

Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors

Location for Public Access: Telephone/Online through WebEx

Regular Board Meeting

Teleconference

Friday, January 22, 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 9:00 a.m. by Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair (“Chair”) on Friday January 22, 2021. 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.

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 (exited meeting at 12:55 p.m.)

OTHERS PRESENT

Raven Farmer (exited meeting at 10:15 a.m.)
Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director, LPC Board
Ms. Alexis Morris, Board Attorney representative, Special Assistant Attorney General

A. Officer Elections

A. Dr. Stebeck opened nominations for Board chair. Dr. Sallis nominated Dr. Strebeck to be chair. No other nominations were made. Mr. Stafford motioned to close nominations, Dr. Sallis seconded motions.

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

B. Dr. Stebeck opened nominations for Board vice-chair. Mr. Boose nominated Dr. Sallis to be vice-chair until she rotates off the Board, Dr. Strebeck seconded motion. No other nominations were made.

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

C. Dr. Stebeck opened nominations for Secretary. Mr. Stafford motioned for the Secretary position to remain unfilled at this time, Dr. Etheridge seconded the motion.

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

B. Board Operation

- A. After reviewing minutes no changes were made from the December 4, 2020 meeting. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

C. Financial

- A. The Board reviewed the financial report for December 2020.
- B. The Board reviewed the new Trip Optimizer and Travel Vouchers for 2021
- C. Ms. Mordecai updated the Board on the purchase of the office laptop. Ms. Mordecai obtained 2 quotes, which both exceeded prior approved amount. Mr. Stafford motioned to add \$500 to the prior approval of \$2, 000 in the October 23, 2020 meeting for the laptop purchase, seconded by Dr. Sallis.

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

- D. The Board reviewed the schedule meetings for the Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee Meeting (Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Room 210) and the House Appropriations hearing (Tuesday, February 2 at 1:20pm in room 201A). Mr. Stafford motioned the Board pay travel for one Board member to present the Board’s requested budget, seconded by Dr. Sallis. The vote was as follows:

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

D. Old Business

- A. 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. The Board reviewed the Board Proclamation, which remains in effect.
- C. The Board discussed potential Rules and Regulations for individuals to request “Non-Practicing” status. Dr. Strebeck will draft an initial rule.
- D. The Board reviewed 2018-50. The Board reviewed Continuing Education (CEH) courses submitted by Ms. Claveau for preapproval. The Board approved the CEH to fulfill the terms of the 2018-50 Agreed Order.
- E. The Board reviewed the Proposed Rule 4.8.A.3 and 4.8.B.5 requiring a passing NCMHCE score for Licensing of Military-Trained Applicant and Spouses. Upon motion by Stafford, seconded by Boose, the Board unanimously agreed to strike 4.8.A.3 and 4.8.B.5 requiring a passing NCMHCE. The vote was as follows:

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

F. The Board considered a continuance for the Administrative Hearing for Mr. Carpenter (2020-23). The vote was as follows:

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

E. New Business

A. Ms. Mordecai updated the Board regarding NBCC and PearsonVue providing online proctoring for individuals taking the NCE for the first time. This allows applicants greater access to the exam proctored in their home or other secured location.

B. Executive Session

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:

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| 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, which deliberation and consideration could lead to litigation and/or an appeal of a Board order. The vote was as follows:

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

At 10:35 a.m., the Board announced to the public the aforesaid reasons as the Board’s purpose for entering into an Executive Session.

A. Magruder, Josh (2020-17 and 2020-18). Dr. Strebeck presented the agreed order for the Board’s consideration. Upon review, Dr. Sallis motioned to accept the agreed order, seconded by Mr. Stafford.

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

B. Board Request

1. The Board considered a request from Raven Farmer for an Administrative Hearing regarding her declined LPC Candidacy application.

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

2. The Board reviewed request to reinstate license, which was voluntarily surrendered on January 28, 2019. Dr. Sallis motioned to deny the reinstatement request and recommend application by Comity, Mr. Boose seconded.

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

C. Complaints

1. Dr. Sallis
 - a. 2020-05 – Mr. Stafford motioned to set for Administrative Hearing May 21, 2021, seconded by Mr. Boose.

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

2. Dr. Etheridge
 - a. 2019-29 – Mr. Stafford recommended to take no action, seconded by Dr. Sallis.

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

 - b. 2018-29 - Mr. Stafford recommended to take no action, seconded by Mr. Boose

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

3. Mr. Boose
 - a. 2020-21 – under continued investigation

4. Mr. Stafford
 - a. 2019-37 – Mr. Stafford recommended no action. Upon motion by Dr. Etheridge, seconded by Dr. Sallis, the Board agreed to take no action.

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

 - b. 2019-39 – Mr. Stafford recommended no action. Upon motion Dr. Etheridge, seconded by Mr. Boose, the Board agreed to take no action.

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

 - c. 2019-40 – Mr. Stafford recommended no action. Upon motion by Dr. Etheridge, seconded by Mr. Boose, the Board agreed to take no action.

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

5. Complaints assigned to outside investigator
 - a. Dr. McCormick conferred with Ms. Morris. A recommendation is forthcoming for the next meeting.

6. Dr. Strebeck

- a. 2020-27 – Dr. Strebeck recommended no action. Upon motion by Dr. Etheridge, seconded by Mr. Stafford, the Board agreed to take no action

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

- b. 2020-20 – Dr. Strebeck recommended no action. Upon motion by Dr. Sallis, seconded by Dr. Etheridge, the Board agreed to take no action

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

Upon the conclusion of business of Executive Session at 1:00 p.m., the Board voted, upon motion made by Dr. Etheridge and seconded by Mr. Stafford to exit Executive Session. The motion carried. The vote was as follows:

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

C. Adjournment

Dr. Etheridge motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:01 p.m., Mr. Stafford seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Dates for future meetings:

- Friday, February 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. – Robert E. Lee Building, Conference Room C, 12th Floor
 - 2020-09 – Wicht, Matthew Wade
- Friday, April 16, 2021
 - 2020-23 – Carpenter, David
 - Farmer, Raven – LPC Candidacy Denial hearing
- Friday, May 21, 2021
 - 2020-05 – Seal, April

Approved this the 5th day of February, 2021.

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Board Chair

Board Member

ADDENDUM A

| MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS | | | | |
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| APPLICATION REVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION | | | | |
| Friday, January 22, 2022 | | | | |
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| P-LPC Apps | BOARD DECISION | ABSTENTION | YAYS | NAYS |
| Allin, Hailey Wile | DENIAL | | 5 | 0 |
| Cooper, Breana Nechell | P-LPC | | 5 | 0 |
| Hayes, Whitney Tramaine | CONTINGENT | | 5 | 0 |
| Jackson, Linda Natasha Rene | CONTINGENT | | 5 | 0 |
| Love, Karminee Kierra | CONTINGENT | | 5 | 0 |
| Mixon, Dana Alexis | P-LPC | | 5 | 0 |
| Robinson, LA Latrice | CONTINGENT | | 5 | 0 |
| Stewart, Keon DeAunte | CONTINGENT | | 5 | 0 |
| Stokes, Amanda Taylor | P-LPC | | 5 | 0 |
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| P-LPC to Candidacy Apps | BOARD DECISION | ABSTENTION | YAYS | NAYS |
| Brewer, Brandi Michelle | CANDIDACY | | 5 | 0 |
| Dempsey, Anna-Maria Elizabeth | CANDIDACY | | 5 | 0 |
| Hall, Adrian Nicole | CANDIDACY | | 5 | 0 |
| McCaughn, Amber Brooke | CANDIDACY | | 5 | 0 |
| McNair, Bonnie Rebekah | CANDIDACY | | 5 | 0 |
| Mitchell, Tracey Danielle | CANDIDACY | | 5 | 0 |
| Pittman, Latoya C | CANDIDACY | | 5 | 0 |
| Powell, Erica Stephne | CANDIDACY | | 5 | 0 |
| Satcher, Sondra Jones | CANDIDACY | Etheridge | 4 | 0 |
| Williams, Tonja Lynn | CANDIDACY | | 5 | 0 |
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| New Apps for Comity | BOARD DECISION | ABSTENTION | YAYS | NAYS |
| Moore, Shauntae Monique | LICENSURE | | 5 | 0 |
| Swistek, Richard J | CONTINGENT | | 5 | 0 |
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| New Apps for LPC-S | BOARD DECISION | ABSTENTION | YAYS | NAYS |
| Davis-Hurt, Micah Jade | CONTINGENT | | 5 | 0 |
| Foreman, Cali Marisa | CONTINGENT | | 5 | 0 |
| Ward, Wynter Dominique | CONTINGENT | | 5 | 0 |

| CR P-LPC Apps | BOARD DECISION | ABSTENTION | YAYS | NAYS |
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| HENDERSON, SCHERRI NICOLE | P-LPC | | 5 | 0 |

| CR Apps for LPC Candidacy | BOARD DECISION | ABSTENTION | YAYS | NAYS |
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| Jones, Amber Elizabeth | Candidacy | | 5 | 0 |

MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
License Report to Board - February 5, 2021

| Licensed Since Last Meeting - January 22, 2021 | Issue Date | Lic Number |
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| Julie A. Benoit | 1/22/2021 | 2653 |
| Tabitha Muse Carranza | 2/1/2021 | 2656 |
| Shauntae Monique Moore | 1/27/2021 | 2655 |
| Marcelene Kubacki Redding | 1/25/2021 | 2654 |
| Breana Nechell Cooper | 1/22/2021 | P-0659 |
| Scherri Nicole Henderson | 1/22/2021 | P-0662 |
| Dana Alexis Mixon | 1/22/2021 | P-0661 |
| Kaitlyn Elyse Norton | 1/22/2021 | P-0663 |
| LA Latrice Robinson | 1/28/2021 | P-063 |
| Amanda Taylor Stokes | 1/22/2021 | P-0660 |