

## 2015 Mississippi Autism Board- Special Meeting

### MINUTES

July 24, 2015

A second, special meeting of the Mississippi Autism Board (“Board”) was called to order on Friday July 24, 2015, at 11:15 a.m. at the Secretary of State’s Office in the Heber Ladner Building, 401 Mississippi Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

**Attendees:** Kasee Stratton - Secretary, James Moore - Chairman, Nicole Boyd, Emily Johnson, Glenda Hooks – Mississippi Occupational Therapy Society, Mississippi Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann, Preston Goff – Assistant Secretary of State, Mississippi Secretary of State, Nathan Upchurch – Legislative Director, Mississippi Secretary of State, and Curtis Anders – Staff Attorney, Mississippi Secretary of State

#### Welcome and Introduction

Dr. James Moore, Chairman, provided opening remarks and welcomed guests in attendance. The Secretary of State’s office was thanked for their continued support to the Board.

#### First Matter of Business

The first matter of business brought by the Board regarded approval of the July 10, 2015 Board meeting minutes. A motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Stratton to accept the minutes as presented. The Board then unanimously passed the motion.

#### Second Matter of Business

The second matter of business brought by the Board regarded approval of the website design and the Board’s logo and letterhead. A motion was made by Boyd to accept the logo and letterhead. The floor then opened for discussion. A concern was noted by Johnson regarding the Board logo reflecting autism and a lack of professionalism when compared to other seals/logos in the state. Johnson proposed using the state seal and a tagline for licensing behavior analysts. A motion was made by Stratton to approve the tagline for letterhead and website as *Mississippi Licensing Board for the Practice of Behavior Analysis*. The motion was seconded by Boyd and then unanimously passed.

#### Third Matter of Business

The third matter of business brought by the Board was to approve the Board logo. A motion was made by Boyd to remove the puzzle pieces and replace the logo with the State of Mississippi Seal with *Autism Board* on top on the seal, and *State of Mississippi* on the bottom. The board then unanimously passed the motion.

#### **Fourth Matter of Business**

The fourth matter of business brought by the Board regarded approval of the proposed website. A motion was made by Boyd to accept the following points and seconded by Stratton. All members unanimously agreed to the following changes:

- Apply updated seal rather than logo, as approved in Third Matter of Business
- Add tagline, *Mississippi Licensing Board for the Practice of Behavior Analysis*, where appropriate, as approved in Second Matter of Business.
- Change listing of Behavior Analysts to a PDF file.
- Add the following to the “About Mississippi Autism Board” webpage: “Provide for the licensure and regulation of the practice of applied behavior analysis and related purposes in the State of Mississippi.”
- For the Licensure page, add the following: “Must meet all requirements as listed in the statute and Rules and Regulations.”
- Use Adobe to allow all forms to be filled out then mailed in after signature.

#### **Fifth Matter of Business**

The fifth matter of business brought to the Board was to review the draft Rules and Regulations. Preston Goff was asked to provide insight given the recent Supreme Court decision delivered in *North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners v. the Federal Trade Commission*. The Board reviewed the Rules and Regulations page-by-page and Moore made a motion to table approval of Rules and Regulations until the next meeting of the Board. The motion was then seconded by Stratton, and subsequently unanimously passed.

#### **Sixth Matter of Business**

The sixth matter of business brought to the Board was the approval of all application forms, continuing education forms, and the like. Moore made a motion to table discussion of all forms until the next meeting of the Board, pending approval of the Rules and Regulations. This motion was seconded by Stratton and subsequently unanimously passed.

#### **New Business**

No new business was brought to the Board.

#### **Conclusion of the Meeting**

In closing, Chairman Moore thanked everyone for today’s progress. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:58pm.