

Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors

FEBRUARY 28, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Robert E. Lee Building, Suite 402, 239 North Lamar Street, Jackson, MS 39201

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 (exited meeting at 1:00 p.m.)
Steven Stafford, Secretary, Congressional District III

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Congressional District IV—Vacant

Others Present

LeeAnn Mordecai, Board Executive Director
Ken Walley, Board Attorney, Special Assistant Attorney General
Dr. Deb Wells
Ms. Gloria Green
Genika McGee
Melvin Logan
Porchia Powe

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 10:00 a.m. by Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair (“Chair”) on Friday, February 28, 2020. The meeting was held at the Robert E. Lee Building, 12th Floor Conference Room, 239 North Lamar Street, Jackson, MS 39201. A roll call of Board members was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Administrative Hearings

- A. **Ronny DeLoach (2019-21)**
- B. **Genika McGee (2019-22)**
- C. **Melvin Logan (2019-02)**
- D. **Porchia Power (2020-07)**

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III. Board Operations

A. Minutes Approval

Minutes of the January 24, 2020, Special Called meeting were not reviewed at this Meeting, due to missing hearing notes from the hearing officer.

IV. Financial Matters

A. Travel Vouchers

Mr. Stafford motioned to accept and pay travel expenses as requested for the month of February, seconded by Dr. Sallis. Approved 4-0

IV. Old Business

A. Replacing office computers

Upon motion by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Strebeck, the Board unanimously agreed to accept the bid from U.S. Next to replace the office computers, not to exceed \$4,000. Approved 4-0

B. Jurisprudence Exam Update

Dr. Strebeck led a discussion on the current status of the Jurisprudence exam. Based on communication with NBCC/CCE, the Board expects to implement the Jurisprudence exam requirement beginning with the 2020 renewal cycle.

C. Woodall Conference Update

The Board plans to attend and present at the Woodall Conference, sponsored by Delta State University. Dr. Strebeck will draft initial slides for the presentation.

D. HB777/SB2407 Update

Dr. Strebeck discussed that the proposed legislation has been introduced in the House and Senate. These bills address clarifying language in the statutes regarding licensing fees and continuing education requirements for P-LPC and LPC

E. 2018-50

Dr. Etheridge updated the Board that the matter would be reset for hearing.

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At 4:11pm, Stafford motioned that the Board enter a closed session to determine the necessity of an Executive Session seconded by Sallis. Approved 3-0

At 4:12pm Stafford motioned, that the Board enter Executive Session for the purpose of signing completed certificates of licenses, reviewing licensing applications, discussing Board requests, discussing complaints, and pending litigation, seconded by Sallis. Approved 3-0

IV. Executive Session

A. Dawn Sias

Mr. Walley provided the Board an update regarding Ms. Sias' lawsuit against the Board, which was filed in Chancery Court.

B. 2018-03 Terry Smith

The Board approved the drafted Board Order and it was signed by Dr. Sallis

C. Board Requests

1. Mr. Jimmy Doolittle requested the Board reinstate his license. After discussion, Mr. Stafford motioned to deny the request and Mr. Doolittle could apply for a P-LPC. Seconded by Dr. Strebeck. Approved 3-0
2. Deborah McCann requested the Board grant her Retirement status. Mr. Stafford motioned to grant Ms. McCann's request, Dr. Strebeck seconded. Approved 3-0.
3. Tracey Webb requested the Board allow her to take the NCMHCE for a 3rd time. Dr. Sallis motioned to grant her request, Mr. Stafford seconded. Approved 3-0.

D. Complaint updates

1. Dr. Strebeck recommended the Board take no action regarding complaint 2018-31. Mr. Stafford motioned to accept the recommendation, Dr. Sallis seconded. Approved 2-0-1
2. Dr. Strebeck recommended the Board take no action regarding complaint 2018-32. Mr. Stafford motioned to accept the recommendation, Dr. Sallis seconded. Approved 2-0-1
3. Dr. Strebeck recommended the Board take no action regarding complaint 2019-25. Mr. Stafford motioned to accept the recommendation, Dr. Sallis seconded. Approved 2-0-1

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4. Dr. Strebeck recommended the Board take no action regarding complaint 2019-34. Mr. Stafford motioned to accept the recommendation, Dr. Sallis seconded. Approved 2-0-1
5. Dr. Strebeck recommended the Board take no action regarding complaint 2018-41. Mr. Stafford motioned to accept the recommendation, Dr. Sallis seconded. Approved 2-0-1
6. Dr. Strebeck recommended the Board take no action regarding complaint 2019-43. Mr. Stafford motioned to accept the recommendation, Dr. Sallis seconded. Approved 2-0-1
7. Dr. Strebeck recommended the Board take no action regarding complaint 2020-1. Mr. Stafford motioned to accept the recommendation, Dr. Sallis seconded. Approved 2-0-1
8. Dr. Strebeck recommended the Board take no action regarding complaint 2020-3. Mr. Stafford motioned to accept the recommendation, Dr. Sallis seconded. Approved 2-0-1
9. Dr. Sallis recommended the Board take no action regarding complaint 2019-30. Dr. Strebeck motioned to accept the recommendation, Mr. Stafford seconded. Approved 2-0-1
10. Dr. Sallis recommended the Board take no action regarding complaint 2018-47. Dr. Strebeck motioned to accept the recommendation, Mr. Stafford seconded. Approved 2-0-1
11. Mr. Stafford recommended a repeal of former actions on 2016-28 and 2018-09 for an Agreed Order to be changed to that of no action. Upon motion of Dr. Strebeck, and seconded by Dr. Sallis, the Board agreed to reverse the previous recommendation and take no action on 2016-28 and 2018-09. Mr. Stafford recommended the Board take no action on complaint 2018-08 and send an advisory letter to the licensee. Dr. Strebeck motioned to accept the recommendation, Dr. Sallis seconded. Approved 2-0-1
12. Mr. Stafford presented limited information regarding complaint 2019-37. After discussion, Mr. Stafford agreed to request a social media policy from the licensee.
13. Dr. Strebeck recommended the Board take no action on complaint 2019-41, as this is not a licensee. Mr. Stafford motioned, Dr. Sallis seconded, and the Board unanimously agreed to take no action on 2019-41.

E. Application Review

The Board reviewed and approved applications for licensure.
See attached Addendum.

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At 5:39 p.m., Mr. Stafford motioned to exit Executive Session, seconded by Dr, Sallis. Unanimously approved.

The Board reported to the public that while in Executive Session, the Board considered pending litigation, Board requests, Board complaints, and approved licensed.

V. Adjourn

Dr. Sallis motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Stafford seconded the motion. The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the Board meeting (3-0). Dr. Strebeck adjourned the meeting at 5:59pm

V. Upcoming Meetings

- March 26-27 - Cleveland, Delta State University
- May 15 at 9am - Regular Meeting, Robert E. Lee Building
- June 19 at 1pm - Teleconference - Only for license application review.

Approved this the May day of 15, 2020.

/s/

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Board Chair

Board Member

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ADDENDUM

MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS				
APPLICATION REVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION				
Friday, February 28, 2020				
P-LPC Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Deering, Ginger Raye	Approved		3	0
Gautier, Shannon Sullivan	Approved		3	0
Jones, Toni Rena	Approved		3	0
Martin, Crystal LaShay	Approved		3	0
McRoberts, Abigail Berry	Contingent		3	0
Nix, Tiffanie Laura	Contingent		3	0
Polk, Keating Elizabeth Marie	Approved		3	0
Prude, Thomas Diogenes	Approved		3	0
Rines, Miranda Nichole	Contingent		3	0
Washington, Jammayette Elicia	Contingent		3	0
P-LPC to Candidacy Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Creer, Marques Ray	Approved		3	0
Howard, Melissa Sue	Approved		3	0
Huot, Ciara Nicole	Approved		3	0
Jones, Shelley Noelle	Contingent		3	0
Lunford, Belinda	Approved		3	0
McKinnis, Sharon Yvette	Approved		3	0
Moss, Sherita U'tica	Approved		3	0
Shepherd, Sarah Jean	Approved		3	0
New Apps for Candidacy	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Erickson, Jeremy David	Approved		3	0
Tanna, Jackie L.	Approved		3	0
Tate-Wilson, Jackie L.	Approved		3	0

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New Apps for Comity	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Ivankovich, Karla Kaye	Approved		3	0
Knox, Sherry Lauronda	Approved		3	0
Najera, Dalora Deki	Continued Review		3	0
Martin, Lou Flowers	Approved		3	0
New Apps for LPC-S	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Bruce, Tina Yolanda	Continued Review		3	0
Cook, Kimberly Lattice	Continued Review		3	0
Gaynor, Nadia C.	Approved		3	0
Shields, Antwynette Brinkley	Approved		3	0
CR Apps for LPC-S	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Shaw, Robdreka C.	Approved		3	0
Board Request		ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Doolittle, Jimmy Glenn	renew 2016 lapsed license - SS, RS - motion to deny request, must reapply 3-0-0			
Webb, Tracey M.	take exam 3rd time - KS, SS - motion to approve to take exam third time 2-0-1	Strebeck		

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License Report to Board - February 28, 2020

Licensed Since Last Meeting - January 24, 2020		Issue Date	Lic Number
Stephanie Christine Bell		2/13/2020	2562
Lacey Beth Brown		1/24/2020	2558
Maria Gloria Chapman		1/24/2020	2557
Kana Sharee' Crumby		2/25/2020	2566
Sherry Aycock Cumbest		2/13/2020	2563
Janet A. Hardy		2/12/2020	2561
Myra Gail Lott		2/18/2020	2565
Christian Brooks Shearer		1/29/2020	2559
Kayla D. Gray White		2/18/2020	2564
Rosalyn Lanae Daniels		1/24/2020	P-0347
Sharie Andrea Gilner		1/24/2020	P-0348
Lawrence Patrick James		2/12/2020	P-0350
Tabatha Franklin Kenney		1/27/2020	P-0574
Ellon Eubank Little		1/24/2020	P-0575
Mary Nicole Miller		2/3/2020	P-0349
LaTasha R. Robinson		1/24/2020	P-0573
Thomas Richard Balkcom		12/1/2005	1181

Retire License Request		
	Lic#	Issue Date
McCann, Deborah E.	0866	8/28/2001