



Mississippi Autism Board  
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### **Special Called Meeting**

November 15, 2024

Zoom Meeting

11:30 PM

A Special Called Meeting of the Mississippi Autism Board (“Board”) was called to order on Friday, November 15, 2024, at 11:31 p.m. 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 Krystal Thurman, Ed.D.

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

#### **Motion to Approve Minutes of September 20 , 2024.**

Stratton-Gadke – Motioned to approve with modification to include case number  
Furlow - Seconded  
Unanimous Vote

#### **Board Administrator Report**

Online application process and photo upload is operating smoothly.

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

Duncan – motioned  
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.**

Duncan - motioned  
Stratton-Gadke - seconded  
Unanimous Vote

**Motion to Exit Executive Session:**

Duncan - motioned  
Stratton-Gadke - seconded  
Unanimous Vote

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

Duncan – motioned  
Unanimous Vote

**Motion to Exit Executive Session:**

Duncan - motioned  
Stratton-Gadke - 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

241035	John Kennedy
241036	Yocheved Wasserman
241037	Meredith Staggers
241039	Kimberly Vincent
241040	Lakeisha Winston
241041	Barbara Espinosa

The aforementioned licenses are valid 11.15.2024 – 11.14.2027.

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

Duncan – motioned  
Stratton-Gadke – seconded  
Unanimous vote

Licensed Assistant Behavior Analyst

242005	Ashonti Nelson
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The aforementioned license is valid 11.15.2024 – 11.14.2027.

**Motion to approve for licensure upon remediation.**

Garret – motioned  
Stratton-Gadke - seconded  
Unanimous Vote

241038 License pending remediation

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

Duncan – motioned  
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 file a cease-and-desist letter on cause 241115 with a due date of January 15, 2025.**

Duncan - motioned  
Furlow - seconded  
Unanimous vote

**Motion to assign cease and desist order in cause 241116 with a due date of January 15, 2025.**

Duncan - motioned  
Furlow - seconded  
Unanimous vote

**Motion to initiate investigate in cause 241117 with a due date of January 15, 2025.**

Duncan - motioned  
Thurman – seconded  
Unanimous vote

**Motion to initiate a formal complaint in cause 241118 with a due date of January 15, 2025.**

Thurman – motioned  
Furlow – seconded  
Unanimous vote

**Motion to Exit Executive Session:**

Duncan - motioned  
Stratton-Gadke - seconded  
Unanimous vote

**Investigative Report and Procedures:**

The Board determined the following action:

241115 - assigned  
241116 - assigned  
241117 - assigned  
241118 - assigned

**BACB Changes in RBT Requirements:**

Procedures have been modified.

**Updates to Current Rules and Regulations:**

Reviewed rules and regulations.

**Adjournment at 3:02 PM.**

A regular meeting will take place virtually on January 17, 2025.