

**Mississippi State Board of Examiners
for Licensed Professional Counselors
Regularly Called Board Meeting**

Robert E. Lee Building, 239 North Lamar Street, Suite 402
Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Wednesday, October 4, 2023
Minutes

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
Kerri McKnatt, Congressional District II
Dr. Anthony Bullock, Congressional District IV

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director, LPC Board
Ms. Alexis Morris, Special Assistant Attorney General
Royce Cole, Hearing Officer
Court Reporter
Ms. Staci Stapleton

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 9:03 a.m. by Dr. Kimberly Sallis, Chair (“Chair”) on Wednesday, October 4, 2023. The Board meeting was scheduled to be held at the Woolfolk Building, 501 North West Street, Room 139 North, however, due to a waterline break in the building, the meeting was moved to the Robert E. Lee Building, Suite 402, 239 North Lamar Street, Jackson MS. A roll call of Board members was taken, and a quorum was present.

II. Administrative Hearing 2023-30

CLOSED DETERMINATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion at 10:23 a.m. made by Dr. Strebeck with a second by Ms. McKnatt, 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 4-0-1, Dr. Windham recused from the vote.

In the determination session, Dr. Bullock motioned, with a second by Mc McKnatt, 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 4-0-1, Dr. Windham recused from the vote.

A. Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Ms. McKnatt, to uphold the denial for P-LPC licensure because the educational requirements in Rule 4.2.B are not met. The motioned passed with a vote of 4-0-1 as follows:

Aye – Dr. Sallis Recused – Dr. Windham Aye – Dr. Strebeck
Aye – Dr. Bullock Aye – Ms. McKnatt

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Upon motion by Dr. Bullock, seconded by Ms. McKnatt, the Board resumed the regular session at 10:51 a.m. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-1, Dr. Windham recused from the vote.

The Hearing Officer, Ms. Call, announced the actions taken within the Executive Session.

III. 2023-04 Agreed Order

CLOSED DETERMINATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion at 12:32 p.m. made by Dr. Windham with a second by Dr. Bullock, 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 4-0-1.

In the determination session, Dr. Windham motioned, with a second by Ms. McKnatt, 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 4-0-1.

Upon motion by Ms. McKnatt, with a second from Dr. Bullock, the Board agreed to approve the revised Agreed Order. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1 as follows:

Aye – Dr. Sallis Aye – Dr. Windham Abstention – Dr. Strebeck
Aye – Dr. Bullock Aye – Ms. McKnatt

Upon motion by Dr. Sallis, seconded by Dr. Windham, the Board resumed the regular session at 12:50 p.m. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

IV. Board Operations

A. After reviewing and making corrections to the August 17-18, 2023 minutes, Dr. Strebeck motioned, Dr. Bullock seconded, to approve the minutes as amended. The motioned passed with a vote of 5-0 as follows:

Aye – Dr. Sallis Aye – Dr. Windham Aye – Dr. Strebeck
Aye – Dr. Bullock Aye – Ms. McKnatt

B. After reviewing the August 23, 2023 minutes, Dr. Strebeck motioned, Dr. Bullock seconded, to approve the minutes as written. The motioned passed with a vote of 5-0 as follows:

Aye – Dr. Sallis Aye – Dr. Windham Aye – Dr. Strebeck
Aye – Dr. Bullock Aye – Ms. McKnatt

- C. After reviewing and making corrections to the September 7-8, 2023 minutes, Ms. McKnatt motioned, Dr. Sallis seconded, to approve the minutes as amended. The motioned passed with a vote of 5-0 as follows:
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| Aye – Dr. Sallis | Aye – Dr. Windham | Aye – Dr. Strebeck |
| Aye – Dr. Bullock | Aye – Ms. McKnatt | |
- D. After reviewing and making corrections to the September 25, 2023 minutes, Ms. McKnatt motioned, Dr. Bullock seconded, to approve the minutes as amended. The motioned passed with a vote of 5-0 as follows:
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| Aye – Dr. Sallis | Aye – Dr. Windham | Aye – Dr. Strebeck |
| Aye – Dr. Bullock | Aye – Ms. McKnatt | |
- E. After reviewing and making corrections to the September 27, 2023 minutes, Ms. McKnatt motioned, Dr. Windham seconded, to approve the minutes as amended. The motioned passed with a vote of 5-0 as follows:
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| Aye – Dr. Sallis | Aye – Dr. Windham | Aye – Dr. Strebeck |
| Aye – Dr. Bullock | Aye – Ms. McKnatt | |
- F. After reviewing and making corrections to the August 25, 2023 minutes, Dr. Windham motioned, Ms. McKnatt seconded, to approve the minutes as amended. The motioned passed with a vote of 5-0 as follows:
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| Aye – Dr. Sallis | Aye – Dr. Windham | Aye – Dr. Strebeck |
| Aye – Dr. Bullock | Aye – Ms. McKnatt | |

V. Financial

- A. Ms. McKnatt motioned, Dr. Bullock seconded, to approve the travel for the meeting. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- B. The Board reviewed the financial report for August and September 2023.

VI. Old Business

- A. Strategic Planning follow up
- a. Revisions to the Pass/Fail Jurisprudence exam were sent to NBCC.
 - b. Board discussed the complaint process report form being used in conjunction with the Sanctioning Reference Points.
 - c. Instructional videos are being revised.
 - d. University packets will be distributed at the Mississippi Counseling Association conference
 - e. The Board discussed diversion program options.
- B. The Board discussed Rule and Regulation revisions. Ms. McKnatt Motioned, seconded by Dr. Windham proposed to add a rule to Section 8 as follows:
- a. Continuances:

- i. Hearings shall be held before the full Board at the time and place designated in the summons unless a continuance is granted for just cause by the Board.
- ii. A motion for a continuance must be filed with the Board, in writing, at least ten (10) business days prior to the scheduled hearing, or upon a showing of good cause, at any time prior to the hearing.
- iii. The executive director is authorized to grant the first continuance after speaking with the Board attorney and investigating board member. Any additional requests must be received by the Board at least ten (10) business days prior to the scheduled hearing.
- iv. If a continuance is granted by the Board, the hearing will be set at the next available meeting date of the Board.

The motioned passed with a vote of 5-0 as follows:

Aye – Dr. Sallis Aye – Dr. Windham Aye – Dr. Strebeck
 Aye – Dr. Bullock Aye – Ms. McKnatt

C. The Board will present at MCA on Wednesday afternoon, November 8.

VII. Executive Session

CLOSED DETERMINATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion at 4:03 p.m. made by Dr. Windham with a second by Ms. McKnatt, 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, with a second by Dr. Bullock, 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.

Board Requests

- 2022-34: Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Bullock, to suspend Ms. Fletcher’s LPC license for failing to meet the Final Terms of the Letter of Reprimand. The motion passed. The vote was as follows:
 Aye – Dr. Sallis Aye – Dr. Windham Aye – Dr. Strebeck
 Aye – Dr. Bullock Aye – Ms. McKnatt

Board Complaints

2018-26: Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Ms. McKnatt, to take no action. The motion passed 4-0-1. The vote was as follows:

Abstention – Dr. Sallis Aye – Dr. Windham Aye – Dr. Strebeck
 Aye – Dr. Bullock Aye – Ms. McKnatt

2021-20: Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Ms. McKnatt, to issue a disciplinary Advisory Letter. The motion passed 4-0-1. The vote was as follows:

Abstention – Dr. Sallis Aye – Dr. Windham Aye – Dr. Strebeck
 Aye – Dr. Bullock Aye – Ms. McKnatt

MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS**APPLICATION REVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION****October 4, 2023**

P-LPC Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Bryant, John David	CONTINGENT		5	0
Edmonds, Lauren Elizabeth	CONTINGENT		5	0
Konves, Erin Elizabeth	CONTINGENT		5	0
Schubert, Colleen Kathryn	CONTINGENT		5	0
Warriner, Juliet Rose	CONTINGENT		5	0
Andrews, Jeremiah Mikel	CONTINGENT		5	0
Hardy, Taylor Shepherd	P-LPC		5	0
McGowan, Kimberly Elaine	P-LPC		5	0

P-LPC to Licensure Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Barber, Lauren Elliott	LICENSURE		5	0
Carter, Shayna Michelle	LICENSURE		5	0
Clark, Rebecca Lyn	LICENSURE		5	0
Diaz, Emerson Nicolas	LICENSURE		4	0
Harriell, April Florine	LICENSURE		5	0
Johnson, Kalaishi Myketa	LICENSURE		5	0
Kinsey, Ariel K	LICENSURE		5	0
Kowalke, Kathleen Mary	LICENSURE		5	0
Little, Kolby Nicole	LICENSURE		5	0
Podwoski, Kari L	LICENSURE		5	0
Rowell, Tyra Edwards	LICENSURE		5	0
Seicshnaydre, Margaret Walton	LICENSURE		5	0
Shorter, Kayleigh Morgan	LICENSURE		5	0
Sweda, Stephanie C	LICENSURE		5	0
Swinford, Katelyn Elizabeth	LICENSURE		5	0
Windham, Kelsey Necole	LICENSURE		5	0

New Apps for LPC-S	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Austin, Christopher David	LICENSURE		5	0
Frazier, Annabelle	LICENSURE		5	0
Guyton, Jamie B	LICENSURE		5	0

New Apps for LPC or Candidate	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
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Nelson, Amirah R.	LICENSURE		5	0
Licensed Since Last Meeting - August 17-18, 2023		Issue Date	Lic Number	
Cynthia Carruthers Bennett		8/31/2023	3017	
Mallory Cutrer Cooper		8/18/2023	3020	
David Brock Damon		8/31/2023	3019	
Kendyl Diane Hensley		8/21/2023	3013	
Janice Marie Moore		8/31/2023	3014	
Gretchen P. Petrie Graff		8/31/2023	3016	
Michael Kim Schmit		8/31/2023	3018	
Sarah Renee Steed		9/6/2023	3025	
Tina J. Sullivan		8/31/2023	3015	
Jenny L. Teasley		9/5/2023	3024	
Ashton Rebecca Thompson		9/7/2023	3021	
Belinda Susan Tutor		9/1/2023	3023	
Alicia Karen Vickers		9/13/2023	3026	
Kristin Rose Whitten		9/1/2023	3022	
April T. Adams		8/18/2023	P-0970	
Craft Shunta Armstrong		9/26/2023	P-1002	
Madalene J. Barksdale-Mayfield		10/2/2023	P-1006	
Destany Hope Berry		9/8/2023	P-0988	
Allisha Ann Brent-Rhodes		9/27/2023	P-1004	
Shannon Cromwell Brown		9/18/2023	P-0995	
Jacinda Dawn Dilworth		9/22/2023	P-0998	
Whitney Alleyene Dixon		8/18/2023	P-0971	
Jamie L. Evans		8/18/2023	P-0986	
Stacey JaVon Foster		10/2/2023	P-1001	
Prisca E. Greenwood		8/18/2023	P-0980	
Destiny LeeAnn Griffin		8/18/2023	P-0985	
Sherita Danielle Hampton-Williams		8/18/2023	P-0968	
Meagan Alexis Higginbotham		9/8/2023	P-0984	
Lindsey Elizabeth Jamison		9/15/2023	P-0992	
Jessie Johnson		8/18/2023	P-0978	
LaTanyle Renae Kennedy		8/18/2023	P-0972	
Amanda L. Lawson		9/25/2023	P-1000	
Taylor Nicole Locke		9/18/2023	P-0993	
Victoria Lauren Loftus		10/2/2023	P-1005	
Vincent Anthony Luna		8/18/2023	P-0973	
Barbara Jeannine McGilvery		9/27/2023	P-1003	
Adrianna Watkins McHan		8/18/2023	P-0975	
Carolyn Alleen McLain		8/18/2023	P-0976	
Shakelia K. McLaurin		8/18/2023	P-0977	
Kimberly Nicole Moore		9/8/2023	P-0994	

Melissa Rae Pierce	9/21/2023	P-0997
LaDonna R. Pybus	8/18/2023	P-0990
Mary Margaret Rawson	9/6/2023	P-0983
Allison Kenna Smith	9/21/2023	P-0996
Lindsey Stuart Speights	9/12/2023	P-0987
Danielle T. Stamps	9/25/2023	P-0999
Suzanne Porter Stokes	8/18/2023	P-0982
Dylan Thomas Varner	8/18/2023	P-0974
Jacey Lynn Wall	9/13/2023	P-0989
Dawn Bernadette Wright	8/18/2023	P-0981
Jena Denise Yarbrough	9/15/2023	P-0991
Samantha Scott Brady Yarbrough	8/23/2023	P-0969
Destiny Simon York	8/30/2023	P-0979
Shelbi Renae Bradley	8/18/2023	LPC-S #535
Jennifer W. Crutchfield	8/18/2023	LPC-S #534
Byron Devon Dukes	8/31/2023	LPC-S #536
Joey Jerome Mitchell	8/31/2023	LPC-S #537
Anne Toles	8/18/2023	LPC-S #533
Vincent D. Tompkins	9/22/2023	LPC-S #540
Ranarda L. Wright	9/12/2023	LPC-S #539