

**Mississippi State Board of Examiners
for Licensed Professional Counselors
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Robert E. Lee Building, Suite 402, 239 North Lamar Street, Jackson, MS 39201
Friday, August 21, 2020

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 9:03 a.m. by Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair (“Chair”) on Friday, August 21, 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.

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. Isaac Boose, Congressional District IV by teleconference

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director, LPC Board
Ms. Alexis Morris, Board Attorney representative, Special Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Ellen O’Neal, Hearing Officer
Ms. Dana Gordon, Court Reporter
Ms. Juanda Croson, LPC, Respondent
Mr. Decarlo Hood, Attorney for Respondent
Ms. Adriana Lockhart
Mr. William R. Collins, Budget Analyst, Legislative Budget Office

ABSENT

Mr. Steven Stafford, Congressional District III

II. Administrative Hearing – Croson, Juanda (2020 – 12)

The Board conducted the Administrative Hearing.

Upon motion made by Dr. Etheridge, with a second by Mr. Boose, the Board voted to go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session. (Dr. Strebeck recused himself).

In the determination session, moved by Dr. Sallis, seconded by Mr. Boose, that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session to deliberate regarding 2020-12.

In Executive Session: investigative proceedings by the Board regarding allegations of misconduct and violations of Statutes and Rules and Regulations.

The Board exited Executive Session and announced that Ms. Croson's will be suspended from practice for a period of three (3) months minimum, during which time Ms. Croson must complete nine (9) hours of continuing education, as follows: three (3) hours each in the areas of confidentiality, HIPAA, and the ethical use of technology and counseling.

Prior to beginning these courses, Ms. Croson must submit same to the Executive Director of the Board, who, in consultation with the Board, will ensure that said courses meet the approval of the Board.

It is to be noted that these nine (9) hours are in addition to, and do not count toward, the regularly required continuing education hours.

Upon completion of the courses required herein, Ms. Croson shall notify the Board and petition the Board to lift the suspension imposed herein.

If at the end of the three (3) months, Ms. Croson has not completed the nine (9) hours as required herein, the suspension will continue until such requirement has been met.

Furthermore, Ms. Croson is hereby assessed the costs and expenses of the hearing held on August 21, which amount shall be provided at a later date and shall be considered a part of the Order. Vote: 3-0 (Dr. Strebeck recused himself).

III. Board Operations

A. After reviewing minutes and making editorial changes from the June 19, 2020 meeting, Dr. Etheridge motioned to accept the minutes as revised, Dr. Sallis seconded.

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

B. After reviewing minutes and making editorial changes from the July 14, 2020 meeting, Dr. Etheridge motioned to accept the minutes as revised, Dr. Sallis seconded.

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

IV. Financial

A. Dr. Etheridge motioned to approve travel for the August 21, 2020 meeting, Mr. Boose seconded.

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

- B. The Board reviewed the financial report.
- C. The Board reviewed Cornerstone Consulting invoice #5141 for \$3,200 for monthly and year end services.

V. Old Business

- A. Office remains open by appointment only.
- B. The Board reviewed the Proclamation and agreed for it to remain in effect.
- C. Dr. Etheridge motioned to amend the Board order for Harris, Lorita (2017-29) to change from monthly reporting to reporting every January, April, July, October, and docket changes regarding her hearing, Dr. Sallis seconded the motion.

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye – Dr. Sallis
Absent – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	
- D. Dr. Etheridge motioned to deny Carpenter, David (2018-48) request for additional time to obtain CEH, Mr. Boose seconded the motion.

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Abstention – Dr. Sallis
Absent – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	
- E. Dr. Etheridge motioned to begin license suspension for Carpenter, David (2019-18) on March 26, 2020, Mr. Boose seconded the motion.

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Abstention – Dr. Sallis
Absent – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	
- F. The Board reviewed the Proposed Rule 4.8 for Licensing of Military-Trained Spouses. Dr. Etheridge motioned to adopt Rule 4.8, Dr. Sallis seconded the motion.

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye – Dr. Sallis
Absent – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	
- G. The Board reviewed the Proposed Rule 4.9 for Request for Pre-Licensure Determination and made editorial changes. Dr. Etheridge motioned to adopt Rule 4.9, Dr. Sallis seconded the motion.

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

VI. New Business

- A. Regarding the complaint process, the Board will issue an initial letter informing the licensee of a lodged complaint and outlining the complaint process.

VII. Review of Licensure Applications / Executive Session

A. Closed Determination/Executive Session

Upon motion made by Dr. Etheridge, with a second by Dr. Etheridge, the Board voted to go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session. The vote was as follows:

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

In the determination session, moved by Dr. Etheridge seconded by Dr. Sallis, that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session to discuss licensure applications, Board request, and matters of potential litigation. The vote was as follows:

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

B. Ms. Morris updated the Board that the Dawn Sias case was dismissed without prejudice because the court lacked jurisdiction.

C. Dr. Sallis motioned that Mark Giles be allowed be allowed to register for the NCMHCE by November 21, 2020 and must take the test by February 21, 2021, Dr. Etheridge seconded the motion.

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

D. Dr. Sallis motioned to deny Anna Morgan’s request for reinstatement, Dr. Etheridge seconded the motion.

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

E. Dr. Etheridge motioned to allow Taiesha Rodgers apply for Candidacy or apply for a P-LPC under the current Rules and Regulations, Dr. Sallis seconded the motion.

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

F. Dr. Etheridge motioned to allow Kathryn Rogers to retire her license, Mr. Boose seconded the motion.

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

G. Return to Regular Session

Within the Executive Session, the Board reviewed applications, considered Board requests, and (determinations as listed in Addendum A).

The motion was made by Dr. Etheridge to exit Executive Session at 4:08 p.m. A second was provided by Dr. Sallis. The vote was as follows:

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

VIII. Adjournment

A. The motion was made by Dr. Etheridge to adjourn the meeting at 4:16 pm. A second was provided by Mr. Boose. The vote was as follows:

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

Dates for future meetings:

- Monday, September 28, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. – Hearing/Robert E. Lee Building
- Friday, October 23, 2020 at 9:00am – Robert E. Lee Building
- Friday, November 20, 2020 at 9:00am – Robert E. Lee Building

Approved this the 28th day of September, 2020.

/s/

/s/

Board Chair

Board Member

ADDENDUM A

MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS				
APPLICATION REVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION				
Friday, August 21, 2020				
P-LPC Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Butler, Mattie Elizabeth	CONTINGENT		4	0
Clayton, Ricky Lee	CONTINGENT		4	0
Guzman, Yeinil Melixa	P-LPC	Strebeck	4	0
Hilburn, Brian Coleman	CONTINGENT		4	0
Hymel, Nicole Ann	P-LPC	Strebeck	4	0
Monohan, Sandra Rives	P-LPC		4	0
Perry, Courtney Shuntell	CONTINGENT		4	0
Phillips, Marley Sinclair	CONTINGENT		4	0
Swinford, Katelyn Elizabeth	CONTINGENT		4	0
Upchurch, Laurie Elizabeth	CONTINGENT		4	0
Valley, Deshel Stringfellow	CONTINGENT		4	0
White, Lywanda Roticia	CONTINUED REVIEW		4	0
New Apps for Candidacy				
	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Bennett, Adrian Vantrice	DENIAL		4	0
Benoit, Julie A	CANDIDACY		4	0
Foster, Stacey J.	CONTINUED REVIEW		4	0
P-LPC to Candidacy Apps				
	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Lenoir, Brittany Trinise	CANDIDACY		4	0
Moore, Sarah Katherine	CONT'D REVIEW		4	0
Phipps, Pamela Joyce	CANDIDACY	Strebeck	4	0
Tillman, Monique Mechelle	CANDIDACY		4	0
Walker, Mira	CONT'D REVIEW		4	0
Ellis, Victoria Brooks Bishop	CONT'D REVIEW		4	0
Jackson, Emily Hester	CANDIDACY		4	0
New Apps for Comity				
	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Boyd, Kimberly Linne'	LICENSURE		4	0
Bush, Maria Octavia	LICENSURE		4	0
Canache, Anya K	CONT'D REVIEW		4	0
Carranza, Tabitha Muse	CONTINUED REVIEW		4	0

Dowling, Patricia P	CONTINGENT		4	0
Harris McConico, Kimberly Nicole	LICENSURE		4	0
Robles, Melani Ann	CONTINGENT		4	0
Rollins, Gina Lauren	LICENSURE		4	0

New Apps for LPC-S	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Cox, Whitney Whites	LICENSURE		4	0
Hawthorne, Hannah Monk	LICENSURE		4	0
Jackson, Kashanta Murphy	LICENSURE		4	0
McMath, Andrea Nichelle	LICENSURE		4	0
Oswalt, Lindy Marie	LICENSURE		4	0
Spansel, Kenneth A.	LICENSURE		4	0
Wood, Anthony J.	LICENSURE	Etheridge	4	0
Tatum, Maegan Johnston	LICENSURE		4	0

CR P-LPC Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Garland, Almeida L.	CONTINUED REVIEW		4	0
Killen, Silje Aadnesen	APPROVED		4	0
King, Amy McCary	APPROVED		4	0
Ellis, Victoria Brooks Bishop	CONTINUED Review		4	0

CR Apps for LPC-S	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Lehman, Anne Shields	APPROVED		4	0

MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

License Report to Board - August 21, 2020

Licensed Since Last Meeting - July 14, 2020	Issue Date	Lic Number	
Jessica Lauren Davis	8/17/2020	2609	
Jeremy David Erickson	8/14/2020	2608	
Marie Elise Lagarde Harold	8/3/2020	2606	
Shelley Noelle Jones	7/28/2020	2604	
Julie Anne Mariott	7/27/2020	2602	
Sarah Katherine O'Brien	7/30/2020	2605	
Sarah Jean Shepherd	7/28/2020	2603	
Charleen Brown Sproles	7/24/2020	2601	
Linda Darlene Strickland	7/22/2020	2600	

Jennifer Norby Taylor	8/14/2020	2610	
Alysha Sophia Velez	7/20/2020	2598	
Kelly Hampton White	7/22/2020	2599	
Tiffany Lakiesha Williams	8/12/2020	2607	
Letisha Renae Belk	7/23/2020	P-0609	
Brittany CeNette Bloodsaw	7/30/2020	P-0612	
Shayna Michelle Carter	8/13/2020	P-0615	
Lindsey Lanell Donald	7/28/2020	P-0610	
Christopher Bennent Ellzey	7/28/2020	P-0611	
Ashley Quick Horn	7/29/2020	P-0613	
Harmanpreet Kaur	7/17/2020	P-0608	
Kristin Layne Odom	7/15/2020	P-0607	
Hannah Claire Reed	7/16/2020	P-0610	
Elizabeth Ann Runnels	7/22/2020	P-0614	
Belinda Blue Strauss	7/29/2020	P-0629	
Kenya Grace Bledsoe	8/27/2019	LPC-S 412	
Ursula O. Whitehead	1/23/2003	LPC-S 411	