

## **MINUTES**

**Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors  
Robert E. Lee Building  
239 North Lamar Street, Suite 402  
Jackson, MS 39201**

**Regular Board Meeting  
Monday, April 8, 2019  
Teleconference Meeting**

### **Board Members Present**

Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair, Congressional District-At-Large  
Dr. Kimberly Elam Sallis, Congressional District I  
Dr. Lynn Etheridge, Congressional District II  
Steven Stafford, Congressional District III (Joined meeting at 9:13 a.m.; exited meeting at 9:34 a.m.; joined meeting at 10:04 a.m.)  
Victoria Williams, Congressional District IV (Exited the meeting at 12:38 p.m.)

### **Others Present**

Wm. Jeffrey Jernigan, Board Attorney, Special Assistant Attorney General (exited at 11:34 a.m.)  
LeeAnn Mordecai, Board Executive Director

## **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. Richard Strebeck, Chair ("Chair") on Monday, April 8, 2019. The meeting was held via Teleconference and the public could attend the meeting in the Robert E. Lee Building, 239 North Lamar Street, Suite 402, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. A roll call of Board members was taken and a quorum was present. A determination vote for an Executive Session may be called at any time during the meeting.

## **II. Board Operations**

### **A. Minutes Approval**

It was motioned by Sallis, seconded by Etheridge, and unanimously agreed that minutes of the Monday, March 25, 2019, Regular Board meeting be approved as amended. 5-0

### **III. Financial Matters**

#### **A. Cornerstone Consulting, Inc., FY20 Contract**

It was motioned by Sallis, seconded by Etheridge, and unanimously agreed to accept and approve the contract with Cornerstone Consulting for FY20 with the correction of removing McCormick's name and replacing with Strebeck. 5-0

#### **B. ProsonITech Web Maintenance FY20 Contract**

It was motioned by Williams, seconded by Etheridge, and unanimously agreed to accept and approve the yearly maintenance for the LPC website contract from ProsonITech. This contract will be paid from the next FY budget. 5-0

#### **C. Outside Investigator Contract**

It was motioned by Sallis, seconded by Williams, and unanimously agreed to approve the contract (as amended) for Dr. Glenn Waller as an outside investigator to be paid at a rate of \$150.00 per hour with a maximum contract total of \$4500.00. 5-0

### **IV. Old Business**

#### **A. Update regarding March 25, 2019 hearings**

The Board discussed, addressed, and developed potential solutions regarding concerns related to the March 25, 2019 hearing procedures. Changes will be made to the notices sent. Ms. Mordecai will address the sign in/sign out procedures at the next tenant meeting; information will be posted on the Conference room door regarding contact information; the Board meeting will re-convene in the Conference Room after lunch; the Board Attorney and Hearing Officer will determine when to close the hearing process for no-shows.

#### **B. Emergency Rules and Regulations Update**

An emergency filing of the proposed Rules and Regulations was filed on April 4, 2019, which will remain in effect for 120 days (or until approved by OLRC). Ms. Mordecai will send email to all P-LPCs, LPCs, applicants and candidates providing this information.

#### **C. Jurisprudence Exam Question Review**

It was motioned by Sallis, seconded by Williams and unanimously agreed to postpone further work on and implementation of the Jurisprudence Exam until the final approval of the proposed Rules and Regulations by the OLRC. 4-0

**D. Attorney General's questions regarding Proposed Rules and Regulations Update**

There is no update on the questions presented by the AG's office.

**E. May 16, 2019 Board Meeting in Hattiesburg**

- Board will meet May 16, 2019 in Hattiesburg
  - Board will meet at William Carey University
  - LeeAnn Mordecai has made hotel reservations for Board members
  - Meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.

**F. MLPCA Update**

- May 17, 2019 in Hattiesburg, MS
- Session 1-Nuts and Bolts of Supervision
  - 60-minute session
  - Declaration of Practice
  - Supervision Contract
  - Navigating the website
  - Strebeck will develop and send PowerPoint to Board members to review
- Session 2-Advanced Supervision
  - 120-minute session
  - Timeline and Dates changes in Rules made
    - 60-hour degree
    - Transitional Cohort
    - LPC-S to LPC onsite
    - NCE/NCMHCE changes
  - Etheridge will develop and send PowerPoint to Board members to review
- Board will have teleconference meeting to discuss PowerPoints for the presentation closer to meeting time.

**G. Jurisprudence Examination**

No update on the JP Exam

**H. 2017-29 Harris-Dorsey, Lorita (#1159) – Update on Agreed Order**

The Board reviewed updates on status per Agreed Order for the month of March 2019.

**V. New Business**

No new business to discuss.

It was motioned by Etheridge, seconded by Sallis, and unanimously agreed that the Board consider a motion to close the regular meeting to determine the necessity of an Executive Session. The Board determined that an Executive Session was needed to review BQS / P-LPC / LPC / Candidacy / Comity / Continued Review applications, and to discuss Board requests. 4-0

It was motioned by Strebeck, seconded by Williams, and unanimously agreed that the Board exit the regular session and enter Executive Session. The Board entered Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. 4-0

## **VI. Executive Session**

### **A. Review of Licensure Applications (P-LPC, LPC, LPC-S, Candidacy, Comity, and Continued Review)**

The Board reviewed licensure applications. See attached MS Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors Application Review-Executive Session Report.

### **B. Board Requests**

#### 1. Hamilton

It was motioned by Etheridge, seconded by Stafford, and unanimously agreed to schedule for an Informal Hearing set on the May agenda. 5-0.

#### 2. Monts, Curtis

It was motioned by Stafford, seconded by Sallis, and unanimously agreed to deny request by Monts to allow hours occurred in a private practice setting without an LPC-S on site. 5-0.

### **C. Complaints Update**

#### 1. 2017-20

It was motioned by Stafford, seconded by Etheridge, and unanimously agreed to accept the recommendation made by Strebeck to dismiss the complaint and to take no action. 4-0-1 (Strebeck abstained)

#### 2. 2018-03

Reschedule hearing for August 23, 2019.

See attached MS Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors Complaint Review Report for additional decisions.

It was motioned by Strebeck, seconded by Stafford, and unanimously agreed to exit Executive Session. 5-0 The Board exited Executive Session at 11:07 a.m.

Upon return to open session, the following was announced as actions taken while in Executive Session:

- A. Considered Board Requests
- B. Reviewed Board Complaints/Denied Applications

### **IX. Next Meeting**

#### **Regular Meeting of the Board**

Thursday, May 16, 2019  
Time 9:00 a.m.  
Meeting will be held in Hattiesburg  
William and Carey University

### **XI. Adjourn**

It was motioned by Stafford, seconded by Etheridge, and unanimously agreed that the Board meeting adjourn. 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 p.m. by Strebeck.

Approved this the 16 day of May, 2019.

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Board Chair

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Board Member

## ADDENDUM

<b>MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS</b>				
<b>APPLICATION REVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>				
<b>Monday, April 8, 2019</b>				
<b>CR or Denied Apps for P-LPC</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Wright, Keren Aviel Nabors	Approved		4	0
Smith, Jerra Leigh	Contingent		4	0

<b>New Apps for P-LPC</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Lawry, Gail M.	Approved with Contingency		4	0
Crawford, Clinton Wayne	Denied		4	0

<b>New Apps for LPC-S</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Gilstrap, Denise	Approved		4	0
Whittington, Ronald	Approved		4	0

<b>P-LPC to Candidacy Apps</b>	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Thompson, John Zachary	Approved		4	0

<b>Board Request</b>		<b>ABSTENTION</b>	<b>YAYS</b>	<b>NAYS</b>
Monts, Curtis	FROM MARCH 2019 meeting - Request to accept supervised experience with LPC onsite and not LPC-S - It was motioned by Etheridge, seconded by Stafford, to grant request to count hours earned between August 2017 and March 2018 earned at a "non-governed by agency" toward LPC licensure. There was no LPC-S onsite during this time. Vote was 2-2 with no action taken.		2	2
Hamilton, La Toya	request for informal meeting with Board - set for May 16, 2019 at 2:20 p.m.		4	0

**MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS****License Report to Board - Monday, April 8, 2019**

<b>Licensed Since Last Meeting - February 11, 2018</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>	<b>Lic Number</b>	
Evan S. Applegate	3/18/2019	2365	
Roslyn L. Ashford	2/19/2019	2361	
Heather Renee Carter	3/19/2019	2368	
Latrice Lanette Hamilton	3/19/2019	2369	
Ruby J. Jackson	2/15/2019	2360	
Holly Ford Palmer	2/15/2019	2359	
Kenneth Eugene Scoggins	2/12/2019	2358	
Tyler Frazure Stacy	3/19/2019	2366	
Benjamin David Stepp	3/18/2019	2364	
Leah Bradford Vernon	3/19/2019	2367	
Louise Lamb Adams	2/11/2019	P-0500	
Latasha Dominique Allston	2/11/2019	P-0277	
Rasheedah Atiyah Bankhead	2/11/2019	P-0276	
Carroll Dean Blackledge	2/11/2019	P-0512	
Monica Lynette Coleman	2/11/2019	P-0513	
Mary Catherine King	2/11/2019	P-0516	
Pertrice Ann Lee	2/11/2019	P-0275	
Tiffany Melvora Lindsey	2/11/2019	P-0280	
Bridget Nicole Nobles	2/11/2019	P-0278	
Brittany Elizabeth Power	2/11/2019	P-0515	
Tenyeka Pringle-Gibson	2/11/2019	P-0274	
Yolanda Trinee Walker	2/11/2019	P-0279	