

**Mississippi State Board of Examiners
for Licensed Professional Counselors
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
Teleconference
Monday, September 28, 2020**

I. Call to Order

The Regular 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. Richard Strebeck, Chair (“Chair”) on Friday, September 28, 2020. The meeting was held by teleconference. The public could access this meeting by calling the LPC Board office requesting telephone call-in access. A roll call of Board members was taken, and a quorum was present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair, Congressional District-at-Large
Dr. Kimberly Elam Sallis, Vice-Chair Congressional District I
Dr. Lynn Etheridge, Congressional District II
Mr. Steven Stafford, Congressional District III
Mr. Isaac Boose, Congressional District IV

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director, LPC Board
Ms. Leyser Hayes, Board Attorney representative, Special Assistant Attorney General

II. Board Operations

A. After reviewing minutes and making editorial changes from the January 16 – 17, 2020 meeting, Dr. Etheridge motioned to accept the minutes as revised, Dr. Sallis seconded. The vote was as follows:

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	

B. After reviewing minutes and making editorial changes from the August 21, 2020 meeting, Dr. Etheridge motioned to accept the minutes as revised, Dr. Sallis seconded. The vote was as follows:

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	

C. The Board scheduled to meet the following days:

Friday, October 23, 2020 – tentative 9:00 a.m.
November 20, 2020
January 22, 2021 – 10:00 a.m. – in person

D. AASCB - Dr. Etheridge provided an update from AASCB.

Dr. Etheridge has been nominated for President of AASCB.

Dr. Etheridge has participated in AASCB's Regulatory Excellence Committee meetings and shared with the Board the National Compact under development.

Mr. Stafford motioned to have Ms. Mordecai register for the October 30, 2020, virtual AASCB meeting, Dr. Sallis seconded. The vote was as follows:

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	

III. Financial

- A. The Board reviewed the financial report.
- B. The Board reviewed the Exact Court Reporting invoice for \$475.00.
- C. FY21 Assessment for the Mississippi Tort Claims Fund invoice \$206.66.

IV. Old Business

- A. The Board reviewed the 2020-12 Croson, Juanda Final Order. Ms. Hayes discussed items missing from the Final Order and will work with Ms. Morris-Evans to correct the Order.
- B. The Board reviewed the Order for Continuance for 2018-50 Claveau, LouAnna. Upon motion by Dr. Etheridge, seconded by Mr. Boose, the Board agreed to accept the Order for Continuance. The vote was as follows:

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	
- C. The Board decided that the Board's office will continue to be open by appointment only. The public can reach the Board's office by phone, email, and website. LeeAnn conducts business in the office 2 days a week and, if needed, the public and licensees can schedule an appointment with her to facilitate in-person business.
- D. The Board reviewed the Board Proclamation, which remains in effect.
- E. Dr. Strebeck updated the Board regarding the proposed Rules 4.8 and 4.9. These rule changes were filed with the Secretary of State's Office and the Occupational Licensing Review Commission and are open for public comment.

V. New Business

- A. The Board discussed Comity application review. The Board agreed a Comity applicant must have a qualifying degree in counseling or counseling related field, whether 48 or 60 semester hours, and hold license at the highest level in independent practice without any adverse actions which is verified by the state(s) in good standing for a minimum of five years.

VI. Review of Licensure Applications / Executive Session

CLOSED DETERMINATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Dr. Etheridge, with a second by Mr. Boose, the Board voted to go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session. The motion carried with the following vote:

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	

In the determination session, Dr. Sallis moved, seconded by Mr. Boose, that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session, namely to: determine after deliberation and consideration of applications governing the practice of professional counselors, which deliberation and consideration could lead to litigation and/or an appeal of a Board order. The vote was as follows:

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	

The Board announced to the public the aforesaid reasons as the Board's purpose for entering into an Executive Session.

Recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m.

Reconvened at 12:35 p.m.

The motion was made by Mr. Stafford to exit Executive Session at 2:44 p.m. A second was provided by Dr. Sallis.

Upon the conclusion of business of Executive Session, the Board voted, upon motion made by Mr. Stafford and seconded by Dr. Sallis to come out of Executive Session. The motion carried. The vote was as follows:

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	

The Board resumed in open meeting by announcing the actions and votes taken in Executive Session.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Within the Executive Session, the Board reviewed applications, considered Board requests, and reviewed complaints (determinations as listed in Addendum A).

A. Complaints

2019-19 and 2018-42 – Dr. Strebeck recommended no action on complaints, Dr. Etheridge seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Aye – Mr. Boose	Aye – Dr. Etheridge	Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford	Aye – Dr. Strebeck	

2020-09 – Dr. Strebeck motioned to move to hearing, Dr. Sallis seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Aye – Mr. Boose Aye – Dr. Etheridge Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford Aye – Dr. Strebeck

B. Board requests

Dr. Etheridge motioned to accept the University of Alabama CACREP Rehabilitation Counseling degree for applicant to fulfill the educational requirements for licensure. The vote was as follows:

Aye – Mr. Boose Aye – Dr. Etheridge Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford Absent for Vote – Dr. Strebeck

Mr. Stafford motioned to allow Retired Licensee #0255 to return to Active Status with 24 appropriate clock hours of CEHs from approved provider as outlined in the Rules and Regulations, current background check, and passing score report for the Mississippi Jurisprudence Examination by issuing a new license number with a new issuance date once appropriate documents are submitted to the Executive Director, Dr. Etheridge seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Aye – Mr. Boose Aye – Dr. Etheridge Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford Absent for Vote – Dr. Strebeck

VII. Adjournment

A. The motion was made by Dr. Etheridge to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 pm. A second was provided by Mr. Boose. The vote was as follows:

Aye – Mr. Boose Aye – Dr. Etheridge Aye – Dr. Sallis
Aye – Mr. Stafford Aye – Dr. Strebeck

Dates for future meetings:

- Monday, October 12, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. – tele/video conference
- Friday, October 23, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. – Robert E. Lee Building
- Friday, November 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. – Robert E. Lee Building
- Friday, January 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. – Robert E. Lee Building

Approved this the ____23rd____ day of __October____, 2020.

/s/

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Board Chair

Board Member

ADDENDUM A

MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS				
APPLICATION REVIEW - EXECUTIVE SESSION				
Monday, September 28, 2020				
P-LPC Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Bakarich, Mary Malone	P-LPC		5	0
Bell, Tavoia Monique	P-LPC		5	0
Dubois, Joanna Adele	CONTINGENT	Sallis	5	0
Foster, Stacey J.	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
Goeglein, Emily Ruth	P-LPC		5	0
Hansen, Shontrice D	P-LPC		5	0
Hart, Emily Naneth	CONTINGENT		5	0
Jones, Ashuena Stenae	CONTINGENT		5	0
McBride, Mary Allen	CONTINGENT		5	0
Muruako, Adole Natasha	CONTINGENT		5	0
Nolan, Daniele Taylor	CONTINGENT		5	0
Nugent, Hannah Moreau	CONTINGENT		5	0
Warkentien, Gretchen Vondell	P-LPC		5	0
New Apps for Candidacy	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Shelton, Amy Sewell	DENIAL		5	0
Williams, Zachery Scott	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
P-LPC to Candidacy Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Aikens, Valerie Jonetta	CANDIDACY		5	0
Dent, Kenyatta Yamisse	CANDIDACY		5	0
Downs, Felicia Faye	CANDIDACY		5	0
Gilner, Sharie Andrea	CANDIDACY		5	0
James, Lawrence Patrick	CANDIDACY		5	0
Mason, Courtney Patrice	CANDIDACY		5	0
Nichols, Lula Bell	CANDIDACY		5	0
Parrish, Stephanie Lynn	CANDIDACY		5	0
Warkentien, Gretchen Vondell	CANDIDACY		5	0

New Apps for Comity	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Aalyn, Ramona Charisse	LICENSURE		5	0
Allen, Therese Marie	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0
Gallimore, Amy Horvath	LICENSURE		5	0
Henry, Branden Wayne	LICENSURE		5	0
Jackson, Aaron Hugh	LICENSURE		5	0
Knight, Rodney Braddock	LICENSURE		5	0
Miller, Paula Holmes	LICENSURE		5	0
Wade-Hampton, Veronica B	CONT'D REVIEW		5	0

New Apps for LPC-S	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Stiles, Laura Haines	LICENSURE		5	0

CR P-LPC Apps	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
White, Lywanda Roticia	CONTINGENT		5	0

CR Apps for LPC Candidacy	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Sumrall, Sonya McRaney	CANDIDACY		5	0

CR Apps for LPC-S	BOARD DECISION	ABSTENTION	YAYS	NAYS
Bruce, Tina Yolanda	LICENSURE		5	0
Hendree, Heather M	LICENSURE		5	0

MS BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

License Report to Board - September 28, 2020

Licensed Since Last Meeting - August 21, 2020	Issue Date	Lic Number	
Amber A. Bowman	9/21/2020	2619	
Kimberly Linne' Boyd	8/27/2020	2614	
Kimberly Nicole Harris McConico	9/1/2020	2616	
Mary K. Horton-Jones	8/24/2020	2612	
Anna Davis Mahaffey	9/1/2020	2617	
Sheerah Ayrr Neal	9/22/2020	2618	
Cathita Lynette Richardson	8/24/2020	2611	
Melani Ann Robles	8/27/2020	2615	
Gina Lauren Rollins	8/27/2020	2613	

Jonny Dean Berry	9/17/2020	P-0625	
Olivia Hope Blassingame	9/17/2020	P-0626	
Mattie Elizabeth Butler	8/27/2020	P-0619	
Ricky Lee Clayton	8/21/2020	P-0623	
Yeinil Melixa Guzman	8/21/2020	P-0618	
Brian Coleman Hilburn	8/27/2020	P-0622	
Nicole Ann Hymel	8/21/2020	P-0617	
Andy Franklin Johnston	9/17/2020	P-0627	
Silje Aadnesen Killen	8/21/2020	P-0620	
Amy McCary King	8/21/2020	P-0621	
Sandra Rives Monohan	8/21/2020	P-0616	
Katelyn Elizabeth Swinford	9/1/2020	P-0624	
Laurie Elizabeth Upchurch	9/17/2020	P-0628	
Deshel Stringfellow Valley	9/18/2020	P-0630	
Whitney Whites Cox	8/21/2020	LPC-S 414	
Hannah Monk Hawthorne	8/21/2020	LPC-S 413	
Kashanta Murphy Jackson	8/21/2020	LPC-S 415	
Anne Shields Lehman	8/21/2020	LPC-S 420	
Andrea Nichelle McMath	8/21/2020	LPC-S 416	
Lindy Marie Oswald	8/21/2020	LPC-S 417	
Kenneth A. Spansel	8/21/2020	LPC-S 418	
Maegan Johnston Tatum	8/21/2020	LPC-S 421	
Anthony J. Wood	8/21/2020	LPC-S 419	