



Mississippi Autism Board  
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**Regular Meeting**  
January 16, 2026  
Zoom Meeting  
11:30 AM

A Regular Meeting of the Mississippi Autism Board (“Board”) was called to order on Friday, January 16, 2026, at 11:31 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, Krystal Thurman, Ed.D., and absent was Kasee Stratton-Gadke, Ph.D.

**Others Present:** Stacie Sharp (Board Administrator) and Phillips Strickland (Special Assistant Attorney General, MS Attorney General’s Office)

**Motion to Approve Minutes of November 14, 2025 with amendment**

Yeager - approved  
Furlow - seconded  
Unanimous Vote

**Board Administrator Report**

Background reports are experiencing quick turnaround of approximately 10 days. Question was fielded around practice of diagnosing autism. Inquiry was delivered to the Psychology Board for response.

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

Duncan – motioned  
Thurman - 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).**

Furlow - motioned  
Yeager - seconded

Unanimous Vote

**Motion to Exit Executive Session:**

Furlow - 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:**

Furlow – motioned  
Duncan - seconded  
Unanimous Vote

Licensed Behavior Analyst

251073	Lada Wobensmith
261000	Brittany Wright Farrell
261001	Connie Green
261002	Hannah Schneider
261003	Marisela Aguilar
261004	Erin Byers
261005	Madilyn Poolson

The aforementioned licenses are valid 1.16.2026 – 1.16.2029.

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

Duncan – motioned  
Furlow - seconded  
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: close case 24118 with no further action and motion to continue hearing for case 250605 on March 20, 2026, and amend the complaint to include underlying charges.**

Duncan - motioned

Furlow - seconded  
Unanimous Vote

**Motion to Exit Executive Session:**

Duncan - motioned  
Yeager - seconded  
Unanimous vote

**Investigative Report and Procedures:**

The Board determined the following actions:

241118 – closed  
250605 – continue hearing and amend the complaint to include underlying charges  
2611230 – awaiting response

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting:**

Duncan – motioned  
Furlow – seconded  
Unanimous vote

**Adjournment:**

A regular meeting will take place virtually on March 20, 2026. Duncan adjourned the meeting at 12:09 PM.