



Mississippi Autism Board
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Regular Meeting Agenda
January 20, 2023
ZOOM
10:30 AM

A Regular Meeting of the Mississippi Autism Board (“Board”) was called to order on Friday, January 20, 2023, at 10:32 a.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., Krystal Thurman, Ed.D. (Secretary), and Sheila Williamson, Ph.D.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Williamson made a motion to accept the minutes with minor edits. Duncan 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 and discussed the host location of the website. Every public entity is now required to have their own firewall. MAB website will have its own firewall. Lists from old website were removed and work is taking place to manually add the information back to the existing website, which is standing until the new website is introduced.

Second Matter of Business: Executive Session

Williamson made a motion to enter closed session to determine the need for Executive Session at 10:39 a.m. All members were in favor.

Williamson made a motion to enter executive session for the review of oral examinations and investigation reports. Duncan seconded the motion. All Board members were in favor. The Board entered Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. Johnson announced the beginning of Executive Session.

- To review test results that are exempt from public access.
- To review of investigation reports.

At 10:54 a.m., Williamson made a motion to move out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Duncan with no discussion. Johnson, Thurman, Duncan, and Williamson voted in favor of leaving Executive Session. Johnson announced the return to open session.

Third 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

220050	Approved upon fulfillment of requirements
220051	Chris Ewing
220052	Sarah Jones

The aforementioned licenses will be valid from 1.20.2023 through 1.19.2026.

Fourth Matter of Business: Investigative Reports

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

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Fifth Matter of Business: Supervision Audit

Per Mississippi Autism Board Rules and Regulations 9.3 e, the Board began auditing supervision records in November 2022. Williamson discussed best practice for evaluating supervision audits and sought clarification for the approach to findings from the audits. For alignment with approach to CEU audits, Williamson will seek integrity checks of the review results. Board members discussed processes and standards for notifying supervisors of the audit results. Williamson sought Board members understanding of BACB regulations for first year practice of BCBAs.

Sixth Matter of Business: Announcements

Johnson has reached out to Lt. Governor Delbert Hosemann's office to notify of the upcoming Board appointments needed before June 2023.

The MAB website is still serving until the new one is unveiled. Johnson requested all Board members report any CEs that may be available so they can be advertised on the website.

Adjournment

The next Special Called MS Autism Board meeting will take place in person in Jackson, MS, on March 24, 2023. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.