

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

January 16, 2020
Minutes

Board Members Present

Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair, Congressional District-At-Large
Dr. Kimberly Elam Sallis, Congressional District I
Dr. Lynn Etheridge, Congressional District II
Steven Stafford, Congressional District III

Board Members Absent

Congressional District IV - Vacant

Others Present

Ken Walley, Board Attorney, Special Assistant Attorney General
LeeAnn Mordecai, Board Executive Director
Wade Manor, Attorney for Dr. Etheridge
Dr. Glenn Waller, Contract Investigator for the Board
Gloria Green, Hearing officer

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 9:02 a.m. by Dr. Richard Strebeck, Chair (“Chair”) on Thursday, January 16, 2020. The meeting was held in the Robert E. Lee Building, 239 North Lamar Street, 12th Floor, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. A roll call of Board members was taken and a quorum was present. A determination vote for an Executive Session may be called at any time during the meeting.

II. Board Operations

A. Minutes

- a. November 1, 2019 – meeting minutes were approved as submitted.
- b. November 6-8, 2019 – Mr. Stafford motioned to adopt the meeting minutes as amended, second by Dr. Sallis. Vote: 3-0-1 (Dr. Etheridge abstained)
- c. November 19, 2019 – meeting minutes were approved as submitted.
- d. November 22, 2019 – meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Financial

- A. Motion to approve travel for the meeting was made by Stafford, seconded by Dr. Sallis. Approved 3-0-1 (Dr. Etheridge recused herself).
- B. The Board reviewed the Cornerstone Consulting Invoice. No motion was needed because this invoice is a routine expense for accounting services
- C. Received update on ProsonITech invoice.
- D. Mr. Stafford motioned to replace office computers at a cost of no more than \$1200 each, seconded by Dr. Sallis. Approved 3-0-1 (Dr. Etheridge recused herself).
- E. The Board reviewed the FY 21 budget request. The primary difference is requesting an Administrative Assistance IV for Ms. Mordecai, which would facilitate office procedures and responding to licensee and constituent needs.

IV. Old Business

- A. The Board reviewed the Jurisprudence exam and made revisions. Ms. Mordecai will forward corrections to NBCC with a July 1, 2020 implementation date.
- B. The Board plans to submit a Call for Program for the Woodall Conference at Delta State University.
- C. Mr. Stafford motioned, seconded by Dr. Strebeck, to place a time limit on contingent status resolution, allowing an applicant 30 days from notification to fulfill contingency or else their status would change to continued review. Approved 3-0-1 (Dr. Etheridge recused herself).

V. Administrative Hearing – Dr. Lynn Etheridge (2018-52)

Administrative hearing could not be completed on January 16, 2020. A second day was scheduled for January 24, 2020.

VI. Closed Determination/Executive Session

At 3:34pm, upon motion made by Dr. Sallis, with a second by Mr. Stafford, the Board voted to go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session.

In the determination session, moved by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Dr. Sallis, that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session to discuss licensure applications, Board requests.

Upon exiting the Executive Session, the Board announced they reviewed applications for licensure.

Dr. Strebeck recessed the meeting until, January 17, 2020 at 9:00 am

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David Carpenter, LPC, Respondent
Nick Bain, Attorney for Mr. Carpenter
Gloria Green, Hearing officer
Stephanie Eaton, Complainant
Kassandra Decker
Tonya Carpenter

I. Call to order. 9:00am

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, January 17, 2020. The meeting was held in the Robert E. Lee Building, 239 North Lamar Street, 12th Floor, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. A roll call of Board members was taken and a quorum was present. A determination vote for an Executive Session may be called at any time during the meeting.

II. Agreed Order – David Carpenter (2018-48)

Dr. Sallis updated the Board regarding the Agreed Order for David Carpenter (2018-48). After hearing from Dr. Sallis, Mr. Carpenter, and Mr. Bain, Mr. Stafford motioned to acknowledge that Mr. Carpenter has not completed any aspect of the Agreed Order, Dr. Etheridge seconded the motion. Approved 3-0-1 (Dr. Sallis recused herself).

III. Closed Determination/Executive Session

At 10:20 a.m., upon motion made by Mr. Stafford, with a second by Dr. Sallis, the Board voted to go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session.

In the determination session, moved by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Dr. Etheridge, that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session to discuss Agreed Order 2018-48.

In Executive Session, Mr. Stafford motioned to enforce the terms of the agreed order that Mr. Carpenter's license is suspended until completion of terms of the agreed upon order. Dr. Etheridge seconded the motion. Approved 3-0-1 (Dr. Sallis recused herself).

Upon exiting the Executive Session at 10:26 a.m., the Board announced that Mr. Carpenter's LPC License is suspended until the terms of Agreed Order 2018-48 is completed.

IV. Administrative Hearing for David Carpenter (2019-18)

The Board conducted the Administrative Hearing.

At 6:25 p.m., upon motion made by Mr. Stafford, with a second by Dr. Etheridge, the Board voted to go into a closed determination session to establish the need for an Executive Session. (Dr. Sallis recused herself).

In the determination session, moved by Mr. Stafford, seconded by Dr. Etheridge, that the Board had reason to go into Executive Session to deliberate regarding 2019-18.

In Executive Session: clear and convincing evidence was presented that Mr. Carpenter employed two (2) former clients at his counseling practice and knowingly allowed an unlicensed person to practice counseling. Mr. Stafford motioned (1) to suspend Mr. Carpenter's License for 12 months and (2) not allow Mr. Carpenter to apply as an LPC-S for 5 years. Vote: 3-0

At 6:31 p.m., the Board exited Executive Session and announced that Mr. Carpenter's license is suspended for 12 months, he cannot apply as a Board Qualified Supervisor for 5 years, and was assessed costs for the administrative hearing and investigation.

V. Adjournment

Dr. Etheridge motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Sallis. Approved: 4-0

Approved this the 28th day of September, 2020.

/s/

Board Member

/s/

Board Member