

Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors

Location for Public Access: LPC and Telephone through WebEx

Regularly Called Board Meeting

Teleconference

Friday, January 21, 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 9:01 a.m. by Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair (“Chair”) on Friday January 21, 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 the meeting at 10:45 a.m., returned at 12:07 p.m.)

Dr. Lynn Etheridge, Congressional District II

Mr. Steven Stafford, Congressional District III (joined the meeting at 12:48 p.m.)

Mr. Issac Boose, Congressional District IV

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director, LPC Board

Ms. Abbe Garcia

ABSENT

Ms. Alexis Morris, Board Attorney representative, Special Assistant Attorney General (exited the meeting)

I. Board Operation

After reviewing the Minutes from the December 10, 2021 meeting, Dr. Etheridge motioned to approve the Minutes as submitted. Dr. Sallis seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye – Mr. Boose

Aye – Dr. Etheridge

Aye – Dr. Sallis

Absent – Mr. Stafford

Aye – Dr. Strebeck

II. Financial Matters

- A. Board reviewed financial statements for December 31, 2021.
- B. Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Dr. Etheridge, that the Board authorize payment for Dr. Strebeck's travel expenses on January 18, 2022 to present the Board's FY23 budget to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee. The motion carried by the following vote:
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| Aye – Mr. Boose | Aye – Dr. Etheridge | Aye – Dr. Sallis |
| Absent – Mr. Stafford | Abstain – Dr. Strebeck | |

III. Old Business

- C. The Board discussed changes to the Rules and Rules and Regulations. Dr. Etheridge motioned to accept the revised Rules and Regulations, seconded by Mr. Boose. The motion carried by the following vote:
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| Aye – Mr. Boose | Aye – Dr. Etheridge | Aye – Dr. Sallis |
| Absent – Mr. Stafford | Aye – Dr. Strebeck | |

CLOSED DETERMINATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded 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
Absent – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	

In the determination session, Dr. Etheridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, 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; Board requests; and personnel matters.

The vote was as follows:

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

At 9:15 a.m., the Board announced the need to enter Executive session to the public the aforesaid reason.

IV. Executive Session

A. Complaints

1. Dr. Strebeck presented an Agreed Order regarding complaint #2021-08. After reviewing the Agreed Order, Mr. Balkcom signed, Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Dr. Etheridge, to accept the Agreed Order. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

2. 2021-15 – Dr. Sallis recommended the Board take no action. Dr. Etheridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, to take no action regarding complaint 2021-15. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

3. 2021-26 – Dr. Etheridge recommended the Board take no action. Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, to take no action regarding complaint 2021-26. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

4. The 2018-20 – Dr. Etheridge recommended the Board take no action. Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, to take no action regarding complaint 2018-20. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

B. Board Request

1. The Board considered a request from Madison Leach Golson (expired license #2232) to reinstate her license. Dr. Etheridge motioned, seconded by Dr. Sallis, to deny her request. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

2. The Board considered a request from Barbara Cox to extend her application for an additional year. Dr. Etheridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, to grant her request. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

C. Injunction consideration

1. Dr. Strebeck inquired of Ms. Morris the status of the Cease and Desis Letter the Board sent to Ms. Webber of Anew Wellness and Counseling in Magee, MS. Ms. Morris stated that she requested Ms. Webber send information for the Board to consider that would qualify her for an exemption under the MS Statutes and the Board’s Rules and Regulations. Ms. Morris stated as of today (1/21/22), Ms. Webber has not provided any additional information for the Board to consider. Therefore, Dr. Etheridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, for the Board to file an

injunction against Ms. Webber for her to Cease and Desist counseling in Mississippi. After some discussion, the motion carried with the following vote:

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

D. Personnel

1. The Board interviewed Abbe Garcia for the Customer Service Representative position. After questioning from the Board and Ms. Mordecai, Ms. Garcia was dismissed from the meeting. Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Dr. Etheridge, to hire Ms. Garcia for the Customer Service Representative position. After some discussion, the motion carried with the following vote:

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

2. Dr. Strebeck excused Ms. Mordecai from the meeting. He informed the Board that she was excluded from HB 109, which granted state employees a 3% raise effective January 2022. Mr. Boose motioned, seconded by Dr. Sallis, to increase Ms. Mordecai’s salary to \$72,295.62 effective immediately. After some discussion, the motion carried with the following vote:

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

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 10:43 a.m. by announcing the actions taken within the Executive Session. The Board reviewed license applications, considered complaints, personnel issues, to proceed with a injunction against Ms. Monica Webber for practicing without a license, and special requests (determinations as listed in Addendum A).

V. Adjournment

Mr. Stafford motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:54 p.m., Dr. Etheridge seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Approved this the 25th day of March, 2022.

_____/s/_____
Board Chair

_____/s/_____
Board Member

Upcoming Meetings:

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

ADDENDUM A

MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS				
APPLICATION REVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION				
Friday, January 21, 2022				
P-LPC Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Berry, Brittany N	P-LPC	Strebeck	4	0
Lis, Kristy Jo	CONTINGENT		5	0
Lund, Carrie Elizabeth	CONTINGENT		5	0
Martin, Jessica Joslin	P-LPC		5	0
Nevill, Stephen Matthew	CONTINGENT		5	0
Pickreign, Barry John	CONTINGENT		5	0
Podwoski, Kari L	P-LPC		5	0
Sellers, Hannah Elizabeth	P-LPC		5	0
Sullivan, Tina J.	CONTINGENT		5	0
Taylor, Byron D	P-LPC		5	0
Womack, Tanisha Shuntae	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
P-LPC to Candidacy Apps or P-LPC to Licensure Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Body, Shaneka Rena	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
Daniels, Rosalyn Lanae	CANDIDACY		5	0
Dill, Mallory McKnight	CANDIDACY		5	0
McCarty, Faith Varner	CANDIDACY		5	0
Robinson, LaTasha R	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
Swanson, Peyton Elizabeth	CONTINGENT		5	0
Vickers, Peyton Swanson	CANDIDACY		5	0
New Apps for LPC-S	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Givens, Bonnie LaShea	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
Vincent, Alexandria Allen	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
New Apps for LPC or Candidate	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Nelson, Billie-Rae Marie	Approved		5	0

New Apps for Comity	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Eckley, Beth Ann	LICENSURE		5	0
Elam, Carrie Michelle	LICENSURE		5	0
Griffin, Sotderia Shanta	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
Lloyd, Matthew	LICENSURE		5	0
Perez, Kimberlie H	LICENSURE		5	0
Williams, Reshanna Oillia	LICENSURE		5	0
Wardell, Jenevieve Lynn	LICENSURE		5	0

CR Apps for LPC Candidacy	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Burks, Raven J.F.	CANDIDACY		5	0

CR Apps for P-LPC	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Ross, Tiffany Tinette	DENIAL		5	0

CR LPC-S Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Pruitt-Lanphere, Lyn	LICENSURE		5	0

MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

License Report to Board - January 21, 2022

Licensed Since Last Meeting - December 10, 2021	Issue Date	Lic Number
LaKeisha Deloris Bryant	1/18/2022	2749
Anna-Maria Elizabeth Dempsey	1/3/2022	2746
Lutoya L. Earvin	1/18/2022	2750
Sarah Jay Gray	12/20/2021	2745
Otavia Gaines Perry	1/18/2022	2751
Eve G. Self	1/14/2022	2748
Ashley Rochelle Sherrod	1/10/2022	2747
Elauran Adrianna Vowell	12/17/2021	2475
Regina Gayle Ammons	12/10/2021	P-0770
Erin Taylor Austin	1/3/2022	P-0775
Stevi L. Carter	1/10/2022	P-0777
Carissa Rose Chandler	12/10/2021	P-0771
Cadden John Christie	1/13/2022	P-0778
Melissa Ryan Harwell	1/5/2022	P-0776
Latasha Rochelle Kimbrough	12/16/2021	P-0772
Tanika Renae Mitchell	12/10/2021	P-0773

T. L. Chandler	12/10/2021	LPC-S #461	
Monica Louise Harper	12/10/2021	LPC-S #462	
Katharine Grace Heaton	12/10/2021	LPC-S #463	
Essence Moore Walker	12/10/2021	LPC-S #464	