



Mississippi Autism Board
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Regular Meeting
January 17, 2025
Zoom Meeting
10:30 AM

A Special Called Meeting of the Mississippi Autism Board (“Board”) was called to order on Friday, January 17, 2025, at 10:31 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 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 November 15, 2024.

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

Board Administrator Report

LMS updates provided to board. Updates to new platform were highlighted. CE Reporting section was reviewed.

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.

Stratton-Gadke - motioned
Furlow - 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
Furlow - seconded
Unanimous Vote

Licensed Behavior Analyst

251000	Laura Arcuri
251001	Alison Thompson
251003	Olivia Franklin
251004	Ronte Johnson

The aforementioned licenses are valid 1.17.2025 – 1.16.2028.

Motion to approve BCaBA.

Duncan – motioned
Stratton-Gadke – seconded
Unanimous vote

252000	Approved pending background check completion
252001	Approved pending background check completion

The aforementioned licenses are valid 1.17.2025 – 1.16.2028.

Motion to approve for licensure upon remediation.

Garret – motioned
Stratton-Gadke - seconded
Unanimous Vote

251002 License pending with 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 close cause 241116

Duncan - motioned
Yeager - 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 - remains under investigation
241116 - closed
241117 - remains under investigation
241118 - remains under investigation

BACB Changes in RBT Designation:

BCBA has updated RBT designation. Board administrator will provide support to those with inquiries.

Updates to Current Rules and Regulations:

Additional consideration provided to add to rules and regulations.

Adjournment

A regular meeting will take place virtually on March 21, 2025. Duncan adjourned the meeting at 11:27 AM .