

MINUTES

Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors
Special Called Board Meeting
Suite 402; Robert E Lee Building
239 North Lamar Street; Jackson, Mississippi
January 24, 2014

Board Members Present:

Dr. Glenn Waller Chair
Dr. Walter Frazier, Vice-Chair
April Krieger, Secretary
Dr. Susan Carmichael
Dr. Juawice McCormick

Others Present:

LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director
Leyser Q. Hayes, Hearing Officer
Jessica Davis, Court Reporter
Joanne Christy Bryant
Deb Wells

Legal Counsel Present:

Margarette Meeks, Attorney General's Office

I. Call to Order

The Special Called Board Meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors ("Board"), held in Room 138 North of the Woolfolk Building located at 501 North West Street, in Jackson, Mississippi, was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Dr. Glenn Waller, Chair ("Chair"). The purpose of the special called meeting was show cause hearing. A roll call of members was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Hearing – In the Matter of Joanne Christy Bryant

CLOSED DETERMINATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION

After the Board had received testimonial and documentary evidence in this matter, a motion was made by Dr. Walter Frazier, with a second by April Krieger that the board go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session. Dr. Susan Carmichael recused herself from the consideration and deliberation in this

matter and, therefore, did not cast a vote regarding the closed determination session. The motion to go into a closed determination session was passed unanimously by the remaining Board members present at the hearing.

In the closed determination session, April Krieger moved, seconded by Dr. Walter Frazier that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session, namely for the purpose of deliberating and considering the qualifications of Joanne Christy Bryant for licensure, a subject which could lead to an appeal of the Board's decision or litigation against the Board. The motion carried with the following members voting for: Dr. Glenn Waller, Walter Frazier, Susan Carmichael and April Krieger.

The Board announced to the public the aforesaid reason as the Board's purpose for entering into executive session.

Executive Session

Within the Executive Session, the Board took the following action:

A motion was made by Dr. Walter Frazier with a second by April Krieger to grant Joanne Christy Bryant her license to practice as a licensed professional counselor in Mississippi.

The vote was as follows:

Aye-Dr. Walter Frazier,

Aye-April Krieger,

Nay-Dr. Glenn Waller.

Upon the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board voted, upon motion made by Dr. Glenn Waller and seconded by April Krieger to come out of Executive Session. The Board resumed in open meeting by announcing the above described actions and votes taken in Executive Session.

Dr. Susan Carmichael recused herself from the consideration and deliberation in this matter and, therefore, did not cast a vote on the motion. The motion was passed by the remaining Board members.

III. Adjournment

Upon motion by Frazier, seconded by McCormick, and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Approved this the 23rd day of April, 2014.

_____/s/_____

Glenn Waller, Chair

_____/s/_____

Board Member