#### Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors

Robert E. Lee Building, 239 North Lamar Street, Suite 402 Jackson, Mississippi 39201

> Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 3, 2025

#### I. Call to Order

The Regular Called 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. Melissa Windham, Chair ("Chair") on Thursday, April 3, 2025. The meeting was held at Grammy Museum, 800 W Sunflower Rd, Cleveland, MS 38732. A roll call of Board members was made, and a quorum was present.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Kimberly Elam Sallis, Chair Congressional District I

Dr. Melissa Windham, Vice-Chair, Congressional District III

Dr. Richard Strebeck, Secretary, Congressional District-at-Large

Ms. Sherry Bouldin, Congressional District II

Dr. Shelbi Bradley, Congressional District IV

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director, LPC Board

Ms. Alexis Morris, Deputy Assistant Attorney General

#### II. Board Operations

- A. The Board reviewed the Board minutes for February 24, 2025. Dr. Sallis motioned, Dr. Bradley seconded, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
- B. The Board scheduled the Strategic Planning meeting for September 11-12, 2025 in Pascagoula at the Grand Magnolia.

#### III. Financial

- A. Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Bradley, to authorize payment for the Board meeting and expenses. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.
- B. Dr. Windham motioned, seconded by Dr. Strebeck, to approve travel and expenses for Board members, the Executive Director, and the Board attorney to attend the 2025 Counseling Regulatory Boards Annual Summit in Austin, Texas. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.
- C. The Board noted the change in reimbursement rate for mileage from DFA.
- D. The Board reviewed the financial reports for March 2025.
- E. Ms. Mordecai updated the Board regarding the appropriations bill.

Upon motion made by Dr. Strebeck, seconded by Dr. Sallis, the Board voted to go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

In the determination session, Dr. Bradley motioned, seconded by Ms. Bouldin, that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session [Mississippi Code Annotated §25-41-7 (b & d) and Mississippi Code Annotated §73-52-1 (1 & 2)].

The motion carried with a vote of 5-0. The Board, at 9:23 a.m., entered Executive Session.

Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Dr. Strebeck, to increase the Customer Service Representative IV's salary by 10% (\$3,440.40) beginning July 1, 2025. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Dr. Bradley motioned, Dr. Sallis seconded, to increase the Executive Director's salary by 4% (\$3,110.51) beginning July 1, 2025. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

At 10:35 a.m., upon the conclusion of the Executive Session business, Dr. Bradley motioned, seconded by Dr. Sallis, to exit Executive Session. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0. The Board exited Executive Session at 10:35 a.m.

The Board announced to the public the decisions made in executive session.

F. The Board reviewed the contract for an investigator. Ms. Bouldin motioned, seconded by Dr. Bradley, to ratify the current contract to include paying for travel time. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

#### IV. Board Attorney Updates

A. Ms. Morris clarified the policy for the Board to pay for conference registration when the Board presents at the conference. When the Board presents at a conference, registration fees are covered. When the Board is attending conferences for Continuing Education, registration fees are not covered.

#### V. Old Business

- A. The Board will host a Lunch and Learn on April 16 at noon.
- B. Ms. Mordecai reported on the website revision by US Next.
- C. Ms. Mordecai updated the Board about revising the LMS (licensee portal).
- D. Ms. Mordecai updated utilizing CE Broker for licensing renewal.
- E. Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Bradley, to allow the Chair to contract with two additional investigators for complaints using the existing contract. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

F. Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Dr. Strebeck, to allow the Chair to contract with two additional consultants for complaints using the existing contract. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Upon motion made by Dr. Sallis, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board voted to go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

In the determination session, Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Sallis, that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session [Mississippi Code Annotated §25-41-7 (b & d) and Mississippi Code Annotated §73-52-1 (1 & 2)]. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0. The Board entered Executive Session at 3:30 pm

#### VI. Executive Session

#### **Complaints:**

#### Dr. Windham

• <u>2023-20</u>: Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Sallis, to approve Dr. Windham's recommendation to take no action. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Dr. Windham abstained.

#### Dr. Bradley

- <u>2024-29</u>: Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Ms. Bouldin, to approve Dr. Bradley's recommendation to take no action. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Dr. Bradley abstained.
- <u>2024-19</u>: Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Sallis, to approve Dr. Bradley's recommendation to take no action. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Dr. Bradley abstained.
- <u>2021-25</u>: Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Dr. Strebeck, to approve Dr. Bradley's recommendation to take no action. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Dr. Bradley abstained.
- <u>2023-13</u>: Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Ms. Bouldin, to approve Dr. Bradley's recommendation to take no action. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Dr. Bradley abstained.

#### Dr. Sallis

• <u>2023-31:</u> Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Bradley, to approve Dr. Sallis' recommendation to take no action. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Dr. Sallis abstained.

- <u>2024-21</u>: Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Bradley, to approve Dr. Sallis' recommendation to take no action. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Dr. Sallis abstained.
- <u>2024-27:</u> Dr. Bradley motioned, seconded by Ms. Bouldin, to approve Dr. Sallis' recommendation to take no action. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Dr. Sallis abstained.
- <u>2024-31</u>: Dr. Bradley motioned, seconded by Ms. Bouldin, to approve Dr. Sallis' recommendation to take no action. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Dr. Sallis abstained.
- <u>2023-37</u>: Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Bradley, to approve Dr. Sallis' recommendation to take no action. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Dr. Sallis abstained.
- <u>2024-32</u>: Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Bradley, to approve Dr. Sallis' recommendation to move for a hearing. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Dr. Sallis abstained.
- <u>2021-35</u>: Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Bradley, to approve Dr. Sallis' recommendation to move for a hearing. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Dr. Sallis abstained.
- A. Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Bradley, to schedule Otha Lee Denson, III, upon his request, for a Show Cause Hearing for denial of licensure. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.
- B. Dr. Bradley motioned, seconded by Dr. Strebeck, to schedule Benjamin Little, upon his request, for a Show Cause Hearing for denial of licensure. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

At 4:55 p.m., upon the conclusion of the business of the Executive Session, Ms. Bouldin motioned, seconded by Dr. Bradley, to exit the Executive Session. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

The chair recessed the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

#### **Regular Meeting**

Minutes Friday, April 4, 2025

#### VII. Call to Order

The Regular Called Board meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors ("Board") was called to order at 8:37 a.m. by Dr. Melissa Windham, Chair ("Chair") on Friday, April 4, 2025. The meeting was held at Delta State University, Cleveland, MS 38732. A roll call of Board members was made, and a quorum was present.

The chair reconvened the meeting on Friday, April 4, 2025 at 8:37 a.m.

Upon motion made by Dr. Sallis, seconded by Dr. Bradley, the Board voted to go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

In the determination session, Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Sallis, that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session [Mississippi Code Annotated §25-41-7 (b & d) and Mississippi Code Annotated §73-52-1 (1 & 2)]. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:39 am.

The Board reviewed applications.

At 8:54 a.m., upon the conclusion of the business of the Executive Session, Dr. Sallis motioned, seconded by Dr. Bradley, to exit the Executive Session. The motion carried with a vote of 5-0.

Approved this the	<u>30th</u>	_ day of _	<u>May</u>	, 2025.	
/s/			/s/		
Board Chair			Board Memb	er	

#### **Scheduled Meetings:**

- May 30, 2025 Jackson
- June 18, 2025 Videoconference
- August
- September 11-12, 2025 Strategic Planning meeting in Pascagoula at the Grand Magnolia.

## MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS APPLICATION REVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION

### Thursday, April 3, 2025

P-LPC Apps	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Avery, Kasee Madison	CONTINGENT		5	0
Black, Sadiedra Jennean	CONTINGENT		5	0
Cox, Skyler Michelle	CONTINGENT		5	0
Hampton, JuToyura R	CONTINGENT		5	0
Holloway, Jasmin SaRae	P-LPC		5	0
Holmes, Henry James	CONTINGENT		5	0
Jackson, Kimberly Michelle	CONTINGENT	Sallis	4	0
Jones, Ieshia Oshay	CONTINGENT		5	0
Keil, Elizabeth Claire	CONTINGENT		5	0
McElroy, Madison Gail	P-LPC		5	0
Minter, T'aijah Zhanae	CONTINGENT		5	0
Moore, Arlena F	CONTINGENT		5	0
Owens, Jerrika Nigina	P-LPC		5	0
Page, Shantika L	CONTINGENT		5	0
Simmons, Benita Carlene	P-LPC		5	0
Stevens, Jacob A	P-LPC		5	0
Tew, Sarah Elizabeth	P-LPC		5	0
White, Shuterrica Roshay	P-LPC		5	0
Wickliffe, Elizabeth Scott	CONTINGENT		5	0
Woolfolk, Elizabeth Joy	P-LPC		5	0
ZumMallen, Kennedy Joy	P-LPC		5	0
Lawson, Kysha Kshun	CONTINGENT		5	0
McIntosh, Sandra E	CONTINGENT		5	0
Silliaman, MaKailee S	P-LPC		5	0

P-LPC to Licensure Apps	<b>BOARD DECISION</b>	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Alexander, Virginia Little	LICENSURE		5	0
Ball, Gloria Jean	LICENSURE		5	0
Beatus, Cody Aaron	LICENSURE		5	0
Day, Adrian Lakesha	LICENSURE		5	0
Johnson, Katherine Young	LICENSURE		5	0
Jones, Robert Lemont	LICENSURE		5	0
Lawson, Amanda L	LICENSURE		5	0
Leyva, Elizabeth Lynn	LICENSURE	Strebeck	5	0
Louviere, Madison Waller	LICENSURE		5	0
McHan, Adrianna Watkins	LICENSURE		5	0

Naylor, Barbara S.	LICENSURE	5	0
Owen, Reagan Elise	LICENSURE	5	0
Porter, Ellen Carol	LICENSURE	5	0
Ray, Abigail Reynolds	CONTINGENT	5	0
Robertson, Kristy G	LICENSURE	5	0
Sanders, Jennifer Diggins	LICENSURE	5	0
Sims, Tiffany La'Mesha	LICENSURE	5	0
Slay, Tyler M	LICENSURE	5	0
Smith, Allison Kenna	LICENSURE	5	0
Strickland, Samantha Susan	LICENSURE	5	0
Warren, Andrew Christopher	LICENSURE	5	0
York, Destiny Simon	LICENSURE	5	0

LPC-S New Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Humes, Kendal Wellington	LICENSURE		5	0
Kenney, Tabatha Franklin	LICENSURE		5	0
Kepner, Christina Lee	CONTINGENT		5	0
Lewis, Christine D	LICENSURE		5	0
Starks, J'Kea Jamara	LICENSURE		5	0

New Apps for LPC or				
Candidate	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Robinson, Ella-Victoria Marie	LICENSURE		5	0

New Apps for Comity	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Sumrall, Shannon Larry	LICENSURE		5	5

CR Apps for P-LPC	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Brown, Deborah Denise	CONTINGENT		5	0
Brown, William Jamel	CONTINGENT		5	0
Smith, Philece M	CONTINGENT		5	0
Towers, Erica Yolonda Marie	P-LPC		5	0

# MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS License Report to Board - April 3, 2025

Licensed Since Last Meeting - February 24, 2025	Issue Date	Lic Number
Bethany Rachelle Allen	2/25/2025	3231
Kennedy Brookfield Bell	2/25/2025	3232
Amber Leigh Creamer	2/25/2025	3230
Colby Uriah Cuevas	2/25/2025	3228
April Nakielle Davis	2/26/2025	3236
Casey Rae De Vito	2/27/2025	3238
Cameron Walters-Carlson Easley	3/26/2025	3240
Megan Elizabeth Gossfeld	2/25/2025	3234
Kendal Wellington Humes	3/6/2025	3239
Taylor Austiin Jacobs	2/26/2025	3237
John Curtis Kelly	2/25/2025	3226
Caroline Kramer	2/25/2025	3227
Shelli Ann Poole	2/25/2025	3233
Zaducka T. Thomas	2/25/2025	3229
Jeanie Adolph Woolledge	2/25/2025	3235
Breanna F. Boyett	3/11/2025	P-1311
Kimera Z. Boykins	3/18/2025	P-1315
Shelby Grace Brownlee	3/21/2025	P-1320
Paul Fraiser Clark	2/24/2025	P-1301
Berrell L. Cobb	3/19/2025	P-1318
Doris Catherine Marie Curry	3/10/2025	P-1309
Nicole Y. Davis	3/13/2025	P-1314
Tanya Monet Doss	3/19/2025	P-1317
ReTangia Calronecia Epps	2/24/2025	P-1325
Manessha Teneal Floyd	2/24/2025	P-1306
Christen Hancock Gates	3/6/2025	P-1308
Carmen Olivia-Celeste Gibson	3/6/2025	P-1307
Carrie M. Johnson	3/28/2025	P-1322
Felechia Drinker Johnson	3/10/2025	P-1310
John Sharp Kirk	2/24/2025	P-1300
Hazel Charlene Knight	2/24/2025	P-1298
Lexi Caviness LeRossignol	2/24/2025	P-1303
Carvina Vadoll Mitchell	3/18/2025	P-1316
Camila Alesia Moore	3/27/2025	P-1321
Christopher Drayton O'Quinn	2/24/2025	P-1299
Darla Ann Poole	3/3/2025	P-1305
Creadence Ivy Randle	3/20/2025	P-1319
Courtland Sharod Sanders	4/2/2025	P-1324
Myra Jean Simmons	3/12/2025	P-1313
Samantha Lynne Simms	3/31/2025	P-1323

Kaylee Brenna Strickland	3/11/2025	P-1312
Carrington Grace Stuart	2/24/2025	P-1302
Autumn C. Willis	3/3/2025	P-1304
Raven J.F. Burks	2/24/2025	LPC-S #615
Aisha J. Davis-Luke	3/13/2025	LPC-S #618
Ranesha Diamond Especto	2/24/2025	LPC-S #610
Todd Joseph Hendrix	2/24/2025	LPC-S #611
Stephanie Parrish Kepley	2/24/2025	LPC-S #612
Ekaterini Papadimitriou	2/24/2025	LPC-S #613
Melissa C. Ratliff	2/24/2025	LPC-S #614
Yolanda T. Robinson	2/24/2025	LPC-S #609
Michael J. Valentine	3/4/2025	LPC-S #616
Elizabeth Buckley Young	2/24/2025	LPC-S #617