

Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Teleconference

Thursday, March 26, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair, Congressional District--At Large

Dr. Kimberly Sallis, Vice Chair, Congressional District 1

Dr. Lynn Etheridge, Congressional District 2

Steven Stafford, Secretary, Congressional District 3

Issac Boose, Congressional District 4

OTHERS PRESENT

LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director

Ken Walley, Board Attorney, Special Assistant Attorney General

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 9:01 a.m. by Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair ("Chair") on Friday, March 26, 2020. The meeting was held by Teleconference. A roll call of Board members was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Board Operations

A. New Board Member

Ken Walley swore in new Board member Issac Boose from Congressional District 4.

B. Minutes Approval

Minutes from the following meetings were reviewed and no action was taken.

1. January 24, 2020
2. March 12, 2020 - Emergency Meeting
3. Minutes Approval – March 16, 2020 - Emergency Meeting

III. Financial Matters

A. Financial Report - The Board reviewed financial report provided by Cornerstone.

B. Cornerstone Invoice - The Board reviewed invoice provided by Cornerstone for \$2,570

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C. ITS Zoom Invoice - The Board reviewed an invoice from ITS for \$445.38. ITS will write off the amounts for FY2019, which will reduce the invoice to \$86.

D. FY21 Accounting and Website Contractual Services Contract - The Executive Director will request accounting and website contracts so they may be reviewed at May meeting.

IV. Old Business

A. Office Closure – Upon motion by Stafford, seconded by Etheridge, the Board unanimously agreed “the Mississippi Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors physical office will be open by appointment only until further notice.” 5-0

B. Jurisprudence Exam - A jurisprudence exam update was provided by Mrs. Mordecai. Target implementation date is May 1, 2020, for LPC renewals.

C. Proclamation

1. **Out of state LPC crossing state line**

A proclamation was made regarding out of state counselors providing telehealth services within Mississippi during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

It was motioned by Stafford and seconded by Etheridge to “Allow Licensed Counselors from outside of Mississippi to maintain a counseling relationship with existing clients (before March 16, 2020) who reside in Mississippi until the Executive Emergency order has been lifted by the Governor. The counselor must notify the LPC Board by email that they are practicing by telehealth with an existing client. The counselor must provide the counselor’s Name, credential, license number, address, approximate number of clients, and justification of the need to practice in the state of Mississippi. Counselors who are under supervision must provide their supervisor’s name and the supervisor’s contact information.”
Vote: 5-0

2. **TeleMental Health only by phone**

Reviewed by Board. Rule 1.4.O. Allows for telephone chat and video systems.

3. **P-LPC**

- a. It was noted that P-LPCs are unable to obtain direct services if LPC-S does not approve them for TMH.
- b. A P-LPC cannot get supervision hours if LPC-S will not use TMH.

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4. Candidates

It was motioned by Stafford and seconded by Etheridge that “LPC Candidates follow the direction of their governed by agency or BQS.” Vote 5-0

D. 2017-29 - Lorita Harris update-Reviewed

V. New Business

A. CEH extension for renewal due to COVID-19

Refer calls or concerns to our rules and regs.

B. Fingerprint Card

Some local law authorities will not process fingerprint cards

1. New applications--The law requires a fingerprint background check for licensure.
2. Requirements for renewal--follow current rules and regs.

C. NCE/NCMHCE testing

NCE/NCMHCE testing has been delayed due to testing center closures.

Extend 4-year maximum timeframe – It was motioned by Stafford, seconded by Etheridge, and unanimously approved to “extend the 4-year maximum application expiration deadline for 90 days from the end date of licensure application.” Motion Stafford. Second Etheridge Vote 5-0.

D. Williams, Timothy (#945) – request to retire license. It was motioned by Stafford, seconded by Etheridge, and unanimously approved to retire license #0945. Vote 5-0.

E. 2018-48 Carpenter, David

1. Request for reinstatement of license (lift suspension). Motion to deny this request Sallis. Second Etheridge. Vote 4-0-1 (Boose)
2. Request to have an extension of agreed order requirements or be allowed to complete requirements online. Motion to deny this request for any change to our previous order by Etheridge. Second Stafford. Vote: 4-0-1 (Boose).

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F. Future Meetings

- May 15 at 9am--Teleconference
- June 19 at 1pm--Teleconference, application review only.
- August 21, 2020 at Robert E. Lee building at 9:00 a.m.
- September 28, 2020 at Robert E. Lee - possible hearing?
- November--MCA 11-13
 1. Board Meeting Thursday, November 12th, Afternoon
 2. Present Friday morning

G. Telemental Health--General discussion. Telemental Health Committee will draft a rule change to be distributed before our May meeting to facilitate discussion and potential rules change.

H. Military-Trained Counselors and Military Spouses

Military-Trained Counselors and Military spouses act passed by Legislature. It requires us to do a reciprocity process for military spouses with at least two years of experience and are allowed to practice within the military if they move into Mississippi. We need to put language in our Rules and Regulations to reflect this. Ken will draft language to present at the next meeting.

VI. Executive Session

Motion for need to go into closed determination made by Stafford. Seconded by Sallis. Vote 5-0

Motion made by Stafford, seconded by Etheridge to go into closed session due to need to discuss application review, litigation, complaints and Board requests. Vote 5-0

Motion to go into Executive Session was made by Sallis. Seconded by Etheridge. Vote 5-0. The Board entered Executive Session.

Motion by Etheridge, seconded by Stafford, and unanimously agreed to exit Executive Session. Vote: 5-0

Upon return to open session, the following was announced as actions taken while in Executive Session:

A. Litigation matters

The Board's attorney, Walley, updated the Board on pending litigation and will file response by 4/20/20.

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B. Reviewed Board Complaints/Denied Applications

Discussion to draft a new complaint notification format. Dr. Etheridge and Mr. Walley will draft.

C. Reviewed Licensure Applications (P-LPC, LPC, LPC-S, Candidacy, Comity, Continued Review) 0- See attached Addendum

D. Reviewed Board Requests

1. Stacey Foster – 4-year Candidate expired March 24, how to apply now (not enough hours within 7 years; must apply as a P-LPC.
2. Mary K. Jones - Motion to approve candidacy by Dr. Etheridge. Seconded by Stafford. Vote: 5-0

Motion to accept all licensing decisions during Executive Session by Dr. Etheridge. Seconded by Dr. Sallis. Approved. Vote: 5-0

Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:16 p.m. by Dr. Sallis. Seconded by Dr. Etheridge. Vote 5-0.

Approved this the May day of 15, 2020.

/s/

/s/

Board Chair

Board Member

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ADDENDUM

MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS				
APPLICATION REVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION				
Thursday, March 26, 2020				
P-LPC Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Baker, Kari Lynn	CONTINGENT		5	0
Davis, Christina M	P-LPC		5	0
Kennedy, Raymond Vernon	P-LPC		5	0
Killen, Silje Aadnesen	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
Miller, Christine Marie	CONTINGENT		5	0
Miskel, Jacquelynn Patrice	CONTINGENT		5	0
Nix, Tiffanie Laura	CONTINGENT		5	0
Paul, Dinisha Babu	P-LPC		5	0
Starks, J'Kea Jamara	P-LPC		5	0
Young, Carmen Nicole	P-LPC		5	0
P-LPC to Candidacy Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Beal, Anetia R.	Approved		5	0
Jones, Shelley Noelle	Approved		5	0
Lindsey, Tiffany Melvora	Approved		5	0
Mahaffey, Anna Davis	Approved		5	0
Parker, Ava Santana	Approved		5	0
Strickland, Linda Darlene	Approved		5	0
Smith, LaShaunda LaQuita	Approved		5	0
New Apps for Candidacy	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Jones, Mary K.	Approved		5	0
New Apps for Licensure	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Clark, Denise Monique	Approved		5	0
Nason, Kendrah Lee	Continued Review		5	0

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Routh, Kyle Daniel	Approved		5	0
New Apps for Comity	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Martin, Lou Flowers	Approved		5	0
Rader, Melinda Anne	Approved		5	0
Borja, Fayeane Fuentes	Continued Review		5	0
CR P-LPC Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Avery, Jerri S.	Approved		5	0
Dent, Kenyatta Yamisse	Approved		5	0
Jones, Mary K.	Approved		5	0
King, Amy McCary	Continued Review		5	0
Redding, Marcelene Kubacki	Continued Review		5	0
CR or Denied Apps for Candidacy	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Cox, Barbara E.	Approved		5	0
White, Kelly Hampton	Approved		5	0

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License Report to Board – March 26, 2020			
Licensed Since Last Meeting – February 28, 2020	Issue Date	Lic Number	
Rachael Lauren Garner	3/19/2020	2570	
Karla Kaye Ivankovich	3/17/2020	2568	
Sherry Lauronda Knox	3/5/2020	2567	
Shawnda Latrice Liggins	3/20/2020	2572	
Lou Flowers Martin	3/18/2020	2569	
Ashley Harris Whitfield	3/18/2020	2571	
Ginger Raye Deering	2/28/2020	P-0576	
Shannon Sullivan Gautier	2/28/2020	P-0577	
Toni Rena Jones	2/28/2020	P-0578	
Crystal LaShay Martin	2/28/2020	P-0579	
Abigail Berry McRoberts	3/4/2020	P-0583	
Keating Elizabeth Marie Polk	2/28/2020	P-0580	
Thomas Diogenes Prude	2/28/2020	P-0581	
Miranda Nichole Rines	3/4/2020	P-0582	
Nadia C. Gaynor	2/24/2012	1649	
RobDreka C. Shaw	6/27/2016	2109	
Antwynette Brinkley Shields	1/26/2018	2246	

Retire License Request			
	Lic#	Issue Date	
Williams, Timothy	0945	8/22/2002	

Voluntarily Surrender License			
	Lic#	Issue Date	
Torrance Wade	1750	4/27/2013	