

**Mississippi State Board of Examiners
for Licensed Professional Counselors**
Regularly Called Board Meeting

Roberts LaForge Library, Room #256
Cleveland, Mississippi

Thursday, February 29, 2024
Minutes

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 9:09 a.m. by Dr. Kimberly Sallis, Chair (“Chair”) on Thursday, February 29, 2024. The Board meeting was held in the Roberts LaForge Library at Delta State University, Room #256. A roll call of Board members was taken, 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
Dr. Anthony Bullock, Congressional District IV

OTHERS PRESENT

Ms. LeeAnn Mordecai, Executive Director, LPC Board
Ms. Alexis Morris, Special Assistant Attorney General via Zoom
Dr. B. J. Kimbrough, University of West Alabama, Graduate Dean
Dr. Tina Jones, University of West Alabama, Provost
Emily McInnis, University of West Alabama, Registrar
Alexis Reed, Applicant
Kristin Love, Hearing Officer
Melissa Burdine, Court Reporter via Zoom
Tremarcus Roseman, Attorney for via Zoom
Cristina Rhodes-Fleming, Applicant

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Ms. Kerri McKnatt, Congressional District II

II. Denial of Licensure Hearing 2024-07 (Alexis Reed)

Upon motion at 10:41 a.m. made by Dr. Windham with a second by Dr. Bullock, 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 4-0-1.

In the determination session, Dr. Bullock motioned, with a second by Dr. Windham, 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 4-0-1. The Board entered Executive Session at 10:44 a.m.

Upon motion by Dr. Windham, seconded by Dr. Sallis, the Board voted to deny request for licensure. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-2 Ms. McKnatt was absent, Dr. Strebeck abstained.

Upon motion by Dr. Strebeck, seconded by Dr. Windham, the Board resumed the regular session at 11:30 a.m. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Ms. McKnatt was absent.

The Board recessed.

III. Denial of Licensure Hearing 2024-08 (Christina Rhodes-Fleming)

Upon motion at 1:36 p.m. made by Dr. Windham with a second by Dr. Bullock, 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 4-0-1.

In the determination session, Dr. Windham motioned, with a second by Dr. Bullock, 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 4-0-1. The Board entered Executive Session at 1:38 p.m.

Upon motion by Dr. Windham, seconded by Dr. Sallis, the Board voted to deny request for licensure. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-2 Ms. McKnatt was absent, Dr. Strebeck abstained.

Upon motion by Dr. Strebeck, seconded by Dr. Windham, the Board resumed the regular session at 1:42 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Ms. McKnatt was absent.

The Board recessed for lunch and resumed at 3:30 p.m.

IV. Board Operations

- A. The Board met with CE Broker to explore options for licensees reporting continuing education. Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Bullock, to approve contact with CE Broker for licensees to report continuing education pending attorney review of the contract. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Ms. McKnatt was absent
- B. After reviewing and making corrections to the January 31, 2024 minutes, Dr. Bullock motioned, Dr. Windham seconded, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 4-0-1. Ms. McKnatt was absent
- C. After reviewing and making corrections to the November 20, 2023 minutes, Dr. Windham motioned, Dr. Bullock seconded, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 4-0-1. Ms. McKnatt was absent
- D. After reviewing and making corrections to the February 5, 2024 minutes, Dr. Windham motioned, Dr. Strebeck seconded, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried with a unanimous vote of 4-0-1. Ms. McKnatt was absent

V. Financial

- A. Dr. Windham motioned, Dr. Bullock seconded, to approve the travel for the meeting. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Ms. McKnatt was absent
- B. The Board reviewed the financial report.

VI. Executive Session

CLOSED DETERMINATION/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion at 5:10 p.m. p.m. made by Dr. Strebeck with a second by Dr. Bullock, 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 4-0-1.

In the determination session, Dr. Bullock motioned, with a second by Dr. Strebeck, 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 4-0-1.

2024-04: Upon the recommendation of Dr. Sallis, Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Bullock, to dismiss the complaint and refer the matter to the Social Work Board. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-2. Dr. Sallis abstained and Ms. McKnatt was absent.

2021-08: Upon recommendation of Dr. Strebeck, Dr. Windham motioned, Dr. Sallis seconded, to schedule an administrative hearing regarding the Board Order compliance. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-2. Dr. Strebeck abstained and Ms. McKnatt was absent.

2024-06: Upon recommendation of Dr. Strebeck, Dr. Bullock motioned, Dr. Windham seconded, to authorize formal action. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-2. Dr. Strebeck abstained and Ms. McKnatt was absent.

Dr. Bullock motioned, seconded by Dr. Windham, to edit the Board's Minutes to remove the name and place of business for cause number 2021-24. The motion carried with a vote of 3-0-2. Dr. Strebeck abstained and Ms. McKnatt was absent.

Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Bullock, to deny Ms. Diamond's request. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Ms. McKnatt was absent.

Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Bullock, to deny Ms. Walker's request. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Ms. McKnatt was absent.

Dr. Strebeck motioned, seconded by Dr. Bullock, to grant Ms. Andrena Powell's request for a hearing. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Ms. McKnatt was absent.

Dr. Bullock motioned, seconded by Dr. Sallis, to grant Ms. Tabatha Powell's request for a hearing. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Ms. McKnatt was absent.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Upon motion by Dr. Strebeck, seconded by Dr. Windham, the Board resumed the regular session at 6:08 p.m. The motion carried with a vote of 4-0-1. Ms. McKnatt was absent.

The Board announced the actions taken within the Executive Session.

VII. Adjournment

Dr. Sallis, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Approved this the 10th day of April, 2024

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Board Chair

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Board Member

Dates for future meetings:

- April 9-10, 2024 – Jackson, MS
- June 19, 2024 – 1:00 pm by teleconference
- August 14, 2024 – Jackson, MS
- September 26-27, Strategic Planning Meeting, Starkville, MS
- November 7, 2024 – The White House Hotel, Biloxi