

**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
JANUARY 16, 2019**

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
Gloria Green, Special Assistant Attorney General
Kenneth Cleveland, Executive Director
Anna Boone, Interim Director, Licensure Division
Leslie Ross, Director of Investigations
Kristin Wallace, Clinical Director of Physician Compliance
Jonathan Dalton, Investigations Supervisor
Frances Carrillo, Staff Officer

NOT PRESENT:

Mike Lucius, Deputy Director

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure met on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, 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 CARLOS FERNANDEZ, M.D., HATTIESBURG, MS
APPLICANT**

Dr. Fernandez joined the meeting and was not represented by legal counsel. Dr. Fernandez 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. Fernandez he had been invited to discuss his request for a waiver because he had failed in passing Step 3 of the USMLE Examination. Dr. Fernandez briefly summarized his licensure status with the Puerto Rico Medical Board. Puerto Rico accepts the combined USMLE Examination and the Puerto Rico Medical Board Licensing Examination to obtain an unrestricted medical license which Dr. Fernandez was issued almost a year ago.

The Executive Committee reviewed the regulation to consider a waiver of the licensure requirements. The Applicant must be a graduate of an approved medical

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school, have a current unrestricted license in another state, and have at least three (3) years clinical experience in the area of expertise.

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee it was the decision of the Executive Committee to recommend to the Board for the Executive Director to obtain a written report from the Program Director of the training program to ascertain clinical experience and the equivalency of the Puerto Rican Medical Board examination to the USMLE Step 3.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY ASHLEY SCOTT BREWER, M.D., JACKSON, TN MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 24837

Dr. Brewer joined the meeting and was represented by legal counsel, Romney Entrekin. Dr. Brewer 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. Brewer he had been invited to discuss his practice as a weight loss practice, collaboration with APRNs and prescribing of medications.

Dr. Brewer briefly summarized his collaborative practice with APRNs located in Ripley and Holly Springs as he is primarily located in Jackson, Tennessee. Dr. Brewer also advised that he is a backup physician to a registered Bariatric practice located in Tupelo, Mississippi.

Following questions, regarding chart review meetings with APRNs, the use of Metformin, B-12 shots in the treatment of weight loss, and other practice issues, 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.

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. McClendon 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 a non-disciplinary letter of concern to be issued from the Executive Director to develop a corrective action plan. The Board and / or the Executive Director will be in contact with Dr. Brewer about that plan.

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**PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY CHARANDLE JORDAN, M.D., MERIDIAN,
MSAPPLICANT**

Dr. Jordan joined the meeting and was not represented by legal counsel. Dr. Jordan 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. Jordan he had been invited to discuss his request for a waiver because he had not completed all three steps of the USMLE within the seven-year rule.

Dr. Fernandez briefly discussed his application for a medical license and discussed the reason why he had not completed all three steps of the USMLE within seven years period as required by regulation.

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee it was the decision of the Executive Committee to recommend to the Board to issue a waiver of the seven-year rule and to issue Dr. Jordan a permanent unrestricted medical license.

REVIEW OF JANUARY 17 BOARD AGENDA

Dr. Brunson briefly reviewed the agenda for Thursday's Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.



**Claude Brunson, MD
President**

**Minutes taken and transcribed
By Frances Carrillo
Staff Officer
January 16, 2019**

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AGENDA ITEM: Personal Appearance of ASHLEY SCOTT BREWER, M.D.

A motion was made by Dr. McClendon, seconded by Dr. Rea and carried.

A non-disciplinary letter of concern is to be issued from the Executive Director to develop a corrective action plan. The Board and/or the Executive Director will be in contact with Dr. Brewer about a plan.

<u>VOTE:</u>	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Claude D. Brunson, M.D.	X	_____	_____	_____
Jeanne Ann Rea, M.D.	X	_____	_____	_____
William D. McClendon, Jr., M.D.	X	_____	_____	_____

With a motion by Dr. Rea, seconded by Dr. McClendon, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session.



Claude D. Brunson, M.D.
President

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

I, **Carlos Fernandez, 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:

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 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: _____)

Y without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 17 day of July, 2019.

Licensee: _____

Witness: _____

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

I, **Ashley Scott Brewer, 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: Ronney Estrokin)
 without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 16 day of January, 2019.

LICENSEE: _____



WITNESS: _____

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

I, **ChaRandle Jordan, 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:

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 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 16 day of January, 2019.

Applicant/Licensee:  _____

Witness: _____