

Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors

Location for Public Access: Telephone/Online through WebEx

Regular Board Meeting

Teleconference

Friday December 4, 2020

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 9:01 a.m. by Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair (“Chair”) on Friday December 4, 2020. The meeting was held via teleconference. The meeting was accessible to the public by contacting the Board office for a call-in number to join the meeting by telephone. A roll call of Board members was taken, and a quorum was present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair, Congressional District-at-Large
Dr. Kimberly Elam Sallis, Vice-Chair Congressional District I
Dr. Lynn Etheridge, Congressional District II
Mr. Issac Boose, Congressional District IV (exited the meeting at 1:03 p.m.)

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director, LPC Board
Ms. Alexis Morris, Board Attorney representative, Special Assistant Attorney General

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Steven Stafford, Congressional District III

II. Board Operations

A. After reviewing minutes and making editorial changes from the October 23, 2020 meeting, Dr. Etheridge motioned to accept the minutes as submitted Dr. Sallis seconded. The vote was as follows:

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye – Dr. Sallis
Absent– Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	

III. Financial

A. The Board reviewed the financial report for October 2020 and November 2020.

B. Ms. Mordecai updated the Board on the purchase of the office laptop. Ms. Mordecai has requested quotes from vendors.

IV. Old Business

- A. The Board decided that the Board’s office will continue to be open by appointment only. The public can reach the Board’s office by phone, email, and website. LeeAnn conducts business in the office 2 days a week and, if needed, the public and licensees can schedule an appointment with her to facilitate in-person business.
- B. The Board reviewed the Board Proclamation, which remains in effect.
- C. The Board reviewed the Agreed Order (2020-12) for Juanda Croson. Dr. Sallis motioned to accept CEH as required in Final Order and to remove suspension of license due to fulfillment of all other requirements set forth in the Order, Mr. Boose seconded.
Aye – Mr. Boose Aye – Dr. Etheridge Absent – Mr. Stafford
Aye – Dr. Strebeck Aye – Dr. Sallis
- D. Dr. Sallis updated the Board regarding the Agreed Order (2018-48) and Board Order (2019-18) for David Carpenter.
- E. Dr. Strebeck presented definition for the “Non-Practicing” status as follows: allows licensees to renew their license without completing continuing education. Non-practicing status does not allow for individuals to promote himself/herself as a Licensed Professional Counselor, Practice Counseling/Psychotherapy, provide Group or Individual Supervision, provide Distance Professional Services, or bill for Counseling/Psychotherapy. The Board will discuss procedural issues at the next meeting.

V. New Business

No new business at this time.

VI. Executive Session

CLOSED DETERMINATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Dr. Etheridge, 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 the following vote:

Aye – Mr. Boose Aye – Dr. Etheridge Aye – Dr. Sallis
Absent – Mr. Stafford Aye – Dr. Strebeck

In the determination session, Dr. Etheridge motioned, with a second by Mr. Boose, that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session, namely to: determine after deliberation and consideration of applications governing the practice of professional counselors, which deliberation and consideration could lead to litigation and/or an appeal of a Board order. The vote was as follows:

Aye – Mr. Boose Aye – Dr. Etheridge Aye – Dr. Sallis
Absent – Mr. Stafford Aye – Dr. Strebeck

The Board announced to the public the aforesaid reasons as the Board's purpose for entering into an Executive Session.

A. Board Request

1. The Board reviewed request to reinstate license that lapsed in 2008. Dr. Sallis motioned to deny the reinstatement request, Mr. Boose seconded.

Aye – Mr. Boose Aye – Dr. Etheridge Aye– Dr. Sallis
Absent – Mr. Stafford Aye – Dr. Strebeck

B. Complaints

1. 2020-24 - The Board received complaint on November 30, 2020, against a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. The Board office referred the complaint to the appropriate board and notified complainant.
2. Update from Dr. Sallis
 - a. David Carpenter is in violation of Agreed Order (2018-48) and Board Order (2019-18). Dr. Sallis motioned to notice for a show cause hearing/revocation hearing regarding Agreed Order (2018-48) and Board Order (2019-18), Dr. Etheridge seconded.
Aye – Mr. Boose Aye – Dr. Etheridge Aye – Dr. Sallis
Absent – Mr. Stafford Aye – Dr. Strebeck
 - b. 2020-05 – Ms. Morris will follow up on option for a Board Order.
3. Complaints assigned to outside investigator
 - a. Dr. McCormick advised that she would have a recommendation for the next meeting.
4. Subpoena Update
 - a. Ms. Morris updated the Board regarding the subpoena from Earnest Stewart (attorney) for Tim Stubbs regarding closed complaints against licensee.
5. Dr. Etheridge – No updates
6. Mr. Boose
 - a. 2020-10 – Recommended to take no action. Dr. Sallis motioned, Dr. Etheridge seconded.
Abstain– Mr. Boose Aye – Dr. Etheridge Aye– Dr. Sallis
Absent – Mr. Stafford Aye – Dr. Strebeck
 - b. 2020-04 - Recommended to take no action. Dr. Etheridge motioned, Dr. Sallis seconded.
Abstain– Mr. Boose Aye – Dr. Etheridge Aye– Dr. Sallis
Absent – Mr. Stafford Aye – Dr. Strebeck
7. Dr. Strebeck
 - a. 2020-17 – Recommend an Administrative hearing. Dr. Sallis motioned, Dr. Etheridge seconded.
Aye – Mr. Boose Aye – Dr. Etheridge Aye– Dr. Sallis
Absent – Mr. Stafford Abstain– Dr. Strebeck

- b. 2020-18 – Recommend an Administrative hearing. Dr. Sallis motioned, Dr. Etheridge seconded.

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye– Dr. Sallis
Absent – Mr. Stafford	Abstain– Dr. Strebeck	
- c. 2020-13 – Recommend to take no action. Dr. Etheridge motioned, Dr. Sallis seconded.

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye– Dr. Sallis
Absent – Mr. Stafford	Abstain– Dr. Strebeck	
- d. 2020-09 – Dr. Etheridge motioned to accept the Signed Agreed Order, Mr. Boose seconded. The motion failed.

Nay– Mr. Boose	Nay– Dr. Etheridge	Nay– Dr. Sallis
Absent – Mr. Stafford	Abstain – Dr. Strebeck	

Upon the conclusion of business of Executive Session at 1:57 p.m., the Board voted, upon motion made by Dr. Sallis and seconded by Dr. Etheridge, to exit Executive Session. The motion carried. The vote was as follows:

Absent– Mr. Boose	Aye– Dr. Etheridge	Aye – Dr. Sallis
Absent – Mr. Stafford	Aye– Dr. Strebeck	

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

The Board resumed the regular session by announcing the actions taken within the Executive Session. The Board reviewed applications, potential litigation, and complaints (determinations as listed in Addendum A).

VII. Adjournment

Dr. Etheridge motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m., Dr. Sallis seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Dates for future meetings:

- Friday, January 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. – Teleconference
- Friday, February 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. – Robert E. Lee Building, Conference Room C, 12th Floor
 - 2020-09 – Wicht
 - 2020-23 – Carpenter

Approved this the 22nd day January, 2021

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Board Chair

Board Member

ADDENDUM A

MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS				
APPLICATION REVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION				
Friday, December 4, 2020				
P-LPC Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Atique, Andleeb Rizwan	Contingent		4	0
Battista, Parker Christian	Licensure		4	0
Blake, Mary Elizabeth	Licensure		4	0
Burns, Hunter Cherylyn Claire	Contingent		4	0
Cannon, Gloria M.	Contingent		4	0
Clark, Rebecca Lyn	Licensure		4	0
Fowler, Mary Ashton	Licensure		4	0
Gestes, Lisa Michelle	Licensure		4	0
Gray, Brittney Latrice	Contingent		4	0
HENDERSON, SCHERRI NICOLE	Continued Review		4	0
Mitchell, April Nicole	Contingent		4	0
Moore, Janice Marie	Contingent		4	0
Norton, Kaitlyn Elyse	Contingent		4	0
Patterson, Bret David	Continued Review		4	0
Taylor, Gabriel Marcellos Trotter	Contingent	Strebeck	3	0
Thomas, Emma Corinne	Licensure		4	0
New Apps for Candidacy	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Jones, Amber Elizabeth	Continued Review		4	0
Rodgers, Taeisha S.	CANDIDACY		4	0
P-LPC to Candidacy Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Farmer, Raven JaShunda	Denial		4	0
Kirksey, Lakeia Monae	CANDIDACY		4	0
Lindsey, Carina Nicole	CANDIDACY		4	0
Blackledge, Carroll Dean	CANDIDACY		4	0
Wilson, Clinton Aaron	CANDIDACY		4	0
New Apps for Comity	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Sales, Roslyn O	LICENSURE		4	0
Stempkovski, Michael D.	LICENSURE		4	0
Wampler, Steven Edwin	LICENSURE		4	0

New Apps for LPC-S	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Stafford, Emily Sara Helms	Licensure		4	0
Bouldin, Sherry	Continued Review		4	0
Johnson-Waldington, Mary L.	CONTINGENT		4	0

CR P-LPC Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Scruggs, Sheridan Lee	Licensure		4	0
Warren, Amber Grace	Licensure		4	0

MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
License Report to Board - December 4, 2020

Licensed Since Last Meeting - October 23, 2020	Issue Date	Lic Number	
Ramona Charisse Aalyn	11/13/2020	2638	
Melanie Partridge Benson	10/26/2020	2633	
Anya K. Canache	11/2/2020	2635	
Elena Maria Fairley	10/26/2020	2632	
Dena Ruth Owens	11/30/2020	2641	
Shelby Kathryn Pace	11/20/2020	2640	
Ishita Pareek	11/4/2020	2637	
Lisa Bledsoe Ross	11/19/2020	2639	
Angela R. Thomason	10/27/2020	2634	
Veronica B. Wade-Hampton	11/6/2020	2636	
Reagan Mackenzie Bartley	12/3/2020	P-642	
Kelsey Nicole Caballero	11/17/2020	P-0640	
Joanna Adele Dubois	12/3/2020	P-0644	
Mary Allen McBride	11/17/2020	P-0641	
Adole Natasha Muruako	12/3/2020	P-0646	
Daniele Taylor Nolan	12/3/2020	P-0645	
Hannah Moreau Nugent	12/3/2020	P-0643	
Monica Corinne Page	10/23/2020	P-0360	
John Joseph Fernandez Pajarillaga	10/23/2020	P-0637	
Marley Sinclair Phillips	11/17/2020	P-0639	
Carla Kintey Whitehead	11/10/2020	P-0638	
Branden Wayne Henry	9/30/2020	LPC-S 426	