MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE JULY 20, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David W. McClendon, Jr., M.D., Ocean Springs, President C. Kenneth Lippincott, M.D., Tupelo, Secretary Thomas Joiner, M.D., Jackson

ALSO PRESENT:

Paul Barnes, Board Attorney Alexis Morris, Special Assistant Attorney General Kenneth Cleveland, Executive Director Mike Lucius, Deputy Director Arlene Davis, IT Director Anna Boone, Director of Licensure Division Jonathan Dalton, Director of Investigations Frances Carrillo, Staff Officer

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure met on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Office of the Board located at 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Jackson, Mississippi. This meeting was broadcast via Zoom.

Dr. McClendon opened the meeting and introduced the Executive Committee and attendees that were present.

ZOOM APPEARANCE BY RAMY EL KHOURY, MD, COVINGTON, LA MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE 22956

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

Dr. El Khoury summarized to the Executive Committee his request in seeking an exception to Rule 1.2.A of Part 2630, Collaboration with Nurse Practitioners, regarding the 20/80 hour in-state practice requirement. Dr. El Khoury's neurology practice is based in Covington, LA. Dr. El Khoury is requesting an exception to treat neurologic patients at Bay St. Louis and McComb locations utilizing the physicians on staff in his practice who due to manpower challenges do not meet the 20/80 hour instate practice requirement.

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Dr. Joiner, seconded by Dr. Lippincott, and carried that the Executive Committee enter into executive session for discussion regarding a course of action.

Upon a motion by Dr. Joiner, seconded by Dr. Lippincott and carried, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. McClendon asked Dr. Lippincott to

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report on the Executive Committee's decision. Dr. Lippincott reported that the request for an exception of Part 2630 Rule 1.2.A was approved.

ZOOM APPEARANCE BY JOHN ESHUN, MD., MEMPHIS, TN MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE 20418

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

Dr. Eshun summarized his request for an exception of the Rule 1.2.A of Part 2630 Collaboration with Nurse Practitioners regarding the 20/80 hour in-state practice requirement. Dr. Eshun's pediatric gastroenterology practice is located in Memphis, TN and he is requesting to collaborate with a Nurse Practitioner at the Tupelo, Mississippi practice location. Dr. Eshun does not meet the 20/80 hour in-state practice requirement of the regulation.

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Dr. Joiner, seconded by Dr. Lippincott, and carried, to recommend to the Board to approve Eshun's request.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dr. Cleveland provided a brief summary regarding events and activities for the months of May and June 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 1:57 pm.

David W. McClendon, Jr., M.D. President

Minutes taken and transcribed. By Frances Carrillo Staff Officer July 20, 2022



MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

Agreement to Appear Informally Before Executive Committee by Current Licensee

I, 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 3^{th} day of 3^{th} ,	
Licensee: Ramy Elkho	My MD RM
Witness:	_ /



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Licensee:	
Witness:	