



Mississippi Autism Board
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Special Called Meeting

May 9, 2025
Zoom Meeting
1:00 PM

A Special Called Meeting of the Mississippi Autism Board (“Board”) was called to order on Friday, May 9, 2025, at 1:00 PM. 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 March 21, 2025.

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

Board Administrator Report

Board administrator announced a new office location. Reminded board members to complete conflict of interest as requested. No information has been provided in relation to the rules and regulations edits previously suggested. Reminded board that jurisprudence exams is required for all examinees, regardless of licensure status in other states.

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

Furlow - seconded
Unanimous Vote

Motion to Exit Executive Session:

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

Licensed Behavior Analyst

251014	Angus, Kristina
251015	Hewes, Ashton
251016	Hodum, Hailey
251017	Hutson, Katie
251018	Moody, Baleigh
251019	Masterson, Brandee
251020	Wallar, Laken
251022	Walley, Madeline
251025	Sanchez, Paige

The aforementioned licenses are valid 05.09.2025 – 05.08.2028.

Motion to approve for licensure upon remediation:

Stratton-Gadke – motioned
Furlow - seconded
Unanimous Vote

251021 License with remediation
251023 Pending with remediation

Motion to retest applicant:

Duncan – motioned
Stratton-Gadke - 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 Close Investigations:

241115 - closed with educational letter to be sent
241117 - closed with educational letter to be sent

Stratton-Gadke 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:

241118 - remains under investigation

250201 – remains under investigation

Motion to undertake audit of ten percent at random selection of registered behavior technicians for the purpose of ensuring compliance outlined in Miss Code Ann. § 73-75-23 Duty to Register RBTs and Mississippi Autism Board Rules and Regulations (9)(3)(e) Supervision Requirements.

Duncan - Motioned

Stratton-Gadke - Seconded

Unanimous vote

Adjournment:

A regular meeting will take place virtually on July 18, 2025. Duncan adjourned the meeting at 2:04 PM .