



Mississippi Autism Board
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Regular Meeting
July 19, 2024
Zoom Meeting
12:30 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Mississippi Autism Board (“Board”) was called to order on Friday, July 19, 2024, at 12:32 p.m. 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, and Kasee Stratton-Gadke, Ph.D.

Others Present: Stacie Sharp (Board Administrator) and Alexis Morris (Special Assistant Attorney General, MS Attorney General’s Office) and Guests, Emily Johnson, Ph.D. and Nicki Kopp

Motion to Approve Minutes of May 17, 2024.

Stratton-Gadke – Motioned
Furlow - Second
Unanimous Vote

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
Yeager - seconded
Unanimous Vote

Motion to enter Closed Session:

Duncan - motioned
Unanimous Vote

Motion to enter Open Session:

Duncan - motioned
Furlow - seconded
Unanimous Vote

Motion to enter closed session to determine the need to enter Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing investigation:

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:

Stratton-Gadke - motioned
Furlow - 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:

Stratton-Gadke – motioned
Furlow - seconded
Unanimous Vote

Licensed Behavior Analyst

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| 241017 | Haley Toups |
| 241018 | Frances Huff |
| 241019 | Madilyn Moncrief |
| 241020 | Gretchen Williams |
| 241021 | Jasmine Sorrell |
| 241022 | Alexandra Key |
| 241023 | Katherine Drummond |
| 241024 | Lauren Michelle Peak |
| 241025 | Meleah Ackley |

241026 Breonia O’Neal

Licensed Assistant Behavior Analyst

242003 Kristina Angus

The licenses are valid 7.19.2024 – 7.19.2027.

Motion to deny request by applicant to reinstate application as “active” past the 6-month active period after no response from the Board for two exam cycles:

Stratton-Gadke – motioned

Yeager – second

Unanimous vote

Board Administrator Report:

Newly appointed Board Members Christopher Furlow, Ph.D. and Mark “Garrett” Yeager were welcomed to the Board. LMS development continues. Meeting and examination dates for 2025 were proposed and adopted as follows:

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| January 17, 2025 | Regular Meeting |
| March 21, 2025 | Special Called Meeting |
| May 9, 2025 | Special Called Meeting |
| July 18, 2025 | Regular Meeting |
| September 19, 2025 | Special Called Meeting |
| November 14, 2025 | Special Called Meeting |

Motion to Elect Christopher Furlow, Ph.D. as the Continuing Education Coordinator and Garrett Yeager as the RBT Coordinator, effective immediately:

Duncan – Motioned

Stratton-Gadke – Second

Unanimous Vote

New Business: No motions were needed or taken as the Board introduced the topic of reviewing processes for administration of Oral Jurisprudence Examinations.

Adjournment

A special meeting will take place virtually on September 20, 2024. Duncan adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.