

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
Tuesday, November 2, 2016**

Board Members Present

Dr. Walter Frazier, Chair, Congressional District At Large
Dr. Juawice McCormick, Vice-Chair, Congressional District IV
Dr. Aretha Hargrove-Edwards, Congressional District II
Steven Rollins Stafford, Congressional District III

Others Present

Dr. George Beals, Counselor Education Coordinator, Delta State University
Patty Cates, NBCC/CCE Representative
Dr. Susan Dugger, Counselor Education Coordinator, University of Mississippi
LeeAnn Mordecai, Board Executive Director
Dr. David Whittinghill, NBCC/CCE Representative

Board Member Absent

Congressional District I – Vacant

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. Walter Frazier, Chair (“Chair”) on Tuesday, November 2, 2016. The meeting was held in the Conference Room at South Beach Biloxi Hotel & Suites, 1735 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, Mississippi 39531. A roll call of members was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Board Operations

A. Minutes Approval

It was motioned by Stafford, seconded by McCormick, and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the August 22, 2016 meeting be approved as read.

B. Financial Matters

Two financial reports were reviewed (FY16 Year-to-Date Expenditures and Encumbrances to Budget, dated September 21, 2016 and October 31, 2016).

There was a discussion on how the Board might be able to charge for court expenses incurred to conduct hearings. Action on expense vouchers was tabled until the next meeting.

III. Old Business

The license exam and potential two-tier licensure process was discussed.

The Board recessed at 11:45 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m. when called to order by Dr. Frazier.

Juris Prudence Exam

Dr. Whittinghill and Ms. Cates discussed the process for development/piloting of the potential juris prudence exam. It is proposed that current LPC-S' be required to take/pass the test, beginning July 1, 2017. Thereafter, supervisors will be required to take/pass the assessment every six years for license renewal. New applicants for the LPC-S credential must have taken/passed the exam.

The Board will continue discussions to consider potential negotiations with NBCC and the logistics of test administration before final decisions are made regarding the juris prudence exam.

It was motioned by Stafford and seconded by McCormick that the Board recess at 3:15 p.m.

It was motioned by Stafford and seconded by McCormick that the Board consider to go into Executive Session to review licensure applications. It was motioned by Stafford, seconded by Hargrove-Edwards, and unanimously agreed that the Board enter into Executive Session at 3:30 p.m.

IV. Adjourn

Dr. Frazier called for recess at 6:00 p.m. Executive Session was scheduled to resume on Thursday, November 3, 2016.

Approved this the 30th day of November, 2016.

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Board Chair

Board Member