

**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
MAY 18, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David W. McClendon, Jr., M.D., Ocean Springs, President
Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., Jackson, Vice President
C. Kenneth Lippincott, M.D., Tupelo, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT:

Stan T. Ingram, Counsel for the Board
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
Kristin Wallace, Compliance Officer
Jonathan Dalton, Director of Investigations
Frances Carrillo, Staff Officer

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure met on Wednesday, May 18, 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.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE (VIA ZOOM) BY HEATHER REYNOLDS, PA-C
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSE PA00500**

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

Ms. Reynolds briefly summarized the practice with her supervising physician, Alexander Pastuszak, M.D., with Vault Health Telemedicine in the area of Men's Health. Ms. Reynolds reported they are treating and evaluating patients for hormone deficiency, erectile dysfunction, Peyronie's disease and general Men's Health. Ms. Reynolds and

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Dr. Pastuszek are licensed in Mississippi, and both are physically located in the state of Utah.

Ms. Reynolds is seeking an exception of the supervisory physician in-state practice requirement of Part 2615, The Practice of Physician Assistants, Rule 1.7.4.

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Dr. Owens, 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. Owens, seconded by Dr. Lippincott and carried, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session, at which time Dr. McClendon asked Dr. Lippincott to report on the Executive Committee's decision. Dr. Lippincott reported that the request for an exception of Part 2630, Rule 1.4 and 1.5 was denied.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE (VIA ZOOM) BY DAVID FERRELL, M.D. MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE 25249

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

Paul Barnes summarized to the Executive Committee that Dr. Ferrell is seeking an exception to Rule 1.4 of Part 2630 of the regulations, Collaboration with Nurse Practitioners, specifically the mileage limitation of seventy-five (75) miles and compatibility of practice.

Dr. Ferrell advised that he will be treating patients virtually with a Nurse Practitioner with both located in West Virginia. This practice will be an urgent care / family medicine telehealth practice to treat patients with telehealth as appropriate with the virtual company MedExpress.

Ms. Bea Tolsdorf, counsel for Dr. Ferrell addressed the Executive Committee. Briefly advised that as Dr. Ferrell described that this practice is to supplement the in-person care for Mississippi patients.

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

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Upon a motion by Dr. Owens, seconded by Dr. Lippincott and carried, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. McClendon asked Dr. Lippincott to report on the Executive Committee's decision. Dr. Lippincott reported that the request for an exception of Part 2630 Rule 1.4 and 1.5 was denied.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE (VIA ZOOM) BY MERAJ SIDDIQUI, M.D. MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE 28977

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

Dr. Siddiqui who practices in Little Rock, Arkansas, is seeking an exception to Rule 1.4 of Part 2630 of the regulations, Collaboration with Nurse Practitioners, specifically the mileage limitation of seventy-five (75) miles regarding distance to serve as a backup collaborating physician for Dr. Luther Oakes who is located in Greenville and Rolling Fork, Mississippi. The Greenville location is a pain practice, Rolling Fork is Primary Care,

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Dr. Owens, seconded by Dr. Lippincott, and carried, to recommend to the Board to approve the request for an exception for the collaborative practice of the Greenville pain practice only.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE (VIA ZOOM) BY ALEXANDER J. MINNEY, M.D. MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE 28726

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

Dr. Minney 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. Dr. Minney who is located in Mobile, Alabama is requesting to collaborate with a Nurse Practitioner via telemedicine at the Pascagoula, Mississippi practice location until a primary physician is replaced. This is an occupational health practice.

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

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PERSONAL APPEARANCE (VIA ZOOM) BY VERONICA SLOOTSKY, M.D. MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE 29203

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

Dr. Slootsky summarized her request for an exception of the 20/80 hour in-state practice regulation Rule 1.2.A of Part 2630 Collaboration with Nurse Practitioners. Dr. Slootsky briefly described her practice plan to collaborate with Nurse Practitioners to provide psychiatric care via telemedicine.

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

Upon a motion by Dr. Owens, seconded by Dr. Lippincott and carried, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. McClendon asked Dr. Lippincott to report on the Executive Committee's decision. Dr. Lippincott reported that the request for an exception of Rule 1.2.A be granted.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE (VIA ZOOM) BY HUONG D. PHAM, M.D. MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE 24787

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

Mr. Barnes gave a brief timeline regarding competency issues. Mr. Barnes reported Dr. Pham had failed a competency evaluation and requested a second opinion. Dr. Pham was approved to obtain a second opinion on the condition she execute an agreement not to practice. Dr. Pham executed the agreement not to practice and obtained a second evaluation with negative results. Dr. Pham and her counsel are seeking a resolution. Mr. Barnes provided Dr. Pham's confidential records for the Board's review during executive session.

Mr. Mercier addressed the Board and briefly summarized Dr. Pham's compliance in obtaining the required evaluations and executing the agreement not to practice. Mr. Mercier reported Dr. Pham has not practiced in the past year and is seeking to return to practice by following the assessment educational plan. Dr. Pham is requesting approval to allow her return to practice utilizing the recommended educational plan.

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Upon a motion by Dr. Owens, seconded by Dr. Lippincott and carried, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. McClendon asked Dr. Lippincott to report on the Executive Committee's decision. Dr. Lippincott reported that the Executive Committee will recommend to the Board that Dr. Pham execute a Consent Order admitting incompetency in the practice of OB/GYN and complete the CPEP education plan and obtain a neuro-psychological evaluation. Should Dr. Pham not agree to accept this consent Order this matter will be set for a full evidentiary hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 3:58 pm.


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

Minutes taken and transcribed.
By Frances Carrillo
Staff Officer
May 18, 2022



MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

Agreement to Appear Informally Before Executive Committee by Current Licensee

I, **Heather Reynolds, PA-C** 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: _____)

X without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 6th day of May, 2022.

Licensee: H Reynolds PA-C

Witness: _____



MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

Agreement to Appear Informally Before Executive Committee by Current Licensee

I, **David Ferrell, 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: Bea Tolsdorf)

☐ without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 12 day of May, 2022.

Licensee:

David A. Ferrell M.D.

Witness:

Courtney Ferrell



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Agreement to Appear Informally Before Executive Committee by Current Licensee

I, **Meraj Siddiqui, 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 29 day of April, 2022.

Licensee: _____

Witness: Kaylin C. Sanku



MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

Agreement to Appear Informally Before Executive Committee by Current Licensee

I, **Alexander J. Minney, 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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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: _____)

As without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 4th day of May, 2022.

Licensee: *As J. Minney M.D.*

Witness: _____



MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

Agreement to Appear Informally Before Executive Committee by Current Licensee

Veronica Slootsky

I, Veronica Slootsky 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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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 11 day of May, 2022.

Licensee: _____

Witness: _____



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:

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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:

X with legal counsel present (name of counsel: Doug Mercier)

_____ without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 10 day of May, _____.

Licensee: [Signature]

Witness: [Signature]