

MINUTES

Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors
Special Called Board Meeting
Suite 402; Robert E. Lee Building
239 North Lamar Street, Conference Room C, 2nd Floor, Robert E. Lee Building,
Jackson, Mississippi
July 16, 2015

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Jeff Jernigan, Attorney General's office
LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director
David Scott, Attorney General's office, Hearing Officer
Billy J. Brown, Respondent
James Martin, Esq.
Trudie Quinn, Court Reporter

Board Members Absent:

I. Call to Order

The Special Called Board Meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors ("Board"), held in Conference Room C, 2nd Floor, of the Robert E. Lee Building located at 239 North Lamar Street in Jackson, Mississippi, was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by Dr. Walter Frazier, Chair ("Chair") on July 16, 2015. 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 #2015-03

Hearing – In the Matter of Billy James Brown

The Chair yielded the meeting over to the hearing officer, David Scott, who presided over the hearing. The Board was represented by Wm. Jeffrey Jernigan and Mr. Brown was represented by James Martin.

Witnesses who were sworn in and testified during the hearing included Dr. Walter Frazier and Billy James Brown.

CLOSED DETERMINATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION

After the Board had received testimonial and documentary evidence in this matter, a motion was made by Dr. Susan Carmichael with a second by Dr. Glenn Waller that the board go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session. Dr. Walter Frazier recused himself 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, Dr. Susan Carmichael moved, seconded by Dr. Glenn Waller, that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session, namely for the purpose of deliberating and considering the qualifications of Billy James Brown 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, Dr. Juawice McCormick, Dr. Susan Carmichael and Dr. Diane Williams. The Board went into Executive Session at 3:41 p.m.

Upon motion by McCormick, seconded by Williams, the Board unanimously agreed to exit out of Executive Session at 3:50 p.m.

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. Susan Carmichael with a second by Dr. Juawice McCormick to grant Billy James Brown his license to practice as a licensed professional counselor in Mississippi.

The vote was as follows:

Aye-Dr. Susan Carmichael,
Aye-Juawice McCormick,

Aye-Dr. Glenn Waller.
Aye-Dr. Diane Williams

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 board resumed in open meeting by announcing the above described actions and votes taken in Executive Session.

Dr. Walter Frazier recused himself 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.

Approved this the 17th day of September, 2015.

/s/

Chair

/s/

Board Members