



Mississippi Autism Board  
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**Special Meeting**  
Mississippi Autism Board Meeting  
March 25, 2022  
Woolfolk Building

**MINUTES**

A Special Meeting of the Mississippi Autism Board (“Board”) was called to order on Friday, March 25, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. by board member, Dr. Emily Johnson. The meeting took place at the Woolfolk Building, 501 North West Street, Conference Center 117S, Jackson, MS.

**Board Members Present:** Emily 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), Avery Lee (Special Assistant to the Attorney General, MS Attorney General’s Office), Tasneem Conley

Meeting called at 11:30 a.m. All Board Members were present and quorum was met.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Stratton-Gadke made a motion to approve minutes of the January 21, 2022, meeting as submitted March 25, 2022; minor edits needed. Duncan seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the minutes from the last regular called board meeting on January 21, 2022 were approved.

**Board Administrator Report**

Sharp, Board administrator, discussed updated Behavior Technician Registration forms. Noted the success of the note of attestation of understanding. OLRC review took place on Wednesday, March 9, 2022. The revised Rules & Regulations are now final as filed with the Secretary of State.

**First Matter of Business: Executive Session**

Stratton-Gadke made a motion to enter Executive Session at 11:35 a.m. All were in favor. Thurman made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the review of oral exam results and to review investigations. Williamson seconded. Duncan recused herself from Executive Session. The Board entered Executive Session at 11:38 a.m. Johnson announced the beginning of Executive Session.

- To review test results that are exempt from public access
- To review Complaint 20212 Review
- To review Complaint 20213 Review

At 12:45 pm, Stratton-Gadke made a motion to move out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Thurman with no discussion. Gadke-Stratton, Johnson, Thurman, and Williamson voted in favor of leaving Executive Session. Guests were invited back into open session at 12:46 p.m. Johnson announced the decisions made in the Executive Session.

### **Second Matter of Business: Report of Oral Exam Committee**

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

The following individuals were recommended for licensure.

#### Licensed Behavior Analysts

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| • Keana Groves            | 220012 Pending Receipt of Additional Information |
| • Victoria Hutchison      | 220013   |
| • Jessica Britton Coleman | 220014   |
| • Jayme Snead             | 220015   |
| • Mariah Hodge            | 220016 Pending Receipt of Additional Information |
| • Evan Schneiderman       | 220017   |

All board members were in favor. The aforementioned licenses will be effective 03-25-2022 and expire 03-24-2025.

### **Third Matter: Complaint 20212**

Duncan recused. Presentation was made by Johnson pertaining to Complaint 20212. Motion to dismiss was made and seconded. Board members Stratton-Gadke, Williamson, and Thurman voted to dismiss the complaint.

### **Fourth Matter: Complaint 20213**

Duncan recused. Presentation was made by Williamson pertaining to Complaint 20213. Stratton-Gadke made a motion to move forward with formal notice and hearing. Johnson seconded. Johnson, Stratton-Gadke, and Thurman voted in favor.

Stratton-Gadke brought a motion to summarily suspend licensee of Complaint of 20213. Johnson seconded. Johnson, Stratton-Gadke, and Thurman voted in favor.

## **New Business: Rules and Regulations Revision & Legislative Update**

Suggested revisions provided in 2020 have been approved by OLRC. Additional revisions will be needed due to changes that have taken place since the initial revision request. Pre-licensure determination (Part 19 Chapter 17) has been added.

No significant changes to UROLA have been made. Live streaming component has died in committee.

Complaint 20214 and Complaint 20215 will be assigned for review.

The next MS Autism Board meeting will take place in person in Jackson, MS, on May 20, 2022. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m.