



Mississippi Autism Board
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Special Called Meeting Meetings

May 19, 2023
Woolfolk Building
11:00 AM

A Special Called Meeting of the Mississippi Autism Board (“Board”) was called to order on Friday, May 19, 2023, at 11:02 a.m. by board member, Dr. Emily Johnson. The meeting took place in person at the Woolfolk Building.

Board Members Present: Emily Johnson, Ph.D. (Chair), Neelima Duncan, Ph.D., Kasee Stratton-Gakde, Ph.D., Krystal Thurman, Ed.D. (Secretary), and Sheila Williamson, Ph.D.

Others Present: Stacie Sharp (Board Administrator) and Alexis Morris (Special Assistant to the Attorney General, MS Attorney General’s Office)

Approval of Minutes:

Stratton-Gadke made a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting on 03.29.2023. Thurman seconded the motion. All board members were in favor. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

First Matter of Business: Executive Session

Williamson made a motion to enter closed session to determine the need for Executive Session at 11:05 a.m. All members were in favor.

Stratton-Gadke made a motion to enter executive session for the review of oral examinations and investigation reports. Williamson seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor. The Board entered Executive Session at 11:06 a.m. Johnson announced the beginning of the Executive Session.

- To review test results that are exempt from public access.
- To review investigative reports and procedures

At 11:18 a.m., Williamson made a motion to move out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Duncan with no discussion. Johnson, Thurman, Duncan, Stratton-Gadke, and Williamson voted in favor of leaving Executive Session. Johnson announced the return to open session.

Second 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

220070	Jessica Moore
220071	Jenna Lewis
220072	Eva Herrera
220073	Jeanette Gramm

The aforementioned licenses will be valid from 05.19.2023 through 05.19.2026.

Third Matter of Business: Investigative Report and Procedures

The Board determined the following action based on the summary of investigation reports:

20213 Reviewer allowed more time to gather information.
20201 Information will be requested; 30-day response will be allowed.
20202 Information will be requested; 30-day response will be allowed.
20203 Information will be requested; 30-day response will be allowed.

Fourth Matter of Business: Rules and Regulations Review

Morris provided updates on Part 3301 Chapter 18: Declaratory Opinions for all public boards. Boards should familiarize and utilize the rules and regulations. Stratton-Gadke made a motion to amend the MAB rules and regulations to include the updated Declaratory Opinion. Williamson seconded. All Board members voted in favor.

Williamson motioned to amend MAB Rules and Regulations Rule 9. Stratton-Gadke seconded. All Board members voted in favor.

Duncan made a motion to amend MAB Rules and Regulations Rule 6. Williamson seconded. All Board members voted in favor.

Fifth Matter of Business: CE Waiver

CE waiver requests received by the Board were discussed.

Sixth Matter of Business: Reimbursement Request

Duncan motion to approve travel expenses for this special called board meeting including lodging and mileage. Stratton-Gadke approved. All Board members voted in favor.

Sixth Matter of Business: Title in Practice

Job titles used in practice were discussed.

Adjournment

The next Special Called MS Autism Board meeting will take place in person in Jackson, MS, on July 21, 2023. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 12:24 p.m.