

# Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors

MARCH 12, 2020  
EMERGENCY CALLED BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES

## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair, Congressional District—At-Large  
Dr. Kimberly Elam Sallis, Vice Chair, Congressional District I  
Steven Stafford, Secretary, Congressional District III

## BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Isaac Boose, Jr.—Congressional District IV  
Dr. Lynn Etheridge, Congressional District II

## Others Present

LeeAnn Mordecai, Board Executive Director  
Ken Walley, Board Attorney, Special Assistant Attorney General

### I. Call to Order

The Emergency Called Board meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors (“Board”) was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair (“Chair”) on Thursday, March 12, 2020. The meeting was held via video/teleconference for the purpose of addressing counseling services via telemental health during the COVID-19 and was available for the public at the Board office at the Robert E. Lee Building, Suite 402, 239 North Lamar Street, Jackson, MS 39201. A roll call of Board members was taken and a quorum was present.

### II. New Business

- The Board discussed the current COVID-19 crisis and the fact that the Board is still bound by its current Rules and Regulations and Statutes until further action by the state government.

“We are aware of the concerns of COVID-19 and are actively monitoring it and its impact on counseling services. The Board is in active discussion about how to best serve the State of Mississippi. We will release information and guidance when it becomes available.”

Upon motion by Stafford, seconded by Sallis, the Board unanimously agreed to accept the statement and to publish on the Board’s website. 3-0-0

- The Board held further discussion about potential telehealth options.

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- The Board agreed to move the March 26 meeting to Jackson, MS, in the Board office due to the cancellation of the conference they were to participate in March 26-27 - Cleveland, MS, Delta State University.
- The Board members agreed to a potential emergency meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. based on any Proclamation made by Governor Reeves.

### III. Adjourn

Upon motion by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Dr. Sallis, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the Board meeting (3-0). Dr. Strebeck adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

### IV. Upcoming Meetings

- March 26 at 9:00 a.m. – Regular Board meeting, Robert E. Lee Building
- May 15 at 9:00 a.m. - Regular Meeting, Robert E. Lee Building
- June 19 at 1:00 p.m. - Teleconference - Only for license application review.

Approved this the May day of 15, 2020.

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Board Chair

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Board Member