

Mississippi Counseling Association  
2022 Annual Conference  
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Tupelo

Rules and Regulations Update

Mississippi State Board of Examiners  
for Licensed Professional Counselors

# LPC Board Members

Richard Strebeck, PhD, LPC-S, NCC, CSAT, BC-TMH  
Chair, Long Beach (District At Large) - Counselor Educator - 2027

Kimberly Elam Sallis, PhD, LPC-S  
Vice-Chair, Oxford (District I) - Practitioner - 2027

S. Lynn Etheridge, JD, PhD, LPC-S, RPTS, NCC  
Port Gibson, (District II) - Counselor Educator - 2023

Melissa Windham, PhD, LPC-S, NCC, NCSC  
Madison (District III) - Practitioner - 2027

Issac Boose, MEd, LPC-S  
New Augusta (District IV) - Practitioner - 2023

## LPC Board

- ▶ LeeAnn Mordecai - Executive Director
- ▶ Alexis Morris - Board Attorney, Special Assistant to the Attorney General
- ▶ Customer Service Representative - Open position

# The Numbers - Year to date

359 - Provisionally Licensed Professional Counselor

1,667 - Licensed Professional Counselor

# Counseling Compact Mississippi's Delegate - LeeAnn Mordecai

Ms. Mordecai was selected because this role requires integrating licensee data and information with the Counseling Compact's system, direct access to IT development, and direct implementation of necessary process changes.

*LPC Board, (2022, August 12). Board Minutes.*

# Counseling Compact Update

## LeeAnn Mordecai

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## Inaugural Meeting

October 25 & 26, 2022

Washington, DC and Zoom

Facilitated by the Council of State Governments



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# Rule and Regulations

## ▶ Telemental Health Rule 7.5

- ▶ Complete telemental health training
  - Obtain the Board Certified Telemental Health credential
  - Graduate level class in telemental health as verified on transcript (and syllabus if needed)
  - Professional training course (continuing education) - 9 CEH minimum
- ▶ Upload certificate to online profile
- ▶ Must be synchronous video. Asynchronous methods are not acceptable.
- ▶ Must be licensed in MS and the state where the client is located

# Rule and Regulations

## Non-Practicing Status



- ▶ Non-practicing status definition (Rule 1.4.U)
  - ▶ Non-Practicing Status: Licensees may 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.
  - ▶ Fee: \$50 per year (Rule 2.1.0)



# Rule and Regulations

## Non-Practicing Status (Rule 5.4)



- A. Non-Practicing: 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 are not required to complete annual CEHs to renew.
  4. In order to return to practicing 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 complete background check (if requested by the Board).

# Process for Revising the Rules and Regulations



- ▶ Revising the Rules and Regulations is a lengthy process.
  - ▶ Submit to the Occupational Review Licensing Commission (OLRC)
  - ▶ Submit to the Secretary of State
  - ▶ 30 day public comment period
  - ▶ Board review/final revisions
  - ▶ File with Secretary of State as final proposed
  - ▶ Review by the (OLRC)
  - ▶ File with the Secretary of State as final
  - ▶ Implement after 30 days.

This process can take up to one (1) year or longer.

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## ..... Proposed Rule and Regulation Revisions

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- ▶ Review by the (OLRC) ... on the agenda, waiting for a meeting date
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# Today

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  - ▶ File with Secretary of State as final proposed for 30 days
  - ▶ Reviewed by the (OLRC) ... Tuesday, August 17, 2022
  - ▶ File with the Secretary of State as final
  - ▶ Implementation date - January 1, 2023



# Rule and Regulation Revisions

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# Rule and Regulation Revisions Implementation Date

# January 1, 2023



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# Rule and Regulations - Revision Highlights

## Retired Status

- ▶ Retired status is a permanent status - no option to return to licensed status
- ▶ If you want to return to counseling, consider non-practicing status.

# Rule and Regulations - Revision Highlights

## Testing

The Board still requires 2 (two) tests for licensure

- ▶ P-LPC - Pass/Fail Jurisprudence Exam
- ▶ LPC ... 1 (one) national exam, EITHER
  - ▶ National Counselor Exam
  - ▶ National Clinical Mental Health Exam



# Rule and Regulations - Revision Highlights

## Testing

The Board still requires 2 (two) tests for licensure

- ▶ P-LPC - Pass/Fail Jurisprudence Exam
  - ▶ Accessed through your account using the Board's online portal
  - ▶ Based on ...
    - ▶ LPC Board's Rules and Regulations
    - ▶ MS Statutes governing counseling
    - ▶ ACA Code of Ethics

# Rule and Regulations - Revision Highlights

## Testing

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- ▶ P-LPC - Pass/Fail Jurisprudence Exam
  - ▶ Administered through NBCC/CCE, the Fee is paid to CCE
  - ▶ 35 questions
  - ▶ 1 hour time limit
  - ▶ Can retake in 30 days, if necessary
  - ▶ No CEH awarded

# Rule and Regulations - Revision Highlights

## Testing

The Board still requires 2 (two) tests for licensure

### ▶ LPC

▶ At any time, you can take either of the following national exams without the Board's permission

▶ National Counselor Exam

▶ National Clinical Mental Health Exam

# Rule and Regulations - Revision Highlights

## Testing

What about current P-LPCs and Candidates?

- ▶ “Any current P-LPC or Candidate who proceeds to apply for the LPC must submit verification of passing score report of the Pass/Fail Jurisprudence Examination.”
- ▶ *LPC Board, (2012, Sept 22-23). Board Minutes.*

# Rule and Regulations - Revision Highlights

## Private Practice Setting

### Supervision settings

- ▶ LPC or an individual licensed to provide psychotherapy services independently in Mississippi is available on the premises.

# Rule and Regulations Revisions Outcomes

- ▶ Creates parity for licensees
- ▶ Streamlined licensure process
- ▶ Residents have greater access to counseling services
- ▶ Fewer complaints to the Board

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