

Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors

Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

Robert E. Lee Building

239 North Lamar Street, Suite 402

Jackson, MS 39201

Friday, May 20, 2022

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 9:00 a.m. by Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair (“Chair”) on Friday May 20, 2022. The meeting was held at the Robert E. Lee Building, 239 North Lamar Street, Suite 402 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

Mr. Issac Boose, Congressional District IV

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director, LPC Board

Mr. Pete Cajoleas, Special Assistant Attorney General

ABSENT

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

II. Board Operation

A. After reviewing the March 25, 2022, Mr. Stafford motioned, Dr. Etheridge seconded, to approve the minutes as amended.

Aye – Mr. Boose

Aye – Dr. Etheridge

Aye – Dr. Sallis

Aye – Mr. Stafford

Aye – Dr. Strebeck

B. After reviewing the April 22, 2022, Dr. Etheridge motioned, Mr. Stafford seconded, to approve the minutes as submitted.

Aye – Mr. Boose

Aye – Dr. Etheridge

Aye – Dr. Sallis

Aye – Mr. Stafford

Aye – Dr. Strebeck

C. The Board discussed that each Board member must complete the Statement of Economic Interest with the Ethics Committee

D. The LPC Board scheduled a Strategic Planning meeting for September 22-23.

III. Financial

A. The Board reviewed financial statement for April 2022.

B. The Board reviewed the ProsonlTech Contract for FY 2023. Mr. Stafford motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, to accept the contract as submitted.

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

C. The Board reviewed the Cornerstone Group Contract for FY 2023. Dr. Etheridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Stafford, to table the decision.

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

D. Dr. Etheridge motioned, seconded by Dr. Sallis, for the Board to approve expenses for the Board meeting.

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

IV. New Business

A. Dr. Etheridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Stafford, for the Board to approve expenses for Board members to attend the NBCC Counseling Board Summit on August 3-5, 2022.

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

V. Old Business

A. Ms. Mordecai updated the Board regarding the pending Rules and Regulations, which are filed with the Secretary of State’s Office, and the Board is waiting for a meeting with the Occupational Licensing Review Commission.

CLOSED DETERMINATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Mr. Stafford with a second by Dr. Etheridge, 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, Mr. Stafford with a second by Dr. Etheridge, 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, complaints, and Board requests, 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 10:13 a.m., the Board entered Executive Session and announced this decision to the public for the aforesaid reason(s).

VI. Executive Session

i. Board Request

- i. Dr. Strebeck presented the Motion for Continuance filed by Mr. Howell on behalf of Mr. Whict for complaints 2022-11 and 2022-12. Mr. Stafford motioned, seconded by Dr. Etheridge to deny the Motion for Continuance. This motion was based upon consideration for public safety and possible lack of a quorum after June 30, 2022. The vote was as follows:

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

- ii. Dr. Strebeck presented the Agreed Order with Ms. McShane regarding complaint number 2022-6. Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Dr. Etheridge, to approve the Agreed Order as submitted. The motion carried, and the vote was as follows:

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

- iii. The Board considered several requests for retirement status. Mr. Stafford motioned, seconded by Dr. Etheridge, to table the requests for retirement status pending implementation of the pending Rules and Regulations and allow the individuals opportunity to resubmit their request. The motion carried. The vote was as follows:

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

- iv. Dr. Etheridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Stafford, to deny Ms. Blassingame’s request to count hours while not being licensed as a P-LPC. The motion carried. The vote was as follows:

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

B. Complaints

- i. 2022-2 – Dr. Etheridge recommended to take no action. Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, to take no action. The motion carried. The vote was as follows:

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Upon motion by Dr. Sallis, seconded by Dr. Etheridge, the Board resumed the regular session at 2:28 p.m. The motion carried. The vote was as follows:

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

The Board announcing the actions taken within the Executive Session. The Board reviewed applications, potential litigation, and complaints (determinations as listed in Addendum A).

VII. Adjournment

Dr. Etheridge motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:42 p.m., Mr. Stafford seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned. The vote was as follows:

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

Approved this the __16th__ day of __June_____, 2022

_____/s/_____
Board Chair

_____/s/_____
Board Member

Dates for future meetings:

- August 12, 2022 – Regularly Called Meeting, Jackson, MS
- September 22-23, 2022 Strategic Planning

ADDENDUM A

MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS				
APPLICATION REVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION				
Friday, May 20, 2022				
P-LPC Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Bardoner, Erin Elizabeth	take back to June meeting		5	0
Brodt, Emily Lynn	P-LPC		5	0
Cooper, Sarah Elizabeth	P-LPC		5	0
Johnson, Katherine Young	P-LPC		5	0
Kuhn, Marshall Henry	P-LPC	Strebeck	4	0
Lawler, Courtney Lenae	P-LPC		5	0
Lemoine, Promise Grace	P-LPC		5	0
Lewis, Katherine B	CONTINGENT		5	0
Martinez, Tammy Michelle	P-LPC	Strebeck	4	0
Puckett, Kerri Walker	P-LPC		5	0
Robertson, Anetris Nicole	P-LPC		5	0
Runnels, Sheila Dawn	P-LPC		5	0
Williams, Joel Howard	CONTINGENT		5	0
P-LPC to Candidacy Apps or P-LPC to Licensure Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Baker, Kari Lynn	CANDIDACY		5	0
Ball, Shlanda D	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
Cook, Timothy Michael	CANDIDACY		5	0
Downs, Madison Roberts	CANDIDACY		5	0
Hale, Samantha Blair	CANDIDACY		5	0
Hilburn, Brian Coleman	CANDIDACY	Strebeck	4	0
Hiratuka, Nicole Renee	CANDIDACY		5	0
Hogue, David Olson	CANDIDACY		5	0
Kennedy, Raymond Vernon	CANDIDACY		5	0
Kimble, Thelma Jean	LICENSURE		5	0
Miller, Christine Marie	CANDIDACY		5	0
Rines, Miranda Nichole	CANDIDACY		5	0
Runnels, Shannon Leigh	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
New Apps for LPC-S	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Aycock, Sonya Maria	CONTINGENT		5	0
Borden, Sheba Lydia	LICENSURE		5	0

Buxton, Warner E	CONTINGENT		5	0
Carter, Heather Renee	LICENSURE		5	0
Duvall, Charsie Lynn	LICENSURE		5	0
Heise, Diana S.	LICENSURE		5	0
Johnson, Lasicillie T. C.	LICENSURE		5	0
Lemmon, Lindsey Ashton	LICENSURE		5	0
Merideth, Kevin W	LICENSURE		5	0
Windham, Melissa H.	LICENSURE		5	0

New Apps for LPC or Candidate	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Van Zanten, Alana Beth	DENIAL		5	0

New Apps for Comity	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Adams, Ravondra La Shay	LICENSURE		5	0
Bruce, Carolyn Ann	LICENSURE		5	0
Crawford, Emory J	CONTINGENT		5	0
Day, Danielle Renee	LICENSURE		5	0
Entz, Kelsey Kathryn	LICENSURE		5	0
Evans, Kimberly Nicole	LICENSURE		5	0
Hardaway, Shaundra Bills	LICENSURE		5	0
Jensen-Savoie, Alice Gayle	LICENSURE		5	0
Johnson-Thomas, Jennifer Lynn	LICENSURE		5	0
Ross, Marie LeaTrice	LICENSURE		5	0
Simmons, Heather L	LICENSURE		5	0
White, Cynthia V.	LICENSURE		5	0
Williams, Kenya Michelle	LICENSURE		5	0

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License Report to Board - May 20, 2022

Licensed Meeting - March 25, 2022	Issue Date	Lic Number	
Dana Tate Bailey	4/18/2022	2800	
Genny Marie Bigbie	5/13/2022	2806	
Jesse Ralph Carpenter	4/12/2022	2797	
Karissa Diane Coleman	4/18/2022	2801	
Danielle Renee Day	4/12/2022	2798	
Cari Ann Gaunt	5/4/2022	2803	

Sotderia Shanta Griffin	4/4/2022	2794	
Francine Lynette Harper	3/31/2022	2792	
Amy Elizabeth Kurcz	3/29/2022	2788	
Katy Helena Parks Leech	4/13/2022	2799	
Carina Nicole Lindsey	4/18/2022	2802	
Belinda Lunford	5/18/2022	2807	
Amanda Cooper McNure	4/4/2022	2793	
Rebecca Elizabeth Milner	3/30/2022	2789	
Joey Jerome Mitchell	3/31/2022	2791	
Tameika D. Pippins	3/30/2022	2790	
Donna Scurlark Sargent	4/4/2022	2795	
Jermaine L. Shorter	5/10/2022	2805	
Krystal Michelle Vaughn	4/4/2022	2796	
Darrelle D. Willis	5/2/2022	2804	
Nigma D. Abduljaber	4/25/2022	P-0814	
Jennifer Jordan Adams	4/18/2022	P-0813	
Leslie Sellers Armstrong	4/12/2022	P-0811	
John Armistead Conway	5/4/2022	P-0815	
Ann Carter Hatchett	4/13/2022	P-0810	
Bernard Anthony Matherne	4/12/2022	P-0812	
Nicholas Anthony Militello	4/4/2022	P-0809	
Reta C. Chandler	4/6/2022	LPC-S #474	
Karen Joan Hampton	4/5/2022	LPC-S #475	

Board Requests to Retire License

	<u>BOARD DECISION</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>License #</u>	
Joy Weston Arnold		7/14/1987	163	
Garcia, Jessica Russo				
Charlotte M. Rahaim		8/21/1993	367	
Nancy Saucier		8/24/2001	868	
Kathy Putman Twitty		12/6/2004	1116	
Lela L. Weems		8/24/2001	860	