

# Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors

Location for Public Access: LPC and Telephone through WebEx

Special Called Board Meeting

Teleconference

Friday, October 1, 2021

Minutes

## I. Call to Order

The Special Called Board meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors (“Board”) was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair (“Chair”) on Friday October 1, 2021. The Special Called meeting was held via teleconference for the purpose of discussing and revising Rules and Regulations and review of license applications and special requests. 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.

### 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  
Mr. Issac Boose, Congressional District IV

### OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director, LPC Board

### ABSENT

Ms. Alexis Morris, Board Attorney representative, Special Assistant Attorney General

## I. Board Operation

The Board postponed the review and approval of September 9-10, 2021 minutes due to the purpose of the Special Called meeting.

## II. Old Business

A. The Board discussed changes to the Rules and Rules and Regulations. Motioned Dr. Etheridge, seconded by Mr. Boose, to accept the revised Rules and Regulations. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye – Mr. Boose

Aye – Dr. Etheridge

Aye – Dr. Sallis

Aye – Mr. Stafford

Aye – Dr. Strebeck

- B. The Board discussed licensing individuals applying under the Universal Licensure Law. Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Dr. Etheridge, that the Board would issue a letter indicating Temporary Practice Permit status.

Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Dr. Etheridge, to number Universal Licensure in same LPC sequence without any distinctions from other LPC and to generate a Temporary Practice Permit letter.

#### CLOSED DETERMINATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Dr. Etheridge with a second by Dr. Sallis, 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	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	

In the determination session, Dr. Etheridge with a second by Dr. Sallis, that the Board 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	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	

At 10:18 a.m., the Board announced to the public the aforesaid reason.

### **III. Executive Session**

#### **A. Board Request**

The Board considered a request from Candidate to extend 4-year application deadline. Dr. Etheridge motioned, seconded by Stafford, to deny request to extend application file and advise to apply for licensure under the current Rules and Regulations, and to if chooses to make a new application, must meet the current Rules and Regulations at application time.

The motion carried with the following vote:

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

Upon the conclusion of business of Executive Session at 10:52 a.m. the Board voted, upon motion made by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Dr. Sallis to exit Executive Session. The motion carried. The vote was as follows:

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

## RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

The Board resumed the regular session at 10:53 a.m. by announcing the actions taken within the Executive Session. The Board reviewed license applications and special requests (determinations as listed in Addendum A).

### IV. Adjournment

Mr. Boose motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 a.m., Dr. Sallis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Approved this the 5th day of November, 2021

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Board Chair

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Board Member

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- November 5, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. – Regular Board Meeting at Mississippi Counseling Association at the convention center at the convention center
- November 4, 2021 at 2:15 pm – 3:15 pm - LPC Board Update – Rules and Regulations
- November 4, 2021 at 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm - LPC Board Supervision

## ADDENDUM A

<b>MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS</b>				
<b>APPLICATION REVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>				
<b>Friday, October 1, 2021</b>				
<b>P-LPC Apps</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Barber, Lauren Elliott	CONTINGENT		5	0
Kowalke, Kathleen Mary	CONTINGENT		5	0
Kolhofe, Claire	APPROVED		5	0
<b>New Apps for Universal Licensure</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Bean, Lauren Danielle	CONTINGENT		5	0
<b>New Apps for Comity</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Morris, Cheryl L.	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
Scott, Jizette Montrise	LICENSURE		5	0
<b>CR LPC-S Apps</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Ward, Wynter Dominique	LICENSURE		5	0
<b>New Apps for Comity</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Mims, Jacqueline McKay	LICENSURE		5	0
<b>CR Apps for LPC Candidacy</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Odom, Yolanda Michelle	CANDIDACY		5	0

**MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS****License Report to Board - October 1, 2021**

<b>Licensed Since Last Meeting - September 10, 2021</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>	<b>Lic Number</b>
Jenelia Krishaun Branson	9/27/2021	2711
Demetrius Dewayne Clay	9/27/2021	2713
Raina Elizabeth Deer	9/29/2021	2716
Regina Williams Hood	9/27/2021	2710
Shayla C. Kirksey	9/27/2021	2714
Melissa Ann Painter	9/24/2021	2720
Jennifer J. Renfrow	9/20/2021	2707
Taeisha S. Rodgers	9/22/2021	2709
Jerra Leigh Smith	9/28/2021	2715
Kimbrelia D'anne Stokes	9/27/2021	2712
Tiffany Lynn Thibodeaux	9/21/2021	2708
Michael J. Valentine	9/27/2021	2721
Ashley Thomas Alexander	9/10/2021	P-0733
Hannah Ruth Billiard	9/10/2021	P-0734
Julia Mae Henderson	9/10/2021	P-0735
Jessica Danielle Hugenberg	9/10/2021	P-0736
Selena Catrice Hughes	9/20/2021	P-0741
Abigail Yocasta Morales	9/27/2021	P-0743
Amanda Rhealynn Sladky	9/10/2021	P-0737
Emily Anne Smith	9/10/2021	P-0738
Sara Elizabeth Stemmer	9/10/2021	P-0739
Emily Rachel Van Wyk	9/10/2021	P-0740
Tara Kathryn Walls	9/23/2021	P-742
Brittany Nicole Jones	5/24/2019	LPC-S #457
William Kenneth Sansing	8/14/2019	LPC-S #456
Melissa May Sisco	5/23/2014	LPC-S #455
Benjamin David Stepp	3/18/2019	LPC-S #454