

MINUTES

**Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors
Robert E. Lee Building
239 North Lamar Street, Suite 402
Jackson, MS 39201**

**Regular Board Meeting
Friday, September 8, 2017**

Board Members Present

Dr. Juawice McCormick, Chair, Congressional District IV
Dr. Aretha Hargrove-Edwards, Congressional District II
Dr. Kimberly Elam Sallis, Congressional District I
Steven Rollins Stafford, Congressional District III
Dr. Richard Strebeck, Congressional District-At-Large

Others Present

Wm. Jeffrey Jernigan, Board Attorney, Special Assistant Attorney General
LeeAnn Mordecai, Board Executive Director

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 9:28 a.m. by Dr. Juawice McCormick, Chair ("Chair") on Friday, September 8, 2017. The meeting was held in the Robert E. Lee Building, 239 North Lamar Street, Suite 402, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. A roll call of Board members was taken and a quorum was present.

Introduction and Welcome to New Board Member

Attorney Wm. Jeffrey Jernigan administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Richard Strebeck, new board member. Dr. Strebeck's five-year term will end on June 30, 2022. Attorney Jernigan provided a general overview of Board operations for Dr. Strebeck.

II. Board Operations

Minutes Approval

It was motioned by Stafford, seconded by Sallis, and unanimously agreed that minutes of the Friday, August 25, 2017 Regular Board meeting be approved as amended.

III. New Business

A. Request to Renew Lapsed License

The Board reviewed a request for renewal, dated August 23, 2017, from a counselor whose license (#0626) lapsed on June 30, 2015. The counselor will need to provide three letters of references, evidence of a valid out-of-state counseling license, and proof of required continuing education hours garnered since their license lapsed.

B. Talkspace

The Board reviewed communication, dated August 28, 2017, from a counselor who desires to file a formal complaint against “Talk Space”, a company that provides online therapy through a licensed therapist. The Board took no action regarding this complaint.

The Board reviewed communication, dated September 1, 2017, from a Talkspace representative. The letter requested information regarding the scope of practice for licensed counselors in Mississippi. The Board took no action regarding that request.

IV. Old Business

DCC Requirement for LPC Providing e-Counseling in Mississippi

It was motioned by Stafford, seconded by Hargrove-Edwards, and unanimously agreed to change *Rule 7.5 Practice of Distance Professional Services* to include the DCC requirement for distance counseling. The revised rule will read as follows:

Rule 7.5: Practice of Distance Professional Services

Any person that provides counseling or supervision services through the means of Distance Professional Services must hold a license in good standing in both the location where services are provided by the professional as well as in the location of the recipient of the services and must also hold the Distance Credentialed Counselor credential. Distance Professional Services must be performed in accordance with these Rules and Regulations, the current American Counseling Association’s Code of Ethics, the current National Board for Certified Counselors Policy Regarding the Provision of Distance Professional Services, and Mississippi and Federal law.

V. Board Operations

A. Financial Matters

Alice Gorman, Board CPA, Contract Agent-Cornerstone Consulting, Inc, was absent from the meeting. The LPC Board's *FY18 Year-to-Date Expenditures and Encumbrances to Budget* report was not submitted for review and discussion.

The Board will pay hotel expenses for members who attend the Mississippi Counseling Association's Annual Conference, November 8-10, 2017, in Tupelo, Mississippi. Members will also be reimbursed for mileage expenses. The Board is scheduled to present at the Conference.

B. Travel Vouchers

It was motioned by Hargrove-Edwards, seconded by McCormick, and unanimously agreed to pay travel vouchers totaling \$407.60.

VI. Executive Session

It was motioned by Stafford, seconded by Hargrove-Edwards, and unanimously agreed that the Board consider a motion to close the regular meeting to determine the necessity of an Executive Session. The Board determined that an Executive Session was needed to sign completed certificates of license and review BQS/LPC applications. It was motioned by Stafford, seconded by Sallis, and unanimously agreed that the Board go into Executive Session.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 10:33 a.m.

The Board recessed at 11:43 a.m. The Board exited recess at 12:17 p.m.

It was motioned by Sallis, seconded by Hargrove-Edwards, and unanimously agreed that the Board exit Executive Session. The Board exited Executive Session at 3:40 p.m. and returned to open session.

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

Review of Licensure Applications

- A. The Board signed completed certificates of Licensure.
- B. The Board reviewed LPC-S applications.
- C. The Board reviewed LPC applications.

Complaints/Denied Applications

- A. The Board reviewed complaints.
It was motioned by Sallis and seconded by McCormick to accept a recommendation from Stafford to take no action on Complaint 2017-19. Ayes – 4; Nays – 0; Abstention – 1 (Stafford).
- B. The Board reviewed requests for administrative hearings.
The Board will grant administrative hearings on Friday, October 27, 2017 for 2017-05 and 2017-08 (denied applications).

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Continued Review or

Denied Applications for Candidacy	Board Decision	Abstention	Yays	Nays
Smith, Regina W.	Approved		5	0

Continued Review or

Denied Applications for LPC-S	Board Decision	Abstention	Yays	Nays
Cannady, Fulivia E.	Approved		5	0

New Applications for Licensure

	Board Decision	Abstention	Yays	Nays
Clark, Mary Louise	Approved		5	0
Coleman, Tamara D.	Approved		5	0
Hamilton, Michelle M.	Continued Review		5	0
Holzbauer-Bearss, Miranda Claire	Continued Review		5	0
McClain, Melissa Kristine	Continued Review		5	0
Mize, Emily Cayson	Approved		5	0
Reeves, Jonathan Douglas	Approved		5	0
Roye, Angela Michelle	Approved		5	0
Sorey, Lisa Allegrezza	Continued Review		5	0
Straughter, Talya	Approved		5	0
Walker, Jennifer O’Neal	Continued Review		5	0
Zelikovsky, Joy Miriam	Denied		5	0

New Applications for Candidacy	Board Decision	Abstention	Yays	Nays
Bennett, Quincy Martias	Continued Review		5	0
Bowman, Amber A.	Denied		5	0
Chrestman, Leslie M.	Approved		5	0
Dean, Jessica Gibson	Approved		5	0
Ford, Ro'Deirdre Leann	Continued Review		5	0
Henderson, Scherri	Denied		5	0
Lizana, Roni Levelia	Continued Review		5	0
Miles, Craft Shunta'	Continued Review		5	0
Richardson, Cathita Lynette	Approved		5	0
Thrift, Christopher Karl	Approved		5	0

New Applications for Comity	Board Decision	Abstention	Yays	Nays
Allman, Barbara Ann	Approved		5	0
Gorman, Stephanie Jill	Approved with Contingency		5	0
Oattis, Leslie Dininger	Approved with Contingency		5	0

New Applications for LPC-S	Board Decision	Abstention	Yays	Nays
Baylor, Lashanda Maria	Approved with Contingency		5	0
Boone, Emma	Continued Review		5	0
Byars, Shirley M.	Continued Review		5	0
Cessna, Sundra M.	Continued Review		5	0
Jones, Kristen Songstad	Approved		5	0
Mullin, Kimberly	Approved with Contingency		5	0
Williams, Victoria	Continued Review		5	0

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Complaint Review – Executive Session
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Complaints	Board Decision	Investigating Board Member
2013-02	No update available	Update on Appeal
2015-09	No update available	J. McCormick
2016-04	No update available	W. Frazier
2016-05	No update available	W. Frazier
2016-06	No update available	J. McCormick
2016-07	No update available	J. McCormick
2016-20	No update available	J. McCormick
2016-22	No update available	S. Stafford
2016-25	No update available	J. McCormick
2016-28	No update available	S. Stafford
2017-05	Hearing set for 10/27/2017	S. Stafford
2017-06	Closed	K. Sallis
2017-07	No update available	W. Frazier
2017-08	Hearing set for 10/27/2017	S. Stafford
2017-09	No update available	W. Frazier
2017-10	No update available	J. McCormick
2017-11	No update available	J. McCormick
2017-12	No update available	S. Stafford
2017-13	No update available	J. McCormick
2017-14	No update available	K. Sallis
2017-17	No update available	S. Stafford
2017-18	No update available	K. Sallis
2017-19	Take no Action	S. Stafford
2017-20	Assigned	R. Strebeck

VIII. Next Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Board

Friday, October 27, 2017, immediately following the administrative hearings
Robert E. Lee Building
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Administrative Hearings

Friday, October 27, 2017, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Robert E. Lee Building
239 North Lamar Street, Classroom C, 2nd Floor
Jackson, MS 39201

IX. Adjourn

It was motioned by Hargrove-Edwards, seconded by Strebeck, and unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned by McCormick at 3:52 p.m.

Approved this the 27th day of October, 2017.

/s/

Board Chair

/s/

Board Member