



Mississippi Autism Board
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Regular Meeting Meetings

July 21, 2023
Woolfolk Building, 117S
12:30 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Mississippi Autism Board (“Board”) was called to order on Friday, July 21, 2023, at 12:43 p.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., Krystal Thurman, Ed.D. (Secretary), and Sheila Williamson, Ph.D.

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

Motion to approve the minutes from 05.19.23:

Duncan – motion
Johnson - seconded
Unanimous Vote

Board administrator report:

Sharp provided FY23 updates: 55 applications received; 38 licenses granted; 10 complaints received; 395 Registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs) registered.

Motion to enter Closed Session:

Williamson - motioned
Unanimous Vote

Motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing investigative proceedings by any public body regarding allegations of misconduct or violation of law under Mississippi Code Annotated section 25-41-7(d)

Williamson – motioned
Duncan - seconded
Unanimous Vote

Motion to Exit Executive Session:

Williamson - motioned
Duncan - 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) and applications for licensed assistant behavior analysts

Johnson - motioned session
Williamson - seconded
Unanimous Vote

Motion to approve for Licensure (based on the Report/Recommendation from Exam Committee):

Johnson – motioned
Williamson – seconded
Unanimous Vote
Duncan - abstained from voting for 220079

Licensed Behavior Analyst

220074	Pending further action
220075	Cook, Victoria
220076	Hanna, Veronica
220077	Day, Skylar
220078	Ribeiro, Aurelia
220079	Turner, Christa
220080	Reyes, Tia
220081	Ellsworth, Cynthia
220082	Perkins, Traci Ann

Licensed Assistant Behavior Analyst

201014A	Leake, Tracy
201013A	Privett, Sharon

The aforementioned licenses are valid 07.21.2023 - 07.20.2026.

Motion to Exit Executive Session:

Williamson - motioned
Duncan – seconded
Unanimous Vote

Investigative Report and Procedures:

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

20213 Closed.
20220 Assigned to investigator.
20221 Assigned to investigator.
20222 Assigned to investigator.
20223 Assigned to investigator.
20224 Assigned to investigator.

Motion to accept Rule 7.5 Investigation Updates:

Williamson - motioned
Duncan seconded
Unanimous Vote

2024 Board Meeting Schedule Approved:

Required regular meetings:

January 19, 2024
July 19, 2024

Special called meetings:

March 22, 2024
May 17, 2024
September 20, 2024
November 15, 2024

CE Report:

Duncan reported continuing education report - 198 BCBA; 112 in compliance; 42 non-compliant; 44 no longer practicing in Mississippi. Non-compliant LBAs have been notified.

Adjournment:

The next Special Called MS Autism Board meeting will take place virtually on September 15, 2023. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.