

# Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors

Location for Public Access: LPC and Telephone through WebEx

Regularly Called Board Meeting

Teleconference

Friday, March 25, 2022

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 9:00 a.m. by Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair (“Chair”) on Friday March 25, 2022. 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 (exited 10:00 a.m.)

Mr. Steven Stafford, Congressional District III

Mr. Issac Boose, Congressional District IV

### OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director, LPC Board

Ms. Jessica Robinson, Board Attorney representative, Special Assistant Attorney General

### ABSENT

Dr. Lynn Etheridge, Congressional District II

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

## I. Board Operation

After reviewing the Minutes from the January 21, 2022 meeting, Dr. Sallis motioned to approve the Minutes as submitted. Mr. Boose seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

After reviewing the Minutes from the February 17, 2022 meeting, the Board accepted the minutes as submitted.

## II. Financial Matters

- A. The financial statement for January 2022 or February 2022 were not available to the Board for review.

## III. New Business

- A. The Board discussed that P-LPCs can renew their license for 4 years (4 times) and must remain under supervision until licensed as LPC. (Rule 4.2.H.)

A Candidate must take and pass the examination by the four-year anniversary date of receipt of application to take the examination. Otherwise, the Candidate's application file becomes null, the application file is destroyed, and he/she must reapply for licensure.

- B. Ms. Mordecai reported to the Board she filed the revised Rules and Regulations to the Occupational Licensing Review Commission on February 17, 2022, and the Board is waiting for an acknowledgement to file them with the Secretary of State.

### CLOSED DETERMINATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Mr. Boose, the Board voted to go into a closed determination session at 9:45 a.m. to establish the need for an Executive Session. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

In the determination session, Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Mr. Stafford, 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, Board complaints, pending legal action, and personnel matters. The vote was as follows:

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

At 9:46 a.m., the Board announced the need to enter Executive session to the public the aforesaid reason.

## C. Executive Session

### A. Complaints

1. 2021-13 – Dr. Strebeck recommended the Board take no action. Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, to take no action regarding complaint 2021-13. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

2. 2021-31 – Dr. Strebeck recommended the Board take no action. Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, to take no action regarding complaint 2021-31. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

3. 2021-33 – Dr. Strebeck recommended the Board dismiss the complaint because the individual is not licensed by this Board. Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Mr. Stafford, to take no action regarding complaint 2021-33. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

4. 2021-34 – Dr. Strebeck recommended the Board dismiss the complaint because the individual is not licensed by this Board. Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, to dismiss complaint 2021-34. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

5. 2022-07 – Mr. Stafford recommended the Board take no action because the individual is not licensed by this Board. Mr. Boose motioned, seconded by Dr. Sallis, to dismiss complaint 2022-07. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

6. 2021-27 – Mr. Boose recommended the Board take no action. Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Mr. Stafford, to dismiss complaint 2021-27. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

7. 2021-28 – Mr. Boose recommended the Board take no action. Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Mr. Stafford, to dismiss complaint 2021-28. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

#### B. Injunction consideration

1. Ms. Robinson updated the Board regarding the injunction against Ms. Webber of Anew Wellness and Counseling in Magee, MS. Ms. Robinson stated that Ms. Morris and Ms.

Mordecai must travel to Magee and file the injunction in person in Simpson County. Ms. Robinson anticipated the injunction to be filed next week.

C. Personnel

1. Ms. Mordecai informed The Board that Ms. Garcia respectfully declined the Customer Service Representative position. The Board will continue exploring options for filling this position.

Upon the conclusion of business of Executive Session at 10:39 a.m., Mr. Boose motioned, 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
Absent – Mr. Stafford	Aye– Dr. Strebeck	

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

The Board resumed the regular session at 11:36 a.m. by announcing the actions taken within the Executive Session. The Board reviewed license applications, considered complaints, personnel issues, and the injunction against Ms. Monica Webber for practicing without a license.

**D. Adjournment**

Mr. Boose motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m., Dr. Sallis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Approved this the 20th day of May, 2022.

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

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Board Member

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- May 20, 2022 – Regularly Called Meeting, Jackson, MS

## ADDENDUM A

<b>MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS</b>				
<b>APPLICATION REVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>				
<b>Friday, March 25, 2022</b>				
<b>P-LPC Apps</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Abduljaber, Nigma D	CONT'D REVIEW		4	0
Adams, Jennifer Jordan	CONTINGENT		4	0
Allen, Kayland Kentera	P-LPC		4	0
Armstrong, Leslie Sellers	CONTINGENT		4	0
Ball, Gloria Jean	P-LPC		4	0
Cole, LaToya Tennalle	P-LPC		4	0
Conway, John Armistead	CONTINGENT		4	0
Dagley, Wendy A	P-LPC		4	0
Dawson, Viendra B	P-LPC		4	0
Filkins, Kaitlin R	CONTINGENT		4	0
Hatchett, Ann Carter	CONTINGENT		4	0
James, Jessica Raeanne	P-LPC		4	0
Johnson, Kiara Williams	P-LPC		4	0
Leyva, Elizabeth Lynn	P-LPC		4	0
Matherne, Bernard Anthony	CONTINGENT		4	0
Militello, Nicholas Anthony	CONTINGENT		4	0
Murray, Katelyn Elizabeth	P-LPC		4	0
Myers, Jennifer Lynne	P-LPC		4	0
Reeves, Shelby Lynn	P-LPC		4	0
Trammel, Sherry Joyner	P-LPC		4	0
Valdes, Nicole Christine	P-LPC		4	0
Womack, Rebecca Louise	P-LPC		4	0
<b>P-LPC to Candidacy Apps or P-LPC to Licensure Apps</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Ball, Shlanda D	CONTINUED REVIEW		4	0
Buckhaultler, Monique LaTrice	CANDIDACY		4	0
Caples, Michael L.	CANDIDACY		4	0
Garner, Luke Kirk	CANDIDACY		4	0
Hudnell, Heather Alisha	CANDIDACY		4	0
Taylor, Jacqueline S	CANDIDACY		4	0
Upchurch, Laurie Elizabeth	CANDIDACY		4	0
Valley, Deshel Stringfellow	CANDIDACY		4	0

Walker, Yolanda Trinee	CANDIDACY		4	0
Perry, Courtney Shuntell	CANDIDACY		4	0
<b>New Apps for LPC-S</b>				
	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Chandler, Reta C	CONTINGENT		4	0
Clark, Francis	LICENSURE		4	0
Cochran, Gina Annette	LICENSURE		4	0
Cross, Robert C.	LICENSURE		4	0
Hampton, Karen Joan	CONT'D REVIEW		4	0
Jones, Jessica L.	LICENSURE		4	0
Lang, Arlin W	LICENSURE		4	0
Robinson, Abbie Sightler	LICENSURE		4	0
Shoffner, Thomas Edward	LICENSURE		4	0

<b>New Apps for LPC or Candidate</b>				
	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Shorter, Jermaine L	APPROVED		4	0

<b>New Apps for Comity</b>				
	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Carpenter, Jesse Ralph	CONTINGENT		4	0
Day, Danielle Renee	CONTINGENT		4	0
Griffin, Sotderia Shanta	LICENSURE		4	0
Kurcz, Amy Elizabeth	LICENSURE		4	0
Landers, Elizabeth Ashton	CONT'D REVIEW		4	0
Leech, Katy Helena Parks	LICENSURE		4	0
McNure, Amanda Cooper	LICENSURE		4	0
Milner, Rebecca Elizabeth	LICENSURE		4	0
Mitchell, Joey Jerome	CONTINGENT		4	0
Sargent, Donna Scurlark	LICENSURE		4	0
Vaughn, Krystal Michelle	LICENSURE		4	0
Harper, Francine Lynette	LICENSURE		4	0

<b>CR Apps for LPC Candidacy</b>				
	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Robinson, LaTasha R	CANDIDACY		4	0

<b>CR Apps for P-LPC</b>				
	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Taylor, Caroline Bickley	P-LPC		4	0

**MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS****License Report to Board - March 25, 2022**

<b>Licensed Since Last Meeting – January 22, 2021</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>	<b>Lic Number</b>
Robin Ashley Bixler	3/11/2022	2766
Beth Ann Eckley	1/26/2022	2752
Carrie Michelle Elam	1/28/2022	2755
Emily A. Ferrell	2/15/2022	2762
Kimala Nateesha Flowers	2/1/2022	2756
Matthew Lloyd	1/27/2022	2753
Faith Varner McCarty	3/11/2022	2763
Billie-Rae Marie Nelson	2/14/2022	2760
Kimberlie H. Perez	1/27/2022	2754
Brent Wade Powell	3/11/2022	2765
Tammani Natasha Trevillion	3/11/2022	2767
Peyton Swanson Vickers	3/11/2022	2764
Charles Patrick Ward	2/14/2022	2761
Jenevieve Lynn Wardell	2/4/2022	2757
Reshanna Oillia Williams	1/27/2022	2759
Brittany N. Berry	1/21/2022	P-0782
William Houston Griffith	2/22/2022	P-0793
Brianna Barnes Jackson	1/24/2022	P-0780
Kristy Jo Lis	2/14/2022	P-0791
Carrie Elizabeth Lund	1/27/2022	P-0786
Jessica Joslin Martin	1/21/2022	P-0783
Stephen Matthew Nevill	1/31/2022	P-0787
Frederick Alan O'Quinn	2/11/2022	P-0789
Barry John Pickreign	2/14/2022	P-0790
Kari L. Podwoski	1/21/2022	P-0781
Joanna Howard Ross	1/24/2022	P-0779
Hannah Elizabeth Sellers	1/21/2022	P-0784
Tina J. Sullivan	2/9/2022	P-0788
Byron D. Taylor	1/21/2022	P-0785
Allyson Nycole Young	2/14/2022	P-0792
Lyn Pruitt-Lanphere	1/21/2022	465
Alexandria Allen Vincent	2/8/2022	466