

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JUNE 1 – 2, 2026, AMENDED SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

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 9:00 a.m. by Dr. Melissa Windham, Chair (“Chair”) on Monday, June 1, 2026. The meeting was held at the Sun-N-Sand, 401 North Lamar Street, 2nd Floor, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. A roll call of the board members was made and a quorum was present for voting purposes.

Board members present:

Dr. Melissa Windham, Chair – Congressional District III
Dr. Kimberly Elam Sallis, Vice-Chair – Congressional District I
Dr. Richard Strebeck, Secretary – Congressional District-at-Large
Dr. Shelbi Bradley, Member – Congressional District IV
Vacant – Congressional District II

Other Board representatives present:

Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director – LPC Board
Pamela Ratliff, Special Assistant Attorney General / Counsel for the Board

Others present:

Lindsey Hughes, Applicant
Doug Mercier, Attorney
Jordan Cobb, Assistant Attorney General
Shaun Chunn, Assistant Attorney General
Sarah Hartzog, Hearing Officer
Tammy McDaniel, Court Reporter

II. HEARING / DETERMINATION SESSION / EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Windham moved, with a second by Dr. Sallis to go into closed session to determine whether as Executive Session is needed. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried. Dr. Strebeck moved, seconded by Dr. Bradley, that the Board had reason under Miss. Code Ann. §25-41-7 (4)(b) and (d), as amended, to go into Executive Session namely to investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violations of law with respect to prospective litigation or issuance of an appealable order when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Board. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Dr. Strebeck moved, with a second by Dr. Bradley to come out of Executive Session at 3:47 p.m.. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Dr. Strebeck, Secretary of the Board announced actions taken during Executive Session, as follows:

- A. Dr. Windham moved, with a second by Dr. Strebeck to accept the request for accommodation as requested. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-1 with Dr. Bradley recusing herself from the discussion and vote.
- B. Upon the recommendation of the Board investigator, Dr. McCormick, Dr. Strebeck moved, with a second by Dr. Bradley to take no action and issue a non-disciplinary advisory letter in the matter of 2025-26. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.
- C. Upon the recommendation of Dr. McCormick, Dr. Strebeck moved, with a second by Dr. Bradley to take no action and issue an advisory letter. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.
- D. Upon the recommendation of the Board investigator, Dr. Sallis, Dr. Strebeck moved, with a second by Dr. Windham, to remand to file case number 2025-14. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-1 with Dr. Sallis abstaining from the vote.
- E. Upon the recommendation of the Board investigator, Dr. Sallis, Dr. Windham moved, with a second by Dr. Strebeck to take no action in the matter of 2025-24. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-1 with Dr. Sallis abstaining from the vote.
- F. Upon the recommendation of the Board investigator, Dr. Sallis, Dr. Windham moved, with a second by Dr. Bradley to dismiss 2025-39. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-1.
- G. After review of application, Dr. Strebeck moved, with a second by Dr. Bradley to deny one (1) application for licensure for violation of Rule 5.1.(E). The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

III. BOARD OPERATIONS

- A. Dr. Bradley moved, with a second by Dr. Strebeck to approved the minutes of April 15, 2026, as amended. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.
- B. Dr. Strebeck moved, with a second by Dr. Bradley to approve travel expenses for the meeting. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.
- C. Dr. Windham moved, with a second by Dr. Bradley, to approve the AASCB membership fees. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0.

IV. RECESS

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Windham recessed the meeting at 5:01 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

V. 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 9:00 a.m. by Dr. Melissa Windham, Chair ("Chair") on Tuesday, June 2, 2026. The meeting was held at the Robert E. Lee Building, 239 Nort Lamar Street, Suite 402, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. A roll call of the board members was made and a quorum was present for voting purposes.

Board members present:

Dr. Melissa Windham, Chair – Congressional District III
Dr. Kimberly Elam Sallis, Vice-Chair – Congressional District I
Dr. Richard Strebeck, Secretary – Congressional District-at-Large
Dr. Shelbi Braddley, Member – Congressional District IV
Vacant – Congressional District II

Other Board representatives present:

Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director – LPC Board
Pamela Ratliff, Special Assistant Attorney General / Counsel for the Board

Others present:

Yvonne Laird, J-Bar and Associates, Inc.

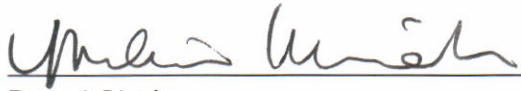
VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Dr. Windham moved, with a second by Dr. Strebeck to nominate Dr. Bradley as the Board's Compact Commission Delegate. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-1 with Dr. Bradley abstaining from the vote.
- B. Dr. Windham announced that the LPC Strategic Planning Meeting will be held September 17 through 18, 2026, at a location to be announced.
- C. Dr. Windham announced the upcoming Board meeting dates, as follows:
 - August 27, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting – Board Office
 - August 28, 2026 – REL 12th Floor Ballroom – Tentative Hearing
 - September 17-18, 2026 – Strategic Board Meeting – Board Office
 - October 22, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting – Board Office
 - October 23, 2026 - Tentative Hearings – Location to be determined.

VII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Windham adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Board Chair

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Board Secretary