



Mississippi Autism Board
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Regular Meeting
November 14, 2025
Zoom Meeting
11:30 AM

A Regular Meeting of the Mississippi Autism Board (“Board”) was called to order on Friday, November 14, 2025 at 11:32 AM. by board chair, Dr. Neelima Duncan. The meeting took place virtually via Zoom.

Board Members Present: Neelima Duncan, Ph.D. (Chair), Christopher Furlow, Ph.D., Mark Garrett Yeager, Kasee Stratton-Gadke, Ph.D., and absent was Krystal Thurman, Ed.D.

Others Present: Stacie Sharp (Board Administrator) and Phillips Strickland (Special Assistant Attorney General, MS Attorney General’s Office), John J. Kennedy (Guest)

Motion to Approve Minutes of September 19, 2025.

Duncan – Motioned to approve
Stratton-Gadke - Seconded
Unanimous Vote

Board Administrator Report

Has not heard from OLRC regarding rule change submission. Action will be taken upon receipt of new information. Requested all score sheets be sent to office even though results have been registered. Asked Board to consider doing a newsletter to go to all licensees.

Motion to enter closed session to determine the need enter Executive Session

Duncan – motioned
Stratton-Gadke - seconded
Unanimous Vote

Motion to Enter Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing oral examinations under Miss Code Ann. § 73-52-1(1), (2), & (3) (test questions and results are exempt from public access).

Duncan - motioned
Stratton-Gadke - seconded

Unanimous Vote

Motion to Exit Executive Session:

Duncan - motioned

Yeager - seconded

Unanimous Vote

Motion to approve for Licensure (based on the Report/Recommendation from Exam Committee) upon completion of all requirements for licensure:

Duncan – motioned

Yeager - seconded

Unanimous Vote

Licensed Behavior Analyst

251048	Tempestt Johnson
251050	Krishna Vaddepalli
251055	Kandyse Christopher
251056	Sydney Bearden
251057	Kirstin Schlichting
251058	Katherine Peatross
251059	Sadie Roush
251060	Chloe DeVaughn
251061	Shavvone Williams
251062	Brooke Paben
251063	Alyssa Brumley
251064	Ellyssa Moore
251065	Daena Hearon
251066	Bridgett Davis
251067	Amber Bailey
251068	Michael Stack
251069	Josephine Lee
251070	Beatriz Scroggins
251071	Bethann Paul

The aforementioned licenses are valid 11.14.2025 – 11.14.2028.

Motion to enter closed session to determine the need enter Executive Session:

Duncan – motioned

Furlow - seconded

Unanimous Vote

Motion to Enter Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing investigative reports under Miss Code Ann. § 25-41-7(4)(d): investigative proceedings by any public body regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law:

Duncan - motioned

Furlow - seconded

Unanimous vote

Motion to approve AG's recommendation to move forward with an administrative hearing for case numbers: 241118 and 250605, individually; send letters of admonishment to case numbers: 250603, 250604 and 250606 then close.

Stratton-Gadke - motioned

Duncan - seconded

Unanimous Vote

Motion to Exit Executive Session:

Duncan - motioned

Yeager - seconded

Unanimous vote

Investigative Report and Procedures:

The Board determined the following action:

241118 – send notice of administration hearing

250602 - warning notification letter

250603 – warning notification letter

250604 – warning notification letter

250605 – send notice of administrative hearing

250606 – warning notification letter

261230 – Board will file complaint for investigation

Motion to audit fifteen percent of all RBTs at random selection with a two-week submission deadline.

Stratton-Gadke - Motioned

Yeager - Seconded

Unanimous vote

MAB board members reported on presentations and questions received at BAAMS. The Board will craft responses where possible to make publicly available on website where appropriate

Adjournment:

A regular meeting will take place virtually on January 16, 2026. Duncan adjourned the meeting at 12:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacie Sharp
Executive Director