

**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

Wednesday, August 14, 2024
Minutes

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 12:40 p.m. by Dr. Kimberly Sallis, Chair (“Chair”) on Wednesday, August 14, 2024. The Board meeting was held in the Robert E. Lee Building, 239 North Lamar Street, Ballroom, 12th Floor, Jackson, Mississippi. A roll call of Board members was taken, and a quorum was present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Kimberly Elam Sallis, Chair Congressional District I
Dr. Melissa Windham, Vice-Chair, Congressional District III
Dr. Richard Strebeck, Secretary, Congressional District-at-Large
Sherry Bouldin, Congressional District II
Dr. Shelbi Bradley, Congressional District IV

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director, LPC Board
Mr. Roy Nowell, Special Assistant Attorney General
Alexis Morris, LPC Board Attorney, Special Assistant Attorney General
Kelly Powell, Court Reporter
Kristen Love, Hearing Officer, Special Assistant Attorney General
Tabatha Powell, Applicant
Ardrena Powell, Applicant

II. 2024-14 Tabatha Powell – Show Cause Hearing

CLOSED DETERMINATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion at 10:41 a.m. 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 closed 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.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Upon motion by Ms. Bouldin, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board resumed the regular session at 11:04 a.m. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

The board announced that Ms. Tabatha Powell's request for licensure is denied.

III. 2024-15 Ardrena Powell – Show Cause Hearing

CLOSED DETERMINATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion at 11:56 a.m. p.m. made by Dr. Strebeck with a second by Dr. Sallis, 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 closed determination session, Dr. Windham motioned, with a second by Dr. Bradley, 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.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Upon motion by Ms. Bouldin, seconded by Dr. Strebeck, the Board resumed the regular session at 12:14 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

The board announced that Ms. Ardrena Powell's request for licensure is denied.

IV. Board Operations

- A. Ms. Morris administered the Oath of Office for the New Board members, Ms. Bouldin and Dr. Bradley.
- B. The Board reviewed the June 19, 2024 minutes. Dr. Windham motioned, seconded by Dr. Strebeck to accept the minutes as revised. The motion carried 3-0-2. Ms. Bouldin and Dr. Bradley abstained.

V. Financial

- A. Dr. Strebeck motioned, Dr. Windham seconded, to approve the travel for the meeting. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
- B. The Board reviewed the FY 2025 budget.
- C. The Board reviewed the FY 2026 budget request.
- D. The Board reviewed the financial report.
- E. The Board discussed updating the data management system.

VI. Board Attorney Updates

- A. Ms. Mordecai and Ms. Morris updated the Board regarding the Secretary of State's 29 for 29 initiative meeting.
- B. The Board discussed the process for approving outside investigators. Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Bradley to approve the attached contract for utilizing outside investigators. The motion passed 5-0.

- C. Dr. Sallis updated the Board about her presentation to the Mississippi Counseling Association (MCA) leadership for statutory changes for Summary Suspension and License Revocation status. She indicated that MCA leadership was supportive of these changes and would consider pursuing these changes during the upcoming legislative session.
- D. The Board discussed the need to revise Rule 4.4.E.

VII. New Business

- A. The Board will submit a proposal for a presentation for the Mississippi Counseling Association conference.
- B. Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Windham, to pay all travel and conference expenses for Board members and the Executive Director to attend the 2025 AASCB meeting, February 9-11. The motion passed with a 5-0.

VIII. Old Business

- A. The Board discussed information gained from the Counseling Regulatory Board Summit meeting in June 2024. Topics included use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), psychometric properties of the National Counseling Exam, and National Clinical Mental Health Counseling Exam, NBCC will provide training for Medicare billing, and supervision.
- B. Upon further consideration, Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Sallis, to rescind the following motion from January 19, 2024, that the Executive Director sending a survey seeking comments from licensees regarding the new website design. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

The Board recessed at 5:08 p.m. and will reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on August 15, 2024.

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Dr. Sallis reconvened the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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Dr. Melissa Windham, Vice-Chair, Congressional District III
Dr. Richard Strebeck, Secretary, Congressional District-at-Large
Sherry Bouldin, Congressional District II
Dr. Shelbi Bradley, Congressional District IV

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director, LPC Board
Mr. Roy Nowell, Special Assistant Attorney General
Alexis Morris, LPC Board Attorney, Special Assistant Attorney General

IX. Executive Session

CLOSED DETERMINATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion at 9:03 a.m. made by Dr. Strebeck with a second by Dr. Bradley, 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 4-0-1. Dr. Windham was not present for this vote.

In the determination session, Ms. Bouldin motioned, with a second by Dr. Strebeck, 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 4-0-1. Dr. Windham was not present for this vote.

Ms. Mordecai interviewed a potential employee to fill the Board's Customer Service position. Dr. Strebeck, seconded by Ms. Bouldin motioned to hire the individual on a contract basis for a minimum of 3 months. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Dr. Windham was not present for this vote.

Ms. Morris updated the Board regarding cause #2022-28. The Madison County Circuit Court upheld the Board's decision.

Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Windham to approve Mr. Stafford's request for Restricted Status as outlined in the Board Order. The Declaration of Practice and Supervision Contract must be approved by the Board's designee prior to the Board issuing the Restricted Status License. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

The Board reviewed a request from Mr. Shannon Sumrall for Rule 7.5 clarification. For licensees to be designated as Telemental Health provider in Mississippi, she/he/they must complete one of the following:

- Credentialed as Board Certified Telemental Health by the Center for Credentialing Excellence
- Complete professional training (9 hours) as documented on a graduate level syllabus covering the content areas listed in Rule 7.5.3.(b).
- Complete professional training course (minimum of 9 CEH) as documented by a certificate covering the content areas listed in Rule 7.5.3.(b). Note: completing CEHs that are not part of a training course will not be accepted.

Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Bradley, to not accept anything less than the Rules and Regulations requirement for the designation of Distance Professional Counselor. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0-0.

The Board considered the following complaints:

2023-17: Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Bradley, for the Board to take no action. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Dr. Windham abstained from the vote.

2023-19: Ms. Bouldin motioned, seconded by Dr. Strebeck, to accept Dr. Windham’s recommendation to take no action. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Dr. Windham abstained from the vote.

2024-02: Dr. Bradley motioned, seconded by Dr. Strebeck, for the Board to take no action. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Dr. Windham abstained from the vote.

2023-24: Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Bradley, for the Board to take no action. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Dr. Sallis abstained from the vote.

2024-10: Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Ms. Bouldin, for the Board to take no action. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Dr. Sallis abstained from the vote.

2023-14: Ms. Bouldin motioned, seconded by Dr. Windham, for the Board to take no action. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

2023-32: Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Bradley, for the Board to take no action. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Upon motion by Dr. Windham, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board resumed the regular session at 5:46 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 5:46 p.m.

Approved this the __8th____ day of _January 2025.

_____/s/_____
Board Chair

_____/s/_____
Board Member

Dates for future meetings:

- September 9, 2024 – Teleconference, application review
- September 26-27, Strategic Planning Meeting, Starkville, MS
- November 7, 2024 – The White House Hotel, Biloxi

ADDENDUM A

MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

APPLICATION REVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION

Thursday, August 14-15, 2024

P-LPC Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Bartholomew, Crystal Danyail	CONTINGENT	Bradley	4	0
Boxx, Kristi Rae	P-LPC		5	0
Brown, Deborah Denise	CONTINGENT		5	0
Brown, William Jamel	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
Cook, Jennifer Marlow	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
Curry, Ikeria Kavelda	CONTINGENT		5	0
Dawson, Viendra B	CONTINGENT		5	0
Egharevba, D'Jenne Elena	P-LPC		5	0
Ellis, Emily Anne	P-LPC		5	0
Epps, Tekedra C.	CONTINGENT		5	0
Fullilove, Lekesa Danielle	CONTINGENT		5	0
Gibson, Linda Joyce	CONTINGENT		5	0
Harris, Amber Tinee'	P-LPC		5	0
Hill, Emilee Nicole	CONTINGENT		5	0
Jacobs, Kimberly Michelle	P-LPC		5	0
Kelly, Mark A	CONTINGENT		5	0
Lawrence, Alisha Temera	P-LPC		5	0
Mabus, Julia Gabrielle	CONTINGENT		5	0
Moudy, Brooklyn M Marie	CONTINGENT		5	0
Myles, TerrinaZa LaShay	CONTINGENT		5	0
Myles-McNutt, LaTasha Marie	CONTINGENT		5	0
Nabors, Dusty Wyatt	CONTINGENT		5	0
Nanney, Chloe E	P-LPC		5	0
Parker, Ava Santana	CONTINGENT		5	0
Smith, Emileigh Hearn	P-LPC		5	0
Smith, Leland Somers	CONTINGENT		5	0
Terry, Hannah Louise	CONTINGENT		5	0
Williams, Erica Jana'	CONTINGENT		5	0
Willson, Megan Watson	CONTINGENT		5	0
Woodson, Katrina Machanda	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0

P-LPC to Licensure Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Bell, Katherine Coltharp	LICENSURE		5	0
Chandler, Quanesia S	LICENSURE		5	0
Clemons, Miraculas Oceanna Samoan	LICENSURE		5	0
Creer, Marques Ray	LICENSURE		5	0
Ellis, Monte Dunn	LICENSURE		5	0
Fair, Mary Elizabeth	LICENSURE		5	0
Ferguson, Andrea Elizabeth	LICENSURE		5	0
Finlayson, Marisa Sue	LICENSURE		5	0
Gilliand, Elizabeth Anne	LICENSURE		5	0
Heidelberg, Jennifer Delane	LICENSURE	Bradley	4	0
Hunt, Elizabeth Diana Carranza	LICENSURE		5	0
Matherne, Bernard Anthony	LICENSURE		5	0
McMinn, Marla D.	LICENSURE		5	0
Owens, Kawaski Jaquay	LICENSURE		5	0
Swayze, Mary Elizabeth Anne	LICENSURE		5	0

LPC-S New Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Arnold, Ronica D.	CONTINGENT		5	0
Bixler, Robin Ashley	LICENSURE		5	0
Cavett, Latibbie Johnson	LICENSURE		5	0
Gardner, Tracy O.	LICENSURE		5	0
Reynolds, Elizabeth	CONTINGENT		5	0
Smith, Quinton L	CONTINGENT		5	0

New Apps for LPC	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Cleveland, Tamaro Hudson	LICENSURE		5	0
Rickert, Abigail Johanna	LICENSURE		5	0
Stansberry, Lee Leslie	LICENSURE		5	0
Valentine, Tracye Freeman	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0

New Apps for Comity	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Alexander, Angie Gay	LICENSURE		5	0
Blessey, Sidney Henry	LICENSURE		5	0
Gilman, Brenda Gail	LICENSURE		5	0
Martin, Christa Aileen	LICENSURE		5	0
Maynard, Elisabeth Sandlin	LICENSURE		5	0

CR Apps for P-LPC	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Lee, Pertrice Ann	P-LPC		5	0

MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS**License Report to Board - August 14-15, 2024**

Licensed Since Last Meeting - June 19, 2024	Issue Date	Lic Number
Dion Lamar Adkins	6/19/2024	P-1142
Alexis LeAnn Bailey	6/19/2024	P-1143
Clara Louise Barber	7/11/2024	P-1183
Hannah Grace Baugher	6/19/2024	P-1138
Barbara Morgan Bishop	6/19/2024	P-1145
Ronetta A. Broomfield	7/16/2024	P-1188
Courtney Tierra Brown	7/8/2024	P-1193
Sydney Caroline Butler	7/10/2024	P-1179
Sophia Hansen Creath	6/19/2024	P-1144
Alexis Renee Dandridge	6/19/2024	P-1166
Christi L. Eckelberry	7/10/2024	P-1180
Jose Armando Garcia	7/8/2024	P-1175
Gerica Nachele Hill	7/12/2024	P-1185
Oliver Houston Hopkins	6/19/2024	P-1174
Antonio Eugene Horton	6/19/2024	P-1139
Rebecca Joy Inman	7/10/2024	P-1178
Alexya Z. Irvin	7/11/2024	P-1184
Lauren T. Jackson	6/19/2024	P-1140
Connie Ashley Jones	7/16/2024	P-1187
Emily Taff Jones	6/19/2024	P-1141
Tiffani Nicole Jones	6/19/2024	P-1170
Joseph K. Jordan	6/19/2024	P-1171
Erin Kaufman King	6/19/2024	P-1146
Austin Taylor LaBrot	6/19/2024	P-1169
Rashanda L. Lawrence	7/17/2024	P-1190
Elizabeth Grace Miller	6/19/2024	P-1147
Khaliyah Kevon Mitchell	6/19/2024	P-1148
Letoria J. Mitchell	7/9/2024	P-1177
Denise Gooch Mize	6/19/2024	P-1168
Paige Renee Myrick	6/19/2024	P-1153
Kenneth Wayne Napoli	7/5/2024	P-1172
Donnell Fitzgerald Nicholes	7/11/2024	P-1182
Steven Reid Patterson	6/19/2024	P-1149
Ashlee Nicole Percy	7/12/2024	P-1186
Emoni Victoria Price	7/22/2024	P-1192
Tenyeka Pringle-Gibson	6/19/2024	P-1167
Merfat Badey Saleh	6/19/2024	P-1151
Kaitlyn Campbell Simmons	7/30/2024	P-1191
Jennifer Grace Smith	7/9/2024	P-1176

Katelyn Adams Spruiell	7/11/2024	P-1181
Amy Elizabeth Stackler	7/5/2024	P-1173
Kaitlin Taylor Stewart	6/19/2024	P-1152
Salmeilia J. Stewart	7/17/2024	P-1189
Jeron Kristen Tyree	6/30/2024	P-1163
Georgia Grace Van Leijsen	6/19/2024	P-1150
Marquita Fannisa Wilkins	6/19/2024	P-1164
Fredrica Lichele Williams	6/19/2024	P-1165
Kimberly Carletta Wilson-Stewart	8/13/2024	P-1194
Nigma D. Abduljaber	6/21/2024	3133
John Brandon Barnett	6/20/2024	3122
Anquanita LaPeria Barry	7/1/2024	3145
Robin Nicole Beauregard	7/1/2024	3146
Shaneka Rena Boles	7/3/2024	3149
Lauren Gail Brymer	6/24/2024	3138
Sara Elizabet Stemmer Cardenas	6/24/2024	3135
Stevi L. Carter	6/20/2024	3120
Carissa Rose Chandler	6/20/2024	3127
Cadden John Christie	6/20/2024	3121
Stephanie Cuebas Vazquez	6/20/2024	3123
Kaitlin R. Filkins	6/24/2024	3134
Katelyn Elizabeth Glenn	6/20/2024	3130
Hannah Brooks Graves	6/20/2024	3119
William Houston Griffith	6/24/2024	3141
Kimberly Faith Henderson	6/24/2024	3140
Jantrell Ronalynn Johnson	7/2/2024	3148
Angelia Joiner	6/24/2024	3136
Jennifer Robert Jones	7/1/2024	3147
Tyler Brooke Jordan	6/20/2024	3124
Merikay Mitchell	6/24/2024	3137
Tanika Renae Mitchell	6/20/2024	3131
Christopher Scott Pickreign	6/24/2024	3143
Jocinta Rockingham Purvis	6/20/2024	3126
Jason Ryan Roberts	6/24/2024	3139
Anetris Nicole Robertson	6/20/2024	3125
Latisha Nicole Spann	6/20/2024	3128
Janice N. Stidman	6/21/2024	3150
Candace McKey Strong	6/21/2024	3132
Byron D. Taylor	6/20/2024	3129
Tency Noel Weatherspoon	6/24/2024	3142
Amanda Rachael Williams	7/12/2024	3151
Joel Howard Williams	7/1/2024	3144
Lauren Danielle Bean	6/19/2024	LPC-S #579
Tashinika Lattae Crowley	7/3/2024	LPC-S #582

Justin David Kelly	6/19/2024	LPC-S #580
Kimberly Ann Kelly	7/19/2024	LPC-S #584
Carina Nicole Lindsey	6/19/2024	LPC-S #581
Jana Elaine Scott	6/19/2024	LPC-S #583
Calandrea Denise Taylor	7/11/2024	LPC-S #585
Timeka S. Wright	7/18/2024	LPC-S #586