



Mississippi Autism Board
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Regular Meeting
Mississippi Autism Board Meeting
July 15, 2022
Zoom
11:30 AM

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Mississippi Autism Board (“Board”) was called to order on Friday, July 15, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. by board member, Dr. Emily Johnson. The meeting took place via Zoom.

Board Members Present

Emily Thomas-Johnson, Ph.D. (Chair), Neelima Duncan, Ph.D., Kasee Stratton-Gadke, Ph.D., Krystal Thurman, Ed.D.(Secretary), and Sheila Williamson, Ph.D.

Others Present

Stacie Sharp (Board Administrator), Alexis Morris, Esq. (Board Attorney), and Jade Garrett.

Call to Order

Chair, Dr. Emily Johnson, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Recognition of Guests

Johnson recognized guests.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes was postponed to next meeting.

First Matter of business: Board Administrator Report

Johnson read the Board Administrator report prepared by Sharp. The Board’s financial report was submitted to the Governor’s Office. In fiscal year 2022, the Mississippi Autism Board met eight times and administered juris prudence six times. There are currently 150 Licensed

Behavior Analysts and there were 45 licensed in FY22. There are currently 11 Assistant Behavior Analysts and 2 were licensed in FY 22. There were 11 Temporary Licenses issued and 31 existing licenses were renewed. There were 328 behavior technician registrations processed in 2021. Currently, there are 290 registered. The Board has received seven complaints; one has gone through administrative hearing. Six remain under investigation.

Second Matter of Business: Executive Session

Williamson made a motion to enter Executive Session. Stratton-Gadke seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor. Stratton-Gadke made a motion to enter executive session to discuss oral examination results. Williamson seconded. All Board members were in favor. Johnson entered open session to announce the beginning of Executive Session. The Board entered Executive Session at 11:39 a.m. with the purpose to:

- To review test results that are exempt from public access

At 11:49 a.m., Duncan made a motion to move out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Stratton-Gadke with no discussion. Duncan, Johnson, Stratton-Gadke, Thurman, and Williamson were in favor. Guests were invited back into open session at 11:49 a.m. Johnson announced the decisions made in the Executive Session.

- Four passed. One application remains pending. Duncan recused from voting for license 220026.

Third Matter of Business: Results from Oral Examination

Based on the recommendation of the oral examination committee, Johnson presented the following for licensure approval as license behavior analyst or licenses assistant behavior analyst in the State of Mississippi (license number followed by name).

220026	Porter, Haley
220027	Loughman, Hong Nhung Thi
220028	Garrett, Jade
220029	Lankford, Montana

Fourth Matter of Business Executive Session: Investigation

A motion was made to enter closed session by Stratton-Gadke at 11:51 a.m. Williamson made motion to enter Executive Session to discuss investigation reports at 11:52 AM. Duncan seconded. All members were in favor. Johnson entered the open meeting and announced the start of Executive Session. Executive Session started at 11:53 AM.

- To review investigation reports

At 1:00 p.m., Stratton-Gadke made a motion to move out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Duncan with no discussion. Duncan, Johnson, Stratton-Gadke,

Thurman and Williamson were in favor. Guests were invited back into open session at 1:01 p.m. Johnson announced the actions discussed in the Executive Session.

Fifth Matter of Business: Investigative Reports

The Board determined the following action based on the investigative reports:

20213	Response will be sent to attorney.
20214	Closed without further action.
20215	Cease and Desist Order will be sent.
20216	Remains open.

New Complaints assigned to investigators.

20217
20218
20219

Sixth Matter of Business: Licensed Assistant Behavior Analyst License

Licensure extended for following licensed associate behavior analyst:

201011A Carmen Weir

Seventh Matter of Business: Annual Selection of Board Officers

The Mississippi Autism Board 2022-2023 Board Officers:

Chair – Dr. Emily Thomas-Johnson
Secretary – Dr. Krystal Thurman
CEU Chair – Dr. Neelima Duncan
RBT Registration Chair – Dr. Shelia Williamson

Eighth Matter of Business: Continuing Education Committee

CEs are due from 119 licensed behavior analysts. About 30 have not submitted. Duncan will send a reminder to submit continuing education forms. About 10 individuals have submitted for applications for the approval of fully online CEUs. Prior approval from the Board had not been requested. The ten individuals will be contacted.

Ninth Matter of Business: BAAMS Conference

Request has been made for the Board to attend and present. The Board will send board member(s) to talk to the group.

Tenth Matter of Business: 2023 Calendar – Regular Meeting Dates

January 20, 2023

March 24, 2023

May 19, 2023

July 21, 2023

September 15, 2023

November 10, 2023

Adjournment

Johnson adjourned the meeting at 1:17 p.m. Next meeting will take place September 16, 2022.