

Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors
The Whitehouse Hotel, 1230 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39530

Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 7, 2024
Minutes

I. Call to Order

The Special Called Board meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors (“Board”) was called to order at 1:25 p.m. by Dr. Kim Sallis, Chair (“Chair”) on Thursday, November 7, 2024. The meeting was held at The Whitehouse Hotel, 1230 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39530. A roll call of board members was made, and a quorum was held.

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
Ms. Sherry Bouldin, Congressional District II
Dr. Shelbi Bradley, Congressional District IV

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Yolanda Kirkland
Ms. Roslyn Smith
Ms. Holly Roots
Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director, LPC Board
Ms. Alexis Morris, Special Assistant Attorney General

II. Board Operations

- A. Dr. Windham motioned, seconded by Dr. Strebeck, to amend the agenda allowing Ms. Kirkland to make public comments to the Board. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0. Following the vote, she addressed the Board.
- B. After reviewing the September 9, 2024 minutes, Dr. Windham motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
- C. After reviewing the September 26-27, 2024 minutes, Dr. Windham motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
- D. After reviewing the October 14, 2024 minutes, Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Windham seconded, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
- E. Dr. Windham motioned, seconded by Dr. Bradley, to contract with ThoughtSpan Technologies, Inc. to develop and manage the Board’s licensing management system. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

III. Old Business

- A. Dr. Windham motioned, seconded by Dr. Strebeck seconded, that beginning July 1, 2025, CE Broker will be the only continuing education reporting system. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
- B. Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Bradley, to add Rule 4.12 as follows:

Rule 4.12 Professional Counseling Compact

This section is governed under the provisions of the Professional Counseling Compact found under Mississippi Code Annotated Section 73-30-51. Please refer to this code section for information regarding qualifications for a privilege to practice.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. § 73-30-51

- C. Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Bradley, to table the proposal from Mississippi Health Network. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

IV. New Business

- A. Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Dr. Strebeck, to strike Rule 4.4.A.5. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
- B. The Board discussed scheduling a Board meeting on April 3, 2025. Dr. Windham will submit a call for proposal for the Board to present at the Woodall Conference, April 4, 2025.
- C. The Board discussed offering licensees online training throughout the year. The Board will discuss the feasibility of this in the next regularly scheduled meeting. Partner with NBCC or CE Broker for Townhall meetings.

CLOSED DETERMINATION SESSION

Upon motion made by Dr. Windham, seconded 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 5-0.

In the determination session, Dr. Windham motioned, seconded 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.

At 4:35 p.m., the Board announced the need to enter an Executive session to the public for the aforesaid reason.

V. Executive Session

- A. Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Ms. Bouldin, to issue a P-LPC to Ms. Yolonda Kirkland. To apply for an LPC, she must adhere to the current Rules and Regulations (Rule 2.2.D), including, but not limited to, Rule 4.3.B.3. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

