

**Mississippi State Board of Examiners
for Licensed Professional Counselors**

**Woolfolk Building, 501 North West Street, Room 138
Robert E. Lee Building, 239 North Lamar Street, Suite 402
Jackson, Mississippi**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes

Friday, August 13, 2021

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 9:00 a.m. by Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair (“Chair”) on Friday, August 13, 2021. The administrative hearing was held in the Woolfolk Building, 501 North West Street, Room 138, Jackson, MS 39201. 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. Steven Stafford, Congressional District III (exited the meeting at 4:25 p.m.)
Mr. Issac Boose, Congressional District IV

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. Alexis Morris, Board Attorney representative, Special Assistant Attorney General
Tammy McDaniel-Bagnato
Ellen O’Neal, Haring Offer
Shareka Jackson
Nicole Clinkscaly, Attorney for Shareka Jackson
Dan Logsdon, Counseling Compact Administrator
David Fye, Executive Director, Kansas LPC Board

Absent

LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director, LPC Board

II. Administrative Hearing – Jefferson, Shareka (2021-21)

The Board conducted the Administrative Hearing.

In the determination session at 11:53 a.m., Mr. Stafford with a second by Dr. Etheridge, the Board had reason to go into Executive Session for deliberation of the Administrative Hearing. The vote was as follows:

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

Upon the conclusion of business of Executive Session at 12:28 p.m., the Board voted, upon motion made by Dr. Sallis and seconded by Mr. Stafford to exit Executive Session. The motion carried. The vote was as follows:

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

The Board resumed the regular session at 12:28 p.m. by announcing their decision regarding the denial of licensure hearing.

The Board recessed the meeting for Lunch at 12:45 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting in the Board office, Suite 402-403, Robert E. Lee Building at 1:30 p.m.

III. Board Operation

After reviewing minutes changes were made from the July 16, 2021 meeting. Dr. Sallis motioned to approve the minutes as revised. Dr. Etheridge seconded the motion.

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

IV. Financial Matters

A. The Board reviewed the financial report.

B. The Board reviewed the bill from ProsoniTech to support Universal Licensure application process.

C. Mr. Sallis motioned to approve travel for the August 13, 2021 meeting, Dr. Etheridge seconded.

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

D. The Board discussed information and content from the NBCC/CCE Summit.

E. The Board met by videoconference with Dan Logston regarding the Counseling Compact.

F. Dr. Strebeck provided the Board a working draft of potential changes to the Rules and Regulations. He provided a brief overview of the potential changes, and this draft will be reviewed in detail for changes and modifications at the Board’s Strategic Planning Meeting in September.

V. Executive Session

CLOSED DETERMINATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Mr. Stafford with a second by Mr. Boose, 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
Aye – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	

In the determination session, Mr. Stafford with a second by Dr. Etheridge, the Board had reason to go into Executive Session, namely to: determine after deliberation and consideration of complaints, applications and Board requests, 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
Aye – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	

At 3:42 p.m., the Board announced to the public the aforesaid reasons as the Board’s purpose for entering into an Executive Session.

A. Board Request

- i. The Board recommended Ramona Aalyn contact the Texas LPC Board regarding her request.
- ii. Hall, Adrian (P-0194) - Dr. Etheridge motioned to approve her special accommodations for test taking, seconded by Mr. Stafford.

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye– Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	
- iii. Allen, Alysius (2597) – Dr. Etheridge motioned, Mr. Boose seconded, to accept the submitted CEH for telemental health training provided by the licensee.

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	
- iv. Allston, Latasha (P-0277) – The Board recommended to send licensee an advisory letter to follow the policies and procedures to request a special accommodation for testing.

- v. Garraway, Treenecia (P-0702) – Dr. Etheridge motioned, Mr. Boose seconded, to accept the submitted CEH for telemental health training provided by the licensee.

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

- vi. Tannehill, Jennifer – Dr. Etheridge motioned to refund her the \$220 licensing fee that was paid to the Board in error, seconded by Dr. Stafford.

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

- vii. Chandler, T. L. (2396) – Dr. Etheridge motioned, Mr. Boose seconded, to accept the submitted CEH for telemental health training provided by the licensee.

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

- viii. Traughber, Deborah (1342) – Mr. Stafford motioned, Dr. Etheridge seconded, to deny the submitted CEH for telemental health training provided by the licensee because her training was not provided by an NBCC ACEP provider.

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

- ix. Washington, Latarsha – Dr. Etheridge motioned, Dr. Sallis seconded, to deny the request for an application extension, she should apply as a P-LPC, and the 917 hours in question will remain valid according to Rule 4.3.B.4.

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

- x. Witherow, Marti (1252) – Dr. Sallis motioned, Mr. Boose seconded, that the licensee should comply with Rule 7.5 to be designated as a telemental health provider.

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

- xi. Jones, Angela (1243) – Dr. Etheridge motioned, Mr. Stafford seconded, to accept the submitted CEH for telemental health training provided by the licensee.

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

B. Complaints Update

i. Mr. Boose

- a. 2021-12 – Recommended to dismiss. Dr. Etheridge motioned to dismiss the complaint

and take no action, seconded by Mr. Stafford.

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

ii. Dr. Sallis

a. 2020-04 – Recommended to dismiss. Mr. Stafford motioned to dismiss the complaint and take no action, seconded by Dr. Etheridge.

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

b. 2020-06 and 2020-07 – Recommended to dismiss due to lack of jurisdiction.

iii. Dr. Strebeck

a. 2021-03 – Recommended to dismiss. Dr. Etheridge motioned to dismiss the complaint and take no action, seconded by Mr. Stafford.

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

Upon the conclusion of business of Executive Session at 4:33 p.m., the Board voted, upon motion made by Mr. Stafford and seconded by Dr. Etheridge to exit Executive Session. The motion carried. The vote was as follows:

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

The Board resumed the regular session at 4:33 p.m. by announcing the actions taken within the Executive Session. The Board reviewed applications, Board requests, and complaints (determinations as listed in Addendum A).

VI. Adjournment

Dr. Etheridge motioned to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 p.m., Mr. Boose seconded the motion.

Approved this the 16th day of July, 2021

/s/

/s/

Board Chair

Board Member

Dates for future meetings:

- September 9-10, 2021 – Strategic Planning Meeting, The Grand Hotel and Suites at Natchez, Natchez, MS
- October 1, 2021 – tentative