



Mississippi Autism Board
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Special Meeting
September 19, 2025
Zoom Meeting
11:00 AM

A Regular Meeting of the Mississippi Autism Board (“Board”) was called to order on Friday, September 19, 2025 at 11:02 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) and Phillips Strickland (Special Assistant Attorney General, MS Attorney General’s Office)

Motion to Approve Minutes of July 18, 2025.

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

Board Administrator Report

Board administrator sent communications to all licensed ABAs and LBAs. Working to identify correct email addresses for RBTs. Has not heard from OLRC regarding rule change submission. Action will be taken upon receipt of new information.

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).

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

251042	Katelyn Sessums
251044	Holly Marks
251045	Maxwell Lee Allen
251047	Jessica Gravel
251049	Gabrielle Lewis-Thomas
251051	Jordan Madsen
251052	Erica Thomas-Hill
251053	Jamie Moss
251054	Raissa Sanchez Ortega
251055	Kellie Morrissey

The aforementioned licenses are valid 09.19.2025 – 09.18.2028.

Motion to approve for licensure upon remediation:

Thurman – motioned
Duncan - seconded
Unanimous Vote

251046	Pass with remediation
251048	Pass with remediation

Motion to retest applicants:

Thurman – motioned
Duncan - seconded
Unanimous Vote

One applicant did not pass.

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 approve AG's recommendation to move forward with an injunction. Case numbers: 260801, 260802, 260803 & 260804

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 - remains under investigation
250201 – closed
250602 – remains under investigation
250603 – remains under investigation
250604 – remains under investigation
250605 – send notice of administrative action
250606 – remains under 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 will attend the BAAMS conference on November 6-7. Board members will prepare to speak on a panel and provide a separate session.

Adjournment:

A regular meeting will take place virtually on November 14, 2025. Duncan adjourned the meeting at 12:42 PM .