

Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors

Location for Public Access: Telephone/Online through WebEx

Regular Board Meeting

Teleconference

Friday, February 5, 2021

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 9:00 a.m. by Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair (“Chair”) on Friday February 5, 2021. 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

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director, LPC Board

Ms. Alexis Morris, Board Attorney representative, Special Assistant Attorney General

Absent

Mr. Steven Stafford, Congressional District III

A. Board Operation

A. After reviewing minutes no changes were made from the January 21, 2021 meeting. Dr. Etheridge motioned to accept the minutes as revised, Dr., Sallis seconded motion.

Aye – Mr. Boose

Aye – Dr. Etheridge

Aye – Dr. Sallis

Absent – Mr. Stafford

Aye – Dr. Strebeck

B. The Board rescheduled 2020-09 (Wicht) for Monday, March 1, 2021.

B. 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. Ms. Mordecai 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 March 16, 2020 Board Proclamation, which remains in effect.
- C. Ms. Mordecai reported she is working with a vendor to purchase a laptop.
- D. The Board reviewed the update from Dr. Lorita Harris (2017-29).
- E. The Board discussed OLRC process related to proposed rule changes. The Board has not been scheduled to meet with the OLRC regarding pending Rules and Regulation changes.
- F. The Board discussed potential Rules and Regulations for individuals to request “Non-Practicing” status. Dr. Strebeck will draft an initial rule.
 - i. Definition Rule 1.4 - 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.
 - ii. Rule 5.4.B - Non-Practicing status is designed for an LPC who is not currently practicing in the counseling field and/or does not plan to return to the counseling field in the foreseeable future.
 - 1. Non-practicing licensees can retain the wall certificate.
 - 2. Licensees must apply for non-practicing status at the time of renewal.
 - 3. Non-practicing licensees must renew yearly.
 - 4. Non-practicing licensees are not required to complete CEH to renew.
 - 5. In order to return to Active Status, the licensee must pay the full licensing fee, complete the Jurisprudence Exam within the past 365 days, show evidence of 12 Continuing Education Hours within the prior 365 days, and background check (if requested by the Board).
 - iii. Rule 2.1.M - Non-practicing licensing fee \$50.

C. New Business

- A. 2021 Legislative Update
 - a. House and Senate Appropriation Committees – Dr. Strebeck/Ms. Mordecai
 - b. Ms. Morris update the Board regarding the following legislative bills:
 - i. SB 2047 – Current status – Died in committee
 - ii. SB 2184 – OLRC membership changes and Boards request permission for filing court actions.
 - iii. SB 2187 and HB 1263 – Requires occupational licensing boards to recognize certain applicants from other states.
- B. The Board agreed to present at the Delta State Woodall Conference on March 26. The Board will submit the following sessions for consideration:
 - a. Session 1 – Telemental Health ethics (Dr. Strebeck) and supervision (Dr. Etheridge)
 - b. Session 2 – Telemental Health Skills (Dr. Sallis) and Q&A (Board)

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 with a second by Dr. Sallis, 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	

At 10:18a.m., the Board announced to the public the aforesaid reason.

A. Executive Session

A. Board Request

1. The Board considered a request from Duane Kavanaugh to provide telemental health services from the university counseling services. Dr. Etheridge motioned to allow the university counseling center to provide telemental health services to this student, Dr. Sallis seconded. The motion carried with the following vote:

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

B. Complaints

1. Dr. McCormick
 - a. Ms. Morris updated the board regarding the outstanding complaints against Fred Davis.
 - b. Dr. Strebeck will request Dr. McCormick to meet with the Board to present her findings.

Upon the conclusion of business of Executive Session at 10:52 a.m. the Board voted, upon motion made by Dr. Sallis and seconded by Dr. Strebeck to exit Executive Session. The motion carried. The vote was as follows:

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

The Board resumed the regular session at 10:53a.m. by announcing the actions taken within the Executive Session. The Board reviewed applications, potential litigation, and complaints (determinations as listed in Addendum A).

B. Adjournment

Dr. Etheridge motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 a.m., Mr. Boose seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Approved this the 16th day of April, 2021.

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/s/

Board Chair

Board Member

Dates for future meetings:

- Monday, March 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. – Robert E. Lee Building, Conference Room C, 12th Floor
 - 2020-09 – Wicht, Matthew Wade
- Friday, April 16, 2021
 - 2020-23 – Carpenter, David
 - 2021-02 – Farmer, Raven – LPC Candidacy Denial hearing
- Friday, May 21, 2021
 - 2020-05 – Seal, April

ADDENDUM A

MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS				
APPLICATION REVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION				
Friday, February 5, 2021				
P-LPC Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Ricks; Stacy N.	P-LPC		4	0
Thompson; Natile Nicole	P-LPC		4	0
Miller, Olivia Kathryn	Contingent		4	0
P-LPC to Candidacy Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Horton; Antonio Eugene	CANDIDACY		4	0
Tutor; Brandon Glen	CANDIDACY		4	0
New Apps for Comity	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Henson; Paul Christopher	LICENSURE		4	0
Martin; Anita	LICENSURE		4	0
New Apps for LPC-S	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Hamilton, Latrice Lanette	LICENSURE		4	0
MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS				
License Report to Board - February 5, 2021				
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Licensed Since Last Meeting - January 22, 2021	Issue Date	Lic Number		
Julie A. Benoit	1/22/2021	2653		
Tabitha Muse Carranza	2/1/2021	2656		
Shauntae Monique Moore	1/27/2021	2655		
Marcelene Kubacki Redding	1/25/2021	2654		
Breana Nechell Cooper	1/22/2021	P-0659		
Scherri Nicole Henderson	1/22/2021	P-0662		
Dana Alexis Mixon	1/22/2021	P-0661		
Kaitlyn Elyse Norton	1/22/2021	P-0663		
LA Latrice Robinson	1/28/2021	P-063		
Amanda Taylor Stokes	1/22/2021	P-0660		