



Mississippi Autism Board  
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**Special Meeting -  
by Phone**  
April 6, 2018  
3:30PM  
Phone Meeting  
401 Mississippi Street  
Jackson, MS 39201

### **Minutes**

A meeting of the Mississippi Autism Board (“Board”) was called to order on April 6, 2018, at 3:35pm. by Chairman, James Moore.

**Present:** Jim Moore (Chairman), Emily Johnson (Board Member), Sheila Williamson (Board Member), Kasee Stratton (Secretary, Board Member), Nicole Boyd (Board Member) and Anna Moak (Senior Counsel, Secretary of State)

### **First Matter of Business**

The first matter of business brought by the Board, included Old Business with regard to the discussion of the merger with the Board of Psychology (BOP). Jim Moore and Emily Johnson attended the Board of Psychology Meeting on the morning of April 6, 2018. They shared that an MOU has been developed and we are looking at a July 1, 2019 merger date. The Board of Psychology approved the MOU as submitted. Board of Psychology is transitioning administratively and thought that taking on the MS Autism Board would be more of a burden as well this year. Moving forward in the next six to eight-months prior to the merge, both Boards will begin advance work regarding what administrative roles the SOS office currently process for our Board. Board members reassured the BOP that we are only asking them to take on what our SOS staff are currently doing. We will continue to regulate our profession as the ABA Board. A request was made by the BOP to have a member attend the Board of Psychology meetings to allow for coordination and reporting as we move closer to the merge. Anna and Secretary Hoseman will review the MOU and make sure no concerns are noted.

Moore made a motion to execute the MOU once it has reached its final form agreed upon by the board. Johnson seconded and no discussion followed. All in favor. Motion passed.

Boyd made a motion for the meeting to be closed to determine if we should declare an executive session. All were in favor. Boyd then made a motion to move into executive session at 3:43pm and Williamson seconded. Moak remained on the conference call line and noted closing the public meeting room door indicating executive session is closed to the public.

The motion passed unanimously. The Board then closed the open meeting and excused guests to discuss investigative reports.

Stratton made a motion to exit executive session at 4:25pm, Boyd seconded. No discussion and the motion passed with all in favor. Stratton made a motion to return to open session at 4:26pm and Boyd seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. All guests were invited back into open session and Moak returned to the line.

### **Second Matter of Business**

Moore reported three cases that have been received for investigation. During executive session the Board agreed to send letters of inquiry and clarification regarding licensure laws in Mississippi to Investigative 18004 and 18006, and the Board asked the chair to contact the AG's office regarding 18005.

### **Third Matter of Business**

The third matter of business regarded New Business. Moore provided information regarding some inconsistency in renewal for CEU that will need to be discussed at a future meeting and asked all members to review forms. Moore also provided an updated on the status of changes to our Rules and Regulations. Chairman Moore will send back to Commission to note that it has been sent through public comment.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:33 p.m., Williamson seconded. The motion passed with all in favor and no discussion.