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

**Special Called Board Meeting
Administrative Hearing
Friday, April 20, 2018**

Board Members Present

Dr. Juawice McCormick, Chair, Congressional District IV
Dr. Aretha Hargrove-Edwards, Congressional District II
Dr. Kimberly Elam Sallis, Congressional District I
Steven Rollins Stafford, Congressional District III
Dr. Richard Strebeck, Congressional District-At-Large

Others Present

Attorney Gloria Green, Hearing Officer
Dr. Lorita Lynn Harris, Respondent
Attorney Thomas Morris, Morris & Morris Law Firm (Legal Representative for Dr. Harris)

I. Call to Order

The Special Called Board Meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors (“Board”), available for public attendance and participation at the Board office in the Robert E. Lee Building, 239 North Lamar Street, Second Floor, Classroom C, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, was called to order at 10:39 a.m. by Dr. Juawice McCormick, Chair (“Chair”) on Friday, April 20, 2018, to conduct an administrative hearing. A roll call of Board members was taken and a quorum was present.

II. Administrative Hearing

Cause #2017-29 was presented by Strebeck. The complaint is that Dr. Harris withheld information on her renewal application, namely Item 17C. Both sides presented their case. The Board recessed at 12:06 p.m. The Board reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

It was motioned by Stafford, seconded by Sallis, and unanimously agreed that the Board enter into a closed determination session to determine whether an Executive Session is

needed. It was motioned by Sallis, seconded by Stafford, and unanimously agreed that the Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of deliberating Cause #2017-29 to determine whether any violation of laws, rules, and regulations governing the licensed professional counselor (LPC) has occurred which could lead to an appeal of the Board's order.

It was motioned by Stafford, seconded by Sallis, and unanimously agreed that the Board enter into Executive Session. The Board enter into Executive Session at 12:40 p.m.

It was motioned by Stafford and seconded by Sallis that Dr. Lorita Lynn Harris receive a reprimand from the LPC Board and that she submits a written monthly status report regarding pending litigation. The report is due on June 1, 2018 and continues to be due on the first day of each month thereafter until resolution. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

It was motioned by McCormick that the Board exit Executive Session. The Board exited Executive Session from deliberating Cause #2017-29 at 1:15 p.m. The open session reconvened at 1:17 p.m.

V. Adjourn

It was motioned by Stafford, seconded by McCormick, and unanimously agreed that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Approved this the 18th day of May, 2018.

_____/s/_____

Board Chair

_____/s/_____

Board Member