	CANDIDACY		3	0
Sansone, Billy W.	CANDIDACY		3	0
Whittle, Mary Kathryn	CANDIDACY		3	0
P-LPC to LPC Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Walker, Jaimie Lee	LICENSURE		3	0
New Apps for Comity	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Allen, Alysius Christopher	LICENSURE		3	0
Borja, Fayeane Fuentes	LICENSURE		3	0
Boyd, Kimberly Linne'	CONT'D REVIEW		3	0
Harris McConico, Kimberly Nicole	CONT'D REVIEW		3	0
New Apps for LPC-S	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Smith, Lisa A.	LPC-S		3	0
Suddeath, Eric Galen	LPC-S		3	0
Russo, Jessica Nicole	LPC-S		3	0
CR P-LPC Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Dampeer, Carolyn Joyce	P-LPC		3	0
Johnson, Natasha Channelle	CONTINUED REVIEW		3	0
Lawry, Gail M.	CONT'D REVIEW		3	0
Odom, Kristin Layne	CONTINGENT		3	0
Randle, Kandis Z'Lunte	CONTINGENT		3	0
Washington, Justin Dean	P-LPC		3	0

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Licensed Since Last Meeting - May 15, 2020	Issue Date	Lic Number
Rachel Carol Allen	5/15/2020	LPC - 2587
Shania Tramaine Barr	5/29/2020	LPC - 2589
Renita A. Hogan	6/17/2020	LPC - 2594
Della Renice Kemp	6/17/2020	LPC - 2592
Kaci Latoya McCurdy	6/17/2020	LPC - 2593
Wendall Dwight Ramsey	5/29/2020	LPC - 2588
Debhora Wilkerson Singleton	6/8/2020	LPC - 2591
Mary Ernesta Smith	5/27/2020	LPC - 2590
Jessica R. Flynt	5/15/2020	LPC-S - 406
Michelle M. Hamilton	5/15/2020	LPC-S - 405
Savanna Mullins Norfleet	5/15/2020	LPC-S - 407
Lacy C. Overley	5/15/2020	LPC-S - 408
Tamila Rodgers Baker	5/15/2020	P-0592
Rachel L. Banks	5/15/2020	P-0595
Heath Gerald Ferguson	6/2/2020	P-0598
Todd Joseph Hendrix	5/15/2020	P-0593
Alexis L. Kubiak	5/15/2020	P-0594
Christine Marie Miller	5/27/2020	P-0597
Jacquelynn Patrice Miskel	5/27/2020	P-0596
Tiffanie Laura Nix	6/17/2020	P-0600
Marcelene Kubacki Redding	5/15/2020	P-0354
Shannon Leigh Runnels	6/8/2020	P-0599

Retire License Request		
	Lic#	Issue Date
Murphree, Sheila Thorn	0791	5/24/2000
Williams, Carol A.	1510	2/26/2010
Scanlon, Carlene Myers	0128	5/5/1987
Lee, Jeane B.	0068	9/26/1986
In Memoriam		
	Lic#	Issue Date
Kirk, Robert E.	1870	03/27/2014