

**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
JULY 18, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Claude Brunson, M.D. Jackson, President
J. Ann Rea, M.D., Secretary, Columbus, Vice President
David W. McClendon, Jr., M.D., Ocean Springs, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT:

Stan T. Ingram, Complaint Counsel for the Board
Heather P. Wagner, Special Assistant Attorney General
Kenneth Cleveland, Executive Director
Mike Lucius, Deputy Director
Rhonda Freeman, Director, Licensure Division
Leslie Ross, Director of Investigations
Jonathan Dalton, Investigations Supervisor
Frances Carrillo, Staff Officer

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure met on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Office of the Board located at 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Jackson, Mississippi.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY JERRY ADKINS, M.D., D'IBERVILLE, MS
MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER: 04305**

Dr. Adkins joined the meeting and was not represented by legal counsel. Dr. Adkins executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Following introductions, Dr. Brunson advised Dr. Adkins he had been invited to discuss his practice as a Medical Director for a Spa/IV infusion business located in Biloxi and D'Iberville, Mississippi. Both locations were operated by non-medical personnel regarding treatment of patients in ordering infusions, prescribing medications and record keeping.

Following questions, a motion was made by Dr. Rea, seconded by Dr. McClendon and carried to close the meeting to consider whether to enter into executive session on this matter.

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A motion was made by Dr. McClendon, seconded by Dr. Rea and carried that the Executive Committee enter into executive session to discuss investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violations of law by Licensee.

Upon a motion by Dr. Rea seconded by Dr. Brunson and carried the Executive Committee came out of executive session at which time Dr. Miles asked Dr. McClendon to report on its decision. Dr. McClendon reported that the Executive Committee will recommend to the Board to refer Dr. Adkins to CPEP for a competency evaluation. Dr. Adkins is to follow all of the recommendations made by CPEP. Dr. Adkins has six (6) months to complete this CPEP evaluation.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY STEVEN SHAPIRO, M.D., LAUREL, MS MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER: 15101

Dr. Shapiro joined the meeting and was represented by legal counsel, Barry Cockrell. Dr. Shapiro executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Following introductions, Dr. Brunson advised Dr. Shapiro he had been invited to discuss his signage and advertising presenting Dr. Shapiro as a Dermatologist.

Part 2635 Chapter 12: Physician Advertising, Rule 12.3 E(6), states that no physician may hold him or herself out as a specialist in a particular field unless that physician: . . . has either, (i) completed a residency program recognized by the ACGME. It was determined Dr. Shapiro had not completed the required training to call himself a Dermatologist.

Dr. Shapiro answered questions by the Board regarding the signage and advertisement. Following discussion and questions, Dr. Shapiro agreed to change the signage and advertising to indicate that his board certification is in pediatrics with expertise in the treatment of psoriasis. This will be the Executive Committee's recommendation to the Board.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY RAJESH SUBRAMANYA, M.D. APPLICANT

Dr. Subramanya joined the meeting and was not represented by legal counsel. Dr. Subramanya executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Following introductions, Dr. Brunson advised Dr. Subramanya he had been invited to discuss his application for a permanent license. Dr. Subramanya is

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requesting a waiver of the Board's licensure requirements. As an international medical school graduate, Dr. Subramanya did not have the required three (3) years of ACGME approved training in the U.S. or have at least one year and be currently ABMS Board certified. Dr. Subramanya is board eligible and is scheduled to take the exam in October. Dr. Subramanya is requesting a waiver of this requirement.

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee it was the decision of the Executive Committee to recommend to the Board to grant a waiver to issue a permanent license to Dr. Subramanya.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY JATINDER SINGH, M.D., WAYNESBORO, MS MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER: 10791

Dr. Singh joined the meeting and was not represented by legal counsel. Dr. Singh executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Following introductions, Dr. Brunson advised Dr. Singh he had been invited to discuss his prescribing practices which did not comply with the Board's Chronic Pain documentation requirements. Licensee has been visited by Board Investigators seven (7) times since 1990, regarding his prescribing practices with the last visit in December 2017.

Following questioning, a motion was made by Dr. Rea, seconded by Dr. McClendon and carried to close the meeting to consider whether to enter into executive session on this matter.

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Upon a motion by Dr. Rea, seconded by Dr. Brunson and carried the Executive Committee came out of executive session at which time Dr. Brunson asked Dr. McClendon to report on its decision. Dr. McClendon reported that the Executive Committee will recommend to the Board to offer to Dr. Singh a Consent Order suspending his license with a stay. He will be restricted from prescribing schedule II medications after six (6) months. He will be given a six (6) month period to arrange for alternate treatment plans for his patients. Also included Dr. Singh is to obtain CME in ethics, record keeping and prescribing. He has six (6) months to complete CME. Dr. Singh will be able to petition the Board in one (1) year for removal of restrictions.

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PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY HAMDY SUKKARIEH, M.D.
APPLICANT

Dr. Sukkarieh joined the meeting and was not represented by legal counsel. Dr. Sukkarieh executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Following introductions, Dr. Brunson advised Dr. Sukkarieh had been invited to discuss his application for a permanent license.

Dr. Sukkarieh is requesting a waiver of the Board's licensure requirements. He is an international graduate who has not completed ACGME accredited training in the US. UMC wants to hire him as a pediatric orthopedic surgeon. The waiver is based on the Board's rule which requires a current unrestricted license which he does not have.


After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee it was the decision of the Executive Committee to recommend to the Board to offer Dr. Sukkarieh a limited license to work at UMC.

REVIEW OF MAY 10, BOARD AGENDA

The agenda for the Board Meeting was briefly discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



Claude Brunson, MD
President

Minutes taken and transcribed
By Frances Carrillo
Staff Officer
July 18, 2018

**AGREEMENT TO APPEAR INFORMALLY BEFORE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
BY CURRENT LICENSEE**


I, **Jerry Adkins M.D.**, have been asked to appear informally before the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") to discuss issues which may relate to my practice and possible the grounds, if any, for disciplinary action, and possible resolution of the same. It is the purpose of the informal meeting to discuss the facts of the case, to give me an opportunity to ask questions of the Committee or its staff, and to give the Committee or its staff an opportunity to ask questions of me. Because the meeting is informal, no disciplinary action will be taken without my express written consent. In so doing, I have been advised and understand the following:

1. During the meeting, the Executive Committee may or may not be represented by legal counsel. Notwithstanding, I understand that I have a right, if I so choose, to employ legal counsel and have counsel present during the informal meeting.
2. I authorize the Committee Members to review and examine any statements, documentary evidence, or materials concerning the possible grounds for disciplinary action against my license.
3. Because the purpose of my appearance is to avoid a hearing before the Board, I agree that presentation to and consideration by the Committee of any facts, matters, and documents pertaining to my case shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Committee members from further participation or consideration in the event a formal hearing is later conducted. Stated differently, in the event the pending matter is not resolved following my appearance before the Committee, I will not object to any of the Committee members from further participating in subsequent meetings or hearings that may be conducted in relation to this matter.
4. By signing my name in the space provided below, I hereby authorize the Executive Committee to proceed with the informal appearance, subject to the stipulations and understandings as noted above. I have elected to proceed:

___ with legal counsel present (name of counsel: _____)

without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 18 day of July, 2018.

LICENSEE: 

WITNESS: _____


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Mississippi Board of Medical Licensure
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AGENDA ITEM: Personal Appearance by Jerry Adkins, M.D., D'Iberville, MS
Medical License Number: 04305

In a motion made by Dr. Rea, seconded by Dr. Brunson, and carried, the Executive Committee recommends to the Board to refer Dr. Adkins to CPEP for a competency evaluation. Dr. Adkins is to follow all of the recommendations made by CPEP. Dr. Adkins has six (6) months to complete this CPEP evaluation.

VOTE:	FOR:	AGAINST:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
Claude D. Brunson, M.D.	X			
W. David McClendon, M.D.	X			
J. Ann Rea, M.D.	X			

Recorded by: W. David McClendon, M.D.



Claude D. Brunson, M.D. , President

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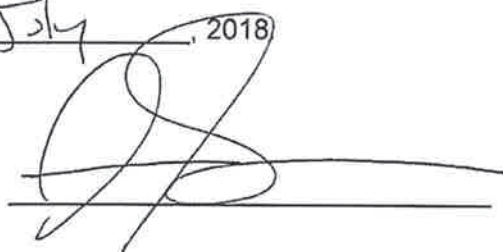
I, **Steven Shapiro M.D.**, have been asked to appear informally before the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") to discuss issues which may relate to my practice and possible the grounds, if any, for disciplinary action, and possible resolution of the same. It is the purpose of the informal meeting to discuss the facts of the case, to give me an opportunity to ask questions of the Committee or its staff, and to give the Committee or its staff an opportunity to ask questions of me. Because the meeting is informal, no disciplinary action will be taken without my express written consent. In so doing, I have been advised and understand the following:

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4. By signing my name in the space provided below, I hereby authorize the Executive Committee to proceed with the informal appearance, subject to the stipulations and understandings as noted above. I have elected to proceed:

with legal counsel present (name of counsel: Bobby Coull)
 without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 18 day of July, 2018

LICENSEE:

 M.D.

WITNESS:

**AGREEMENT TO APPEAR INFORMALLY BEFORE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
BY APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE**

I, **Rajesh Subramanya, M.D.**, have requested an opportunity to appear informally before the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") to discuss my pending application for a Mississippi medical license, the current investigation being conducted by the Board, possible grounds for denial, and possible resolution of the matter. It is the purpose of the informal meeting to discuss the facts of the case, to give me an opportunity to ask questions of the Committee or its staff, and to give the Committee or its staff an opportunity to ask questions of me. Because the meeting is informal, no disciplinary action will be taken without my express written consent. In so doing, I have been advised and understand the following:

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2. I authorize the Committee Members to review and examine any statements, documentary evidence, or materials concerning the possible grounds for denial of licensure during my informal appearance.
3. Because the purpose of my appearance is to avoid a hearing before the Board, I agree that presentation to and consideration by the Committee of any facts, matters, and documents pertaining to my case shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Committee members from further participation or consideration in the event a formal show cause hearing is later conducted. Stated differently, in the event the pending matter is not resolved following my appearance before the Committee, I will not object to any of the Committee members from further participating in subsequent meetings or hearings that may be conducted in relation to this matter.
4. By signing my name in the space provided below, I hereby authorize the Executive Committee to proceed with the informal appearance, subject to the stipulations and understandings as noted above. I have elected to proceed:

_____ with legal counsel present (name of counsel: _____)

without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 18 day of JULY, 2018.

Licensee: _____

Witness: _____

**AGREEMENT TO APPEAR INFORMALLY BEFORE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
BY CURRENT LICENSEE**

I, **Jatinder Singh M.D.**, have been asked to appear informally before the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") to discuss issues which may relate to my practice and possible the grounds, if any, for disciplinary action, and possible resolution of the same. It is the purpose of the informal meeting to discuss the facts of the case, to give me an opportunity to ask questions of the Committee or its staff, and to give the Committee or its staff an opportunity to ask questions of me. Because the meeting is informal, no disciplinary action will be taken without my express written consent. In so doing, I have been advised and understand the following:

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with legal counsel present (name of counsel: _____)

without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 18 day of July, 2018.

LICENSEE: _____

10791



WITNESS: _____

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Mississippi Board of Medical Licensure
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AGENDA ITEM: Personal Appearance by Jatinder Singh, M.D., Waynesboro, MS

Medical License Number: 10791

In a motion by Dr. Rea , seconded by Dr. Brunson, and carried, the Executive Committee recommends to the Board: A Consent Order suspended license with stay. He is restricted from prescribing schedule II medications after six (6) months. He will be given six (6) month period to arrange for alternate treatment plans for his patients. Included is CME in ethics, record keeping and prescribing. He has six (6) months to complete CME. Dr. Singh will be able to petition the Board in one (1) year for removal of restrictions.

VOTE:	FOR:	AGAINST:	ABSTAIN:	ABSENT:
Claude D. Brunson, M.D.	X			
W. David McClendon, M.D.	X			
J. Ann Rea, M.D.	X			



Claude D. Brunson, M.D., President

**AGREEMENT TO APPEAR INFORMALLY BEFORE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
BY APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE**

I, **Hamdi Sukkarieh, M.D.**, have requested an opportunity to appear informally before the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") to discuss my pending application for a Mississippi medical license, the current investigation being conducted by the Board, possible grounds for denial, and possible resolution of the matter. It is the purpose of the informal meeting to discuss the facts of the case, to give me an opportunity to ask questions of the Committee or its staff, and to give the Committee or its staff an opportunity to ask questions of me. Because the meeting is informal, no disciplinary action will be taken without my express written consent. In so doing, I have been advised and understand the following:

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____ with legal counsel present (name of counsel: _____)

without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 18 day of July, 2018.

Licensee: _____

Witness: _____