

Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors

Location for Public Access: LPC and Telephone through WebEx

Regularly Called Board Meeting

Teleconference

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Minutes

I. Call to Order

The Regularly 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 Thursday, June 16, 2022. 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
Ms. Alexis Morris, Board Attorney representative, Special Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Denise DeRossette, Cornerstone Consulting, Inc.

ABSENT

I. Board Operation

A. After reviewing the Minutes from the May 20, 2022 meeting, Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Dr. Etheridge, to approve the Minutes as revised. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. After reviewing the Minutes from the June 9, 2022 meeting, Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, to approve the Minutes as revised. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

II. Financial Matters

A. Dr. Etheridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, for the Board to pay registration and travel fees for the Board and the Board Attorney to attend the Mississippi Counseling Association Conference.

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

B. Dr. Etheridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, for the Board to pay registration and travel fees for additional Board members to attend the NBCC meeting.

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

C. Dr. Etheridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, for the Board to pay the registration fee for Ms. Morris to attend the FARB conference in September 2022.

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

D. The Board reviewed the current financial statement. Ms. DeRossette with Cornerstone Consulting answered questions about the financial statement and provided the Board legislative updates.

E. Dr. Etheridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Stafford, to approve the contract for accounting services.

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

III. New Business

A. The Board discussed the degree requirements for licensure. According to Rule 4.2.C, the Board determined that the 12 educational content areas must be met because “Each Applicant must have completed a three (3) hour semester course or its equivalent in each of the following areas:” In order to clarify the Rules and Regulations, Mr. Stafford motioned, seconded by Dr. Etheridge, the interpretation of Rule 4.2.C. is as follows:

Either sixty (60) semester hours or ninety (90) quarter hours of graduate study. For degrees conferred after January 1, 2017, the Board will only accept sixty (60) semester hours or ninety (90) quarter-hour master’s degree programs. Those programs shall be either CACREP degree programs or degree programs with the word counseling in its title. Each applicant must take the twelve (12) courses specified below, as part of sixty (60) semester hours or ninety (90) quarter hours that are required for completion of the degree or having earned a doctoral or educational

specialist degree primarily in a counseling, guidance, or related field, which meets similar standards as specified above.

Please note that all references to hours of college credit are for semester hours. Quarter hours may be converted to semester hours using the standard formula (Number of quarter hours X .67 = Semester hour equivalent). Semester hours must total sixty (60) hours.

Each Applicant must have completed a three (3) hour semester course or its equivalent in each of the following areas: ...

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. Dr. Etheridge motioned, seconded by Dr. Sallis, that the Board will not accept less than 45-hour training program for Board Qualified Supervisor credential.

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

C. The Board discussed that the Board does not regulate the business practices of its licenses.

CLOSED DETERMINATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Board announced the need to enter Executive session to the public the aforesaid reason.

D. Executive Session

A. Mr. Stafford motioned, seconded by Dr. Etheridge, to withdraw the injunction without prejudice against Monica Webber/Anew Counseling and Wellness.

Aye – Mr. Boose

Aye – Dr. Etheridge

Aye – Dr. Sallis

Aye – Mr. Stafford

Abstain – Dr. Strebeck

B. Complaints

1. 2022-18 – Dr. Strebeck recommended the Board take no action because the individual is not licensed by this Board. Dr. Etheridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, to take no action regarding complaint 2022-18. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye – Mr. Boose

Aye – Dr. Etheridge

Aye – Dr. Sallis

Aye – Mr. Stafford

Abstain – Dr. Strebeck

2. 2022-08 – Mr. Boose recommended the Board take no action. Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Dr. Etheridge, to take no action regarding complaint 2022-08. The motion carried with the following vote:

Abstain – Mr. Boose

Aye – Dr. Etheridge

Aye – Dr. Sallis

Aye – Mr. Stafford

Aye – Dr. Strebeck

3. 2022-13 – Mr. Stafford recommended the Board take no action. Dr. Etheridge motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, to dismiss complaint 2022-13. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye – Mr. Boose

Aye – Dr. Etheridge

Abstain – Dr. Sallis

Abstain – Mr. Stafford

Aye – Dr. Strebeck

C. Board Requests

1. In accordance with the agreed order with Dr. Magruder, Mr. Stafford motioned, seconded by Dr. Sallis, to reinstate Dr. Magruder's Board Qualified Supervisor status on July 22, 2022

Aye – Mr. Boose

Abstain – Dr. Etheridge

Aye – Dr. Sallis

Aye – Mr. Stafford

Abstain – Dr. Strebeck

2. The Board reviewed Mr. Goodson's request and determined, according to Rule 3.1, that individuals providing direct services must be licensed.

3. Mr. Stafford motioned, seconded by Dr. Sallis, to deny Ms. McLeod's request for extending her application date. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye – Mr. Boose

Aye – Dr. Etheridge

Aye – Dr. Sallis

Aye – Mr. Stafford

Aye – Dr. Strebeck

4. Mr. Stafford motioned, seconded by Dr. Etheridge, to accept the following licensees for retiring their license:
 - a. Arnold, Joy
 - b. Carnes, Caroline
 - c. Lushbaugh, Janet
 - d. Rahaim, Charlotte
 - e. Saucier, Nancy
 - f. Twitty, Kathy
 - g. Weems, Lela

5. Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Mr. Boose, to accept Jessica Garcia’s voluntary surrender of her license and to return her wall certificate to the Board. The vote was as follows:

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

Upon the conclusion of business of Executive Session, Mr. Stafford motioned, seconded by Dr. Etheridge, to exit Executive Session. The motion carried. The vote was as follows:

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

The Board resumed the regular session at 2:20 p.m. by announcing the actions taken within the Executive Session. The Board reviewed license applications, considered complaints, Board requests, and pending legal action. The Board voted to withdraw the injunction against Ms. Monica Webber/Anew Counseling and Wellness and invite her to the next Board meeting to explain to the Board why she believes she is exempt from being licensed as a counselor, according to Rule 7.2.

E. Adjournment

Dr. Etheridge motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 p.m., Mr. Stafford seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Approved this the 12th day of August, 2022.

_____/s/_____
Board Chair

_____/s/_____
Board Member

Upcoming Meetings:

- August 12, 2022 – Special Called Meeting for the purpose of Administrative Hearings (138N, Woolfolk Bldg) and Regularly Called Meeting (LPC Board office, Robert E. Lee Bldg, Suite 402), Jackson, MS
- NBCC – August 3-5, 2022 - Philadelphia
- September 22-23, 2022 Strategic Planning – Greenwood, MS

ADDENDUM A

P-LPC Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Bardoner, Erin Elizabeth	P-LPC		5	0
Damon, Mary Carol	P-LPC		5	0
Harbin, Mary Elizabeth	P-LPC		5	0
La Force, Emily Christine	P-LPC		5	0
Lewis, Katherine B	CONTINGENT		5	0
Pickreign, Christopher Scott	CONTINGENT		5	0
Purvis, Jocinta Rockingham	P-LPC		5	0
Samsel, Mary Elizabeth Anne	P-LPC		5	0
Shive, Robert Allen	P-LPC		5	0
Strong, Kourtni K'Sara	CONTINUED REVIEW		5	0
Williams, Joel Howard	CONTINGENT		5	0
Gayden, Te-Nail Monee'	CONTINUED REVIEW		5	0

P-LPC to Candidacy Apps or P-LPC to Licensure Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Banks, Rachel L	CANDIDACY		5	0
Berkompas, Ryan Douglas	CANDIDACY		5	0
Miller, Abigail McRoberts	CANDIDACY		5	0
Miskel, Jacquelynn Patrice	LICENSURE		5	0

New Apps for LPC-S	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Wood, Eric Daniel	APPROVED		5	0

New Apps for LPC or Candidate	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Carter, Crystal Lakeisha	LICENSURE		5	0

New Apps for Comity	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Crawford, Emory J	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
Day, Danielle Renee	CONTINGENT		5	0
Glynn, Cynthia Ann	LICENSURE		5	0
Nelson, Rachel J	LICENSURE		5	0
Oyemade, Jessica	LICENSURE		5	0

New Apps for LPC	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Buttrill, Bryce Olivia	LICENSURE		5	0
Carter, Crystal Lakeisha	LICENSURE		5	0
Ejalonibu, Zellessia Sherrod	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0

CR Apps for LPC Candidacy	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Runnels, Shannon Leigh	CANDIDACY		5	0

Licensed Since Last Meeting - May 20, 2022	Issue Date	Lic Number
Ravondra La Shay Adams	5/27/2022	2809
Valerie Jonetta Aikens	6/10/2022	2829
Carolyn Ann Bruce	5/27/2022	2808
Raven J.F. Burks	6/10/2022	2830
Mallory McKnight Dill	6/14/2022	2835
Kelsey Kathryn Entz	5/30/2022	2814
Kimberly Nicole Evans	6/7/2022	2819
Shaundra Bills Hardaway	5/26/2022	2813
Alice Gayle Jensen-Savoie	5/26/2022	2815
Jennifer Lynn Johnson-Thomas	5/26/2022	2812
Consuelo Diane Keyes	6/10/2022	2831
Thelma Jean Kimble	5/27/2022	2811
Kaye Green Lunsford	6/6/2022	2818
Jennifer Lynette McKinzie	6/10/2022	2832
Courtney Shuntell Perry	6/10/2022	2828
Marie LeaTrice Ross	5/31/2022	2816
Jacqueline S. Taylor	6/10/2022	2833
Laurie Elizabeth Upchurch	6/13/2022	2834
Cynthia V. White	5/31/2022	2810
Kenya Michelle Williams	6/1/2022	2817
Emily Lynn Brodt	5/20/2022	P-0823
Sarah Elizabeth Cooper	5/20/2022	P-0824
Katherine Young Johnson	5/20/2022	P-0822
Marshall Henry Kuhn	5/20/2022	P-0821
Courtney Lenae Lawler	5/20/2022	P-0820
Promise Grace Lemoine	5/20/2022	P-0819
Katherine B. Lewis	6/8/2022	P-0826
Tammy Michelle Martinez	5/20/2022	P-0825
Kerri Walker Puckett	5/20/2022	P-0818
Anetris Nicole Robertson	5/20/2022	P-0817
Sheila Dawn Runnels	5/20/2022	P-0816
Sonya Maria Aycock	6/8/2022	LPC-S #483

Sheba Lydia Borden	5/20/2022	LPC-S #479
Heather Renee Carter	5/20/2022	LPC-S #478
Charsie Lynn Duvall	5/20/2022	LPC-S #484
Diana S. Heise	5/20/2022	LPC-S #480
Lasicillie T. C. Johnson	5/20/2022	LPC-S #481
Lindsey Ashton Lemmon	5/20/2022	LPC-S #477
Kevin W. Merideth	5/20/2022	LPC-S #482
Melissa H. Windham	5/20/2022	LPC-S #476

Board Requests	<u>BOARD DECISION</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>License #</u>
Arnold, Joy	APPROVED to Retire License	8/21/2003	1020
Barnes, Caroline	APPROVED to Retire License	5/21/2009	1443
Russo, Jessica	APPROVED to Voluntarily Surrender License	4/17/2019	2382
Lushbaugh, Janet	APPROVED to Retire License	5/18/1996	508
McLeod, Tytus Regina	DENIED request for extension		
Rahaim, Charlotte	APPROVED to Retire License	8/21/1993	367
Saucier, Nancy	APPROVED to Retire License	8/24/2001	868
Twitty, Kathy	APPROVED to Retire License	12/6/2004	1116
Upchurch, Eloise	APPROVED to Retire License	8/22/1992	340
Weems, Lela	APPROVED to Retire License	8/24/2001	860