

**Mississippi State Board of Examiners
for Licensed Professional Counselors**
Regularly Called Board Meeting

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

Thursday, August 17, 2023
Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Kimberly Elam Sallis, Chair, Congressional District I
Dr. Melissa Windham, Vice-Chair, Congressional District III
Kerri McKnatt, Congressional District II
Dr. Anthony Bullock, Congressional District IV

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Richard Strebeck, Secretary, Congressional District-at-Large

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director, LPC Board
Ms. Alexis Morris, 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 1:00 p.m. by Dr. Kimberly Sallis, Chair (“Chair”) on Thursday, August 17, 2023. The Board meeting was held at the Robert E. Lee Building, 239 North Lamar Street, Suite 402. A roll call of Board members was taken, and a quorum was present.

II. New Board Member Orientation

Dr. Sallis and Dr. Windham conducted a New Board Member Orientation.

- Conflict of Interest Statement
- Board Member Attendance Record
- Appropriate and Acceptable use of IT
- ACA Code of Ethics*
- Forester-Miller and Davis’ *Practitioner’s Guide to Ethical Decision Making* as an example of a model for reviewing complaints and making Board Decisions in Complaints
- Mississippi Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors Rules and Regulations
- Mississippi Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors Statutes*
- Establishment and Purpose/Function/Role of the Board
- How to obtain information for Meeting and Being on time and prepared

- Robert’s Rules of Order
- Travel and Travel Vouchers
- Secure Access to the LPC Website for Board Members
- Application Review
- Application Review Processes

Ms. Morris provided training and instruction on the

- Complaint Process
- Disciplinary Hearings
- Administrative Hearings

III. Adjournment

Dr. Sallis, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Approved this the 4th day of October, 2023

 /s/
Board Chair

 /s/
Board Member

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Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director, LPC Board
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IV. 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. Kimberly Sallis, Chair (“Chair”) on Friday, August 18, 2023. The Board meeting was held at the Robert E. Lee Building, 239 North Lamar Street, Suite 402. A roll call of Board members was taken, and a quorum was present.

V. Administrative Hearing 2023-04

Ms. McKnatt motioned, seconded by Dr. Windham, that at the request of Mr. Phillip Hearn, Ms. Sisco’s attorney, grant a continuance to reschedule the hearing. The motioned carried 4-0-1. Dr. Strebeck recused himself.

The Board rescheduled the hearing for Wednesday, October 4, 2023.

VI. Board Operations

- A. Ms. Morris conducted the swearing in ceremony for Kerri McKnatt and Dr. Bullock.
- B. After reviewing and making corrections to the July 14, 2023 minutes, Dr. Strebeck motioned, Dr. Windham seconded, to approve the minutes as amended. The motioned passed with a vote of 3-0-2 as follows:
Aye – Dr. Sallis Aye – Dr. Windham Aye – Dr. Strebeck

Abstain – Dr. Bullock Abstain – Ms. McKnatt

- C. After reviewing and making corrections to the July 25, 2023 minutes, Dr. Windham motioned, Ms. McKnatt seconded, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-2 as follows:

Aye – Dr. Sallis Aye – Dr. Windham Aye – Dr. Strebeck
Abstain – Dr. Bullock Abstain – Ms. McKnatt

VII. Financial

- A. Dr. Strebeck motioned, Dr. Bullock seconded, to approve the travel for the meeting. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- B. The Board reviewed the financial report for June 2023.
- C. Dr. Windham motioned, seconded by Ms. McKnatt, to purchase board training modules from the American Association for State Counseling Boards (AASCB). The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- D. Dr. Bullock motioned, Dr. Windham seconded, for the Executive Director, Chair, and Dr. Strebeck to attend the AASCB conference January 7-9, 2024, in Tucson, AZ. with expenses paid for the Board. Dr. Strebeck will submit a call for program and present, if selected. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- E. Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Ms. McKnatt to approve the Board registration and travel expenses to attend the Mississippi Counseling Conference Association in November 8-10, 2023.

VIII. Old Business

- A. The Board discussed topics for the Strategic Planning meeting for September 2023. Topics to include impaired professionals, complaint/investigation process, budgeting, Pass/Fail Jurisprudence Exam review, “how to” videos, and increased communication.
- B. The Board will present at the Mississippi Counseling Association conference on November 8, 2023, in Biloxi and meet on November 9, 2023.

IX. Executive Session

CLOSED DETERMINATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion at 1:10 p.m. made by Dr. Strebeck with a second by Dr. Windham, the Board voted to go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

In the determination session, Dr. Strebeck motioned, with a second by Dr. Windham, that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session [Mississippi Code Annotated §25-41-7 (b & d) and Mississippi Code Annotated §73-52-1 (1 & 2)]. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Board Requests

- Ms. McKnatt motioned, seconded by Dr. Bullock, to deny Ms. Armstrong’s request to accept hours accrued under Candidacy due to her “Candidacy Status” lapsed in August 2022, and she must apply under the current rules and regulations. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

- Dr. Windham motioned, Dr. Strebeck seconded, to approve Ms. Booker request to retire her license. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded my Ms. McKnatt, to deny Ms. Dase’s request, and she can apply under the current rules and regulations. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded my Dr. Bullock, to table Ms. Heath-Davis’s request to reinstate a retired license until she submits all appropriate CEHs (48 hours from pre-approved provider). The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- Dr. Bullock motioned, seconded by Ms. McKnatt, to approve Ms. Phillip’s request to complete her P-LPC with an extension until February 18, 2024. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- Dr. Windham motioned, seconded by Dr. Bullock, to set Ms. Stapleton’s appeal to denial of application for a show cause hearing on Wednesday, October 4, 2023. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Dr. Strebeck, to accept Ms. Stiles’s request to count continuing education from PESI. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Windham, to deny Ms. Fletcher’s request for an extension of time to comply with her Letter of Reprimand. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Dr. Bullock, that based on the information provided in Mr. Harry’s predetermination request would not preclude him from seeking licensure. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1, Dr. Strebeck abstained.
- Dr. Bullock motioned, Dr. Windham seconded, allowing Dr. Jones to retire her license. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Upon motion by Dr. Windham, seconded by Ms. McKnatt, the Board resumed the regular session at 7:05 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

The Board announced the actions taken within the Executive Session.

X. Adjournment

Dr. Sallis, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Approved this the _____ day of _____, 2023

_____/s/_____
Board Chair

_____/s/_____
Board Member

Dates for future meetings:

- September 7-8, 2023 – Strategic Planning in Ocean Springs
- October 4, 2023 – Special Called meeting.
- November 9, 2023 – The White House Hotel, Biloxi

ADDENDUM A				
MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS				
APPLICATION REVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION				
August 18, 2023				
P-LPC Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Adams, April T	P-LPC		5	0
Barksdale-Mayfield, Madalene J.	CONTINGENT		5	0
Berry, Destany Hope	CONTINGENT		5	0
Brent-Rhodes, Allisha Ann	CONTINGENT		5	0
Brown, Shannon Cromwell	CONTINGENT		5	0
Davis, Bobbie Jancia	CONTINGENT		5	0
Dilworth, Jacinda Dawn	CONTINGENT		5	0
Dixon, Whitney Alleyene	P-LPC		5	0
Eatman, Kristin Breanna	CONTINGENT		5	0
Evans, Jamie L	P-LPC		5	0
Fitzpatrick, Brandon M.	CONTINGENT		5	0
Flowers, Presley Anne	CONTINGENT		5	0
Foster, Stacey JaVon	CONTINGENT		5	0
Gossfeld, Megan Elizabeth	CONTINGENT		5	0
Griffin, Destiny LeeAnn	CONTINGENT		5	0
Higginbotham, Meagan Alexis	P-LPC		5	0
Hitchon, Abigail Ruth	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
Holton, Nakia A.	CONTINGENT		5	0
Jackson, Patricia Noel	CONTINGENT		5	0
Jamison, Lindsey Elizabeth	CONTINGENT		5	0
Jefcoat, Violet Louise	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
Johnson-Davis, Roshanda Shea	CONTINGENT		5	0
Kennedy, LaTanyle Renae	P-LPC		5	0
Lane, Lashonda Lanese	CONTINGENT		5	0
Lawson, Amanda L	CONTINGENT		5	0
Locke, Taylor Nicole	CONTINGENT		5	0
Loftus, Victoria Lauren	CONTINGENT		5	0
Luna, Vincent Anthony	P-LPC		5	0
McGilvery, Barbara Jeannine	CONTINGENT		5	0
McHan, Adrianna Watkins	P-LPC		5	0
McLain, Carolyn Alleen	P-LPC		5	0
McLaurin, Shakelia K.	P-LPC		5	0
Moore, Kimberly Nicole	CONTINGENT		5	0
Pierce, Melissa Rae	CONTINGENT		5	0
Pybus, LaDonna R	P-LPC		5	0

Ramsey, Anna Lauren Carr	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
Rawson, Mary Margaret	CONTINGENT		5	0
Sewell, Tearsanee J	CONTINGENT		5	0
Smith, Allison Kenna	CONTINGENT		5	0
Speights, Lindsey Stuart	CONTINGENT		5	0
Stamps, Danielle T.	CONTINGENT		5	0
Varner, Dylan Thomas	P-LPC		5	0
Vepley, Olivia E	CONTINGENT		5	0
Wall, Jacey Lynn	CONTINGENT		5	0
Yarbrough, Jena Denise	CONTINGENT		5	0
York, Destiny Simon	CONTINGENT		5	0

P-LPC to Licensure Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Cooper, Mallory Cutrer	LICENSURE		5	0
Damon, David Brock	LICENSURE		5	0
Moore, Janice Marie	LICENSURE		5	0
Sullivan, Tina J	LICENSURE	Strebeck	4	0
Teasley, Jenny L.	LICENSURE		5	0
Thompson, Ashton Rebecca	LICENSURE		5	0
Tutor, Belinda Susan	LICENSURE		5	0
Vickers, Alicia Karen	LICENSURE		5	0
Whitten, Kristin Rose	LICENSURE	Sallis	4	0

New Apps for LPC-S	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Bradley, Shelbi Renae	LICENSURE		5	0
Crutchfield, Jennifer W.	LICENSURE		5	0
Dukes, Byron Devon	CONTINGENT		5	0
Goodson, Aaron Timmons	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
Mitchell, Joey Jerome	CONTINGENT		5	0
Moore, Dana Shawn	CONTINGENT	Strebeck	4	0
Stockman, Jessica Irene	CONTINGENT		5	0
Straughter, Talya	CONTINGENT		5	0
Toles, Anne	LICENSURE		5	0
Tompkins, Vincent D.	CONTINGENT		5	0
Wright, Ranarda L	CONTINGENT		5	0

New Apps for Comity	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Bennett, Cynthia Carruthers	LICENSURE		5	0
Mears, Gregory Scott	LICENSURE		5	0
Petrie Graff, Gretchen P	LICENSURE		5	0
Schmit, Michael Kim	LICENSURE		5	0

Steed, Sarah Renee	LICENSURE	5	0
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CR Apps for P-LPC	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Greenwood, Prisca E	P-LPC		5	0
McNeal, Idella Lakisha	CONTINGENT		5	0
Stokes, Suzanne Porter	P-LPC		5	0
Wright, Dawn Bernadette	P-LPC		5	0

MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
License Report to Board - August 18, 2023

Licensed Since Last Meeting - June 26-27, 2023	Issue Date	Lic Number
Wendy Sue Ahearn	5/22/2023	2983
Erica R. Allen	5/31/2023	2990
Letisha Renae Belk	5/22/2023	2973
Hannah Ruth Billiard	5/22/2023	2976
Danielle Marie Booth	5/22/2023	2971
Anna Marie Boyd	5/22/2023	2984
Gerald B. Brown	5/12/2023	2967
Abigail Yocasta Casey	5/18/2023	2970
Lakeisha White Davis	5/22/2023	2972
Joshua Nolan Evans	6/9/2023	2995
Chancey Torel Fort	6/9/2023	2996
Mary Ashton Fowler	5/22/2023	2975
Shannon Sullivan Gautier	5/12/2023	2966
Anna Nicole Grider	5/22/2023	2978
Lindsey Cagle Hightower	5/31/2023	2993
Ashley Quick Horn	5/22/2023	2979
Peggy Ann Jelks	5/22/2023	2986
Tanaucha Terrelle Lewis	5/31/2023	2992
Mary Allen McBride	5/22/2023	2985
Melissa Kristine McClain	5/22/2023	2977
Calyssa Nicole Middleton	5/23/2023	2989
ANDREA MARIE MITCHELL	5/22/2023	2988
April Nicole Mitchell	5/22/2023	2974
Jeremy Ray Molck	6/1/2023	2994
Adole Natasha Muruako	5/22/2023	2982
Jeffery Scott Noles	5/22/2023	2981
Kaitlyn Elyse Norton	5/22/2023	2980

Kristin Layne Odom	5/22/2023	2987
Kimberly Sharda Randolph	5/17/2023	2968
Deshel Stringfellow Valley	5/31/2023	2991
Tenelle Elaine Walker	5/12/2023	2965
Brandy Bledsoe West	5/15/2023	2969
Robin Bernice Anderson	5/22/2023	P-0934
Tonya Marie Andrews	5/22/2023	P-0935
Cody Aaron Beatus	5/25/2023	P-0937
Nathan Kantrell Carroll	5/5/2023	P-0923
Monte Dunn Ellis	5/5/2023	P-0922
Rosalind Symone Ellis	5/5/2023	P-0924
Morgan Jessica Fondren	6/1/2023	P-0938
Brianna Marie Glenn	6/1/2023	P-0939
Jordan Deanna Jackson	5/22/2023	P-0932
Shameen Deon Jennings	5/16/2023	P-0929
Tyler Brooke Jordan	5/5/2023	P-0925
John Curtis Kelly	5/5/2023	P-0926
Lasaundra Cherelle King	5/24/2023	P-0936
Brandus Lea Magee	5/30/2023	P-0944
Cynthia Jacquelyn McPherson-Richardson	5/22/2023	P-0942
Elise Marie Moore	5/5/2023	P-0927
Lynley Cole Park	5/5/2023	P-0928
Marquita R. Shaver	6/1/2023	P-0940
Kaitlyn Grace Smith	5/17/2023	P-0930
Zaducka T. Thomas	6/9/2023	P-0941
Yasmine Daylia Turner	5/22/2023	P-0933
Carmin Faye Young	5/15/2023	P-0931
Rachel Carol Allen	5/5/2023	LPCS #516
Lindsay Avent Jay	5/5/2023	LPCS #517
Natalie Wolfe Lassiter	5/22/2023	LPCS #524
Cheryl L. Morris	5/5/2023	LPCS #518
Meaghan L. Rice	5/5/2023	LPCS #519
Brittany Spence Sapp	5/5/2023	LPCS #520
John C. Webb	5/5/2023	LPCS #521
Karla L. Weir	5/5/2023	LPCS #522
Vickie Raina White	5/5/2023	LPCS #523