

MINUTES

Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors
Regular Board Meeting
Suite 402; Robert E. Lee Building
239 North Lamar Street; Jackson, Mississippi
November 20, 2014

Board Members Present:

Dr. Glenn Waller Chair
Dr. Walter Frazier, Vice-Chair
Dr. Susan Carmichael, Secretary
Dr. Juawice McCormick
Dr. Diane Williams

Others Present:

LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director
Jeff Jernigan, Attorney General's office
Dr. Janis Booth (arrived at 9:50 a.m.)

I. Call to Order

The Regular Board Meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors ("Board"), held in the Board office at Suite 402 of the Robert E. Lee Building located at 239 North Lamar Street in Jackson, Mississippi, was called to order at 9:27 a.m. by Dr. Glenn Waller, Chair ("Chair"). A roll call of members was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Board Operations

A. Minutes Approval

Upon motion by McCormick, seconded by Frazier, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the minutes for September 26, 2014, September 27, 2014, October 8, 2014, and November 7, 2014 were reviewed.

B. Financial Management

1. Financial Report

Routine Expenditures through October 2014 were reviewed in the absence of a Cornerstone Consulting representative. It was noted that Item #3 was missing.

2. Outstanding Invoices for Payment

The Board reviewed outstanding invoices submitted for payment by Cornerstone Consulting, Inc., in the "Outstanding Invoices for Payment" Report. Upon motion by Frazier, seconded by McCormick, the Board unanimously agreed to authorize payment of the three invoices listed in the amount of \$196.65.

3. It was noted that in the interim, the Chair approved payments to TempStaff in the amount of \$94.01, McAlister's Restaurant in the amount of \$145.73, and MS Prison Industries in the amount of \$165.00.

Dr. Janice Booth arrived at 9:50 a.m.

C. Address Requests for Hearing for Denied Applications

Denied applicants request for hearing was discussed. Case numbers 2014-10 and 2014-11 were assigned and dates were considered for show cause hearing. Upon motion by Williams, seconded by Frazier, the Board unanimously agreed to set January 23, 2015 as the date for show cause hearings, both to occur in the morning.

D. Review of Rules and Regulations

Discussion began chapter by chapter with suggestions for changes in the Rules and Regulations.

Lynn Etheridge arrived at 10:02 a.m.

Zandria King arrived at 10:40 a.m.

As a result of the discussion, changes were made to the Rules and Regulations as suggested.

The Chair discontinued Board Operations to move to New Business.

III. New Business

Zandria King introduced herself at 11:17 a.m., Chief Executive Officer of the Mississippi Association of Community Mental Health Centers. She discussed proposed changes to which professionals can conduct Court Commitment Evaluations for consideration to include LPCs. If interested, a certification process would be necessary.

The Chair called a recess for lunch 11:50 a.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

II. Board Operations (continued)

E. Determine Statutory Authority for Experience During Master's vs. Graduate Degree Programs

The Board Attorney addressed the Board regarding language in the Statutes related to graduate degree vs. Master's program language.

Discussion was held related to clinical setting and direct services. The Board would like to further clarify these definitions. These topics will be revisited at a later meeting for clarification.

F. Fee Schedule

Upon motion by Frazier, seconded by Williams, and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to accept amended fee schedule in the Rules and Regulations as proposed on October 20, 2014, to the Secretary of State's office.

II. Executive Session

Upon motion by Carmichael, seconded by McCormick, and unanimously passed, the meeting was closed for a determination of the necessity for an executive session. While in closed session, a motion was made by McCormick, seconded by Frazier, and unanimously passed to go into Executive Session at 12:53 p.m. due to issues pertaining to license applications and to discuss matters of potential litigation.

Upon conclusion of the business of the executive session, motion by McCormick, seconded by Frazier, and unanimously passed, the Board returned to open session at 9:20 a.m.

Upon return to open session, the following was announced as action taken while in executive session. Upon motion by Carmichael, seconded by McCormick, and unanimously passed, the Board agreed to exit Executive Session at 4:26 p.m. and reported out the following list of approved applications and other results of the Session.

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APPLICATION REVIEW
November 20, 2014

Request for Hearing Regarding Denied Application	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Henderson, Rachel Lauren	Set Hearing Date, 1/23/15		5	0
Wade, Quentarius D.	Set Hearing Date, 1/23/15		5	0

CR or Denied Apps for Licensure	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Paige, Miracle Ronjan	Approved		5	0
Brewer, Candace Dawn	Approved		5	0

CR or Denied Candidacy	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Bouillion, Barry James	Approved		5	0
White, Sherra' McMillan	Denied		5	0

CR BQS	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Carter, Aleicha Hatten	Approved		5	0

New Apps for Candidacy	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Taylor, William Royal	Approved	Williams	4	0
Mason, Kathrine	Approved		5	0
Nobles, Bridget Nicole	Approved		5	0
Dean, Dea Dixon	Continued Review		5	0
Smith, Tasha D.	Continued Review		5	0
Cutrer, Roderick Brett	Approved	Williams	4	0
Alexander, Mechelle L.	Continued Review	Carmichael	4	0
Lindsey, Marquest L.	Approved	Williams	4	0
Williams, Shelia Dianne	Continued Review		5	0
Thornburg, Dena	Continued Review		5	0

New Apps for Licensure	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Brown, Billy James	Denied		5	0
Brownlee, Amy Marie	Approved		5	0
Dixon, Jerrilyn Danielle	Continued Review		5	0
Hutchinson, Carlye Carpenter	Approved		5	0
Rangel, Mariana Sainati	Approved		5	0
Morgan, Karla	Approved		5	0
Dickens, Nancy Mitchell	Continued Review		5	0
Pinkston, Dani Nichols	Continued Review		5	0

BQS	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
McDade, Yolanda Denice	Approved		5	0
Parker, Maggie Morganfield	Approved		5	0
James, Adrian T.	Continued Review		5	0
Beavers, Jeremy Lynn	Approved		5	0
Grice, Juakita LaKeisha	Continued Review		5	0
Love, Shannon Faith	Approved		5	0

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<u>COMPLAINTS</u>	<u>BOARD DECISION</u>
2013-05	No Action

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License Report to Board - November 20, 2014

Licensed Since Last Meeting – 9/26-27/2014	Issue Date	Lic Number
Boone, Emma	10/7/2014	1945
Ervin, Brian K.	10/7/2014	1946
Hathorn, Stephanie Anne	10/7/2014	1947
Kirtland, Amanda Nettles	11/14/2014	1949
Martin, Pamela Deloach	10/7/2014	1944
Murphy, James Jeffrey	10/7/2014	1948

Upon motion by Carmichael, seconded by Frazier, The Board unanimously agreed to accept the report of Executive Session.

Upon motion by Frazier, seconded by McCormick, the Board unanimously agreed to recess for the day at 4:35 p.m. and reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 21, 2014.

MINUTES

Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors
Special Called Board Meeting
Room 138 North, Woolfolk Building
501 North West Street; Jackson, Mississippi
November 21, 2014

Board Members Present:

Dr. Glenn Waller, Chair
Dr. Susan Carmichael
Dr. Juawice McCormick

Others Present:

Jeff Jernigan, Attorney General's office
LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director
Bridgette Wiggins, Attorney General's office
Dr. Lela Weems
Debra Lee Carr
Stan Ingram, Esq.
Lynn Thompson, Esq.
Debra Carr (Respondent)
Dr. Frank Baugh
Al Jernigan
Trudy Quinn, Court Reporter

Board Members Absent:

Dr. Walter Frazier, Vice-Chair
Dr. Diane Williams

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 at 501 North West Street; Jackson, Mississippi, was called to order at 9:59 a.m. by Dr. Glenn Waller, Chair ("Chair"). The purpose of the special called meeting was administrative hearing. A roll call of members was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Hearing – In the Matter of Cause #0126-2012

The Chair yielded the meeting over to the hearing officer, Bridgette Wiggins, who presided over the hearing. The Board was represented by Wm. Jeffrey Jernigan and Ms. Carr was represented by Stan Ingram and Lynn Thompson.

Witnesses who were sworn in and testified during the hearing included Dr. Lela Weems, Dr. Frank Baugh, Debra Carr, Stan Ingram, and LeeAnn Mordecai.

The Chair called a recess of the administrative hearing at 12:00 p.m.

The Chair reconvened the administrative hearing at 1:10 p.m. and turned the proceedings over to hearing office

The Chair called a recess of the administrative hearing at 2:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2:33 p.m.

II. Hearing – In the Matter of Cause #0126-2012

Closed Determination/Executive Session

After the Board had received testimonial and documentary evidence in the matter of Complaint #0126-2012, a motion was made at 5:47 p.m. by Dr. Susan Carmichael, with a second by Dr. Juawice McCormick that the Board go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session. The Hearing Officer stated there was sufficient cause to enter Executive Session. The motion to go into a closed determination session was passed unanimously by the Board members present at the hearing.

In the closed determination session, Dr. Susan Carmichael moved, seconded by Dr. Juawice McCormick that the Board had a reason to go into Executive Session, namely for the purpose of deliberating and considering the testimonial and documentary evidence heard and seen in the administrative hearing, 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, Dr. Susan Carmichael and Dr. Juawice McCormick.

Upon the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Board voted, upon motion made by Dr. Glenn Waller and seconded by Dr. Susan Carmichael, to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried with the following members voting for: Dr. Glenn Waller, Dr. Susan Carmichael and Dr. Juawice McCormick.

The Board resumed in open meeting at 6:15 p.m. by announcing the above described actions taken in Executive Session.

II. Executive Session

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

A motion was made by Dr. Susan Carmichael, seconded by Dr. Juawice McCormick, that the Respondent, Debra Lee Carr, violated the Agreed Order dated September 10, 2012, in accordance with the Findings of Fact and the Board hereby suspended the license of the Respondent for a period of 120 days from the date of November 22, 2014, and will be reported and posted with the appropriate authorities and published as the

need may arise and at the Board's discretion. (Agreed Order attached) The vote was as follows: Aye-Dr. Glenn Waller, Aye-Dr. Susan Carmichael and Aye –Dr. Juawice McCormick.

III. Next Meeting

To Be Determined

IV. Adjournment

Upon motion by Dr. Susan Carmichael, seconded by Dr. Juawice McCormick, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Approved this the 21st day of January 2015 .

_____/s/_____

Glenn Waller, Chair

_____/s/_____

Board Member