



Mississippi Autism Board
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Special Meeting

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November 18, 2022

Zoom

1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

A special Meeting of the Mississippi Autism Board (“Board”) was called to order on Friday, November 18, 2022, at 1:02 p.m. by board member, Dr. Emily Johnson. The meeting took place via Zoom online meeting platform.

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), Alexis Morris (Special Assistant to the Attorney General, MS Attorney General’s Office), Kayley Sanger, Ph.D., Jena Switzer, and Nhung Thi Loughman.

Meeting called at 1:02 p.m. All Board Members were present, and quorum was met.

Approval of Minutes:

Thurman made a motion to accept the minutes. Williamson seconded the motion. All board members were in favor. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

First Matter of Business: Board Administrator Report

Sharp reported the status of the Board website improvement. The Board is awaiting Secretary of State’s office to provide guidance for moving forward with ITS.

Second Matter of Business: Executive Session

Williamson made a motion to enter closed session to determine the need for Executive Session at 1:07 p.m. Stratton-Gadke made a motion to enter executive session for the review of oral examinations. Duncan seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor. The Board entered Executive Session at 1:10 p.m. Johnson announced the beginning of Executive Session.

- To review test results that are exempt from public access

At 1:19 pm, Williamson made a motion to move out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Duncan with no discussion. Stratton-Gadke, Johnson, Thurman, Duncan, and Williamson voted in favor of leaving Executive Session. Johnson announced the return to open session.

Third Matter of Business: Executive Session

At 1:23 PM, a motion was made to enter closed session to determine the need for Executive Session. All members were in favor. Williamson motioned to enter Executive Session to review the application of an assistant behavior analyst. Stratton-Gadke seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor. Johnson announced the beginning of Executive Session at 1:26 pm.

- To review application for Licensed Assistant Behavior Analyst.

Williamson made a motion to end Executive Session. Stratton-Gadke seconded with all in favor. The Board returned to open session at 1:28 pm.

Fourth Matter of Business: Executive Session

Williamson made motion to move into closed session to determine the need for Executive Session at 1:30 pm. All were in favor. Williamson motioned to move into Executive Session. Duncan seconded the motion. Duncan, Johnson, Stratton-Gadke, Thurman, and Williamson voted in favor of moving into Executive Session. Johnson announced the start of Executive Session at 1:34 p.m. for the purpose of:

- Review of investigation reports

Williamson made motion to leave executive session; Williamson seconded. Duncan, Johnson, Stratton-Gadke, Thurman, and Williamson voted in favor of leaving Executive Session. Johnson announced the return to open session at 1:44 p.m.

Fifth Matter of Business: Report of the Oral Examination Committee

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

Licensed Behavior Analyst

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| 220038 | Melissa Dean |
| 220039 | Lauren Nguyen |
| 220040 | Spencer Rudolph |
| 220041 | Lande Dowell |
| 220042 | Pending Receipt of Further Information |
| 220044 | Chasity Newman |
| 220045 | Mindy Fox |

220046 Denise Johnson
220047 Katherine Clay
220048 Maggie Griffith
220049 Claire Kennedy

Associate Behavior Analyst

201012A Brooke Edmonds

The aforementioned licenses will be valid from 11.18.2022 through 11.17.2025.

Sixth Matter of Business: Investigative Reports

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

20213 Investigation continuing.
20217 Closed without further action.
20218 Closed without further action.
20219 Closed without further action.

Seventh Matter of Business: Supervision Audit

Per Mississippi Autism Board Rules and Regulations 9.3 e, the Board will began auditing supervision records in November 2022. Notices of supervision audits were sent November 02, 2022. The BACB supervision checklist for supervisors and coordinators are being used to review the audit documentation. A request was submitted to the Board to extend the audit by two weeks. Stratton-Gadke motioned to maintain the supervision audit deadline unless extenuating circumstances have been presented. Williamson asked for the circumstances presented. Johnson read the request to Board members. Williamson seconded Stratton-Gadke's motion. All voted in favor to maintain the supervision audit deadline.

Adjournment

The next regular MS Autism Board meeting will take place in person in Jackson, MS, on January 20, 2022. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m.