

MINUTES

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

**Special Call Meeting
(via telephone conference)
Friday, September 30, 2016**

Board Members Participating

Dr. Juawice McCormick, Vice-Chair, Congressional District IV
Dr. Aretha Hargrove-Edwards, Congressional District II
Steven Rollins Stafford, Congressional District II

Others Participating

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

Board Members Absent

Dr. Walter Frazier, Chair, Congressional District At Large
Congressional District I – Vacant

I. Call to Order

The Special Called “Teleconference” Board Meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors (“Board”), available for public attendance and participation at the Board office of located at 239 N. Lamar Street, Suite 402, Robert E. Lee Building, Jackson, Mississippi, was called to order by Dr. Juawice McCormick, Vice-Chair, on Friday, September 30, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. Three of the four Board members were present and a quorum was established. The purpose of the meeting was to allow the Board to further discuss findings disclosed during administrative hearings (2016-04 and 2016-05).

II. Executive Session

It was motioned by Stafford, seconded by Hargrove-Edwards, and unanimously carried that the Board close the meeting at 11:02 a.m. to consider the necessity of an Executive Session. The Board determined that an Executive Session was needed to further discuss findings disclosed during administrative hearings (2016-04 and 2016-05). Those hearings were held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at the Robert E. Lee Building, Second Floor, Classroom C, 239 North *Lamar* Street, Jackson, Mississippi. It was motioned by Stafford, seconded by Hargrove-Edwards, and unanimously carried that the Board go into Executive Session at 11:03 a.m. Board attorney, Jeff Jernigan, and Executive Director, LeeAnn Mordecai, recused themselves from the Executive Session.

Upon conclusion of the business of the Executive Session, it was motioned by Stafford, seconded by Hargrove-Edwards, and unanimously carried that the Board exit the Executive Session and return to open session at 11:37 a.m.

Upon return to open session, Board attorney, Jeff Jernigan, and Executive Director, LeeAnn Mordecai, returned to the teleconference and the following was announced as action taken while in Executive Session:

- Stafford motioned, seconded by Hargrove-Edwards, to discipline licensee number 1788 as follows:
 - o The Board revoked the LPC-S credential of licensee number 1788. The Board required the licensee to attend an additional three (3) hours continuing education in ethics. The Board required the licensee to complete a thirty (30) hour face to face (in-person) supervision training program consistent with the Board's rules and regulations. The licensee may reapply for the LPC-S credential in one year.
 - o The motion was unanimously carried.
- Stafford motioned, seconded by Hargrove-Edwards, to discipline licensee number 1789 as follows:
 - o The Board revoked the LPC-S credential of licensee number 1789. The Board required the licensee to attend an additional three (3) hours continuing education in ethics. The Board required the licensee to complete a thirty (30) hour face to face (in-person) supervision training program consistent with the Board's rules and regulations. The licensee may reapply for the LPC-S credential in one year.
 - o The motion was unanimously carried.

Attorney Jernigan asked the Board a few questions regarding its decision. The Board revised its decision, making the supervision training program optional and not requirement. The licensees would be required to complete the in-person program if they sought the LPC-S credential in the future. It was motioned by Stafford, seconded by Hargrove-Edwards, and unanimously carried that the Board approve the amendment to their decision and the drafting of an Order as discussed.

III. Next Meeting

Administrative hearing of the Board is scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

Robert E. Lee Building

239 North Lamar Street, Classroom C, Second Floor

Jackson, MS 39201

A regular meeting of the Board is scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, November 2, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

South Beach Biloxi Hotel & Suites

1735 Beach Boulevard

Biloxi, MS 39531

IV. Adjourn

It was motioned by Stafford and seconded by Hargrove-Edwards, and unanimously carried that the Board meeting adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. by McCormick.

Approved this the _____ 30th _____ day of November _____, 2017_____.

/s/

Board Chair

/s/

Board Member