

**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
NOVEMBER 16, 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
Jay Ledbetter, Chief of Staff
Arlene Davis, IT Director
Anna Boone, Director of Licensure Division
Kristin Wallace, Compliance Officer
Jonathan Dalton, Director of Investigations
Frances Carrillo, Staff Officer
Jackie McKenzie, Paralegal

NOT PRESENT:

Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., Jackson, Vice President

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure met on Wednesday, November 16, 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 BY VERENA T. VALLEY, M.D., ABERDEEN, MS
MISSISSIPPI LICENSE 15824**

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

Mr. Barnes advised that the 2017 Board Order reinstating her medical license included the following language pertinent to her request today: "Therefore, it is hereby ordered, that Licensee's petition for reinstatement of her Medical License (No. 15824) is here by granted, subject to the condition that she maintain advocacy with the Mississippi Professional Health

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Program (MPHP) for a minimum of five (5) years, at which time she may petition the Board for termination of the advocacy requirement.” The Mississippi Physician Health Program had provided a letter of successful completion of her five year monitoring period on September 21, 2022. The Order of reinstatement and the MPHP letter were provided to the Committee.

Mr. Mercier briefly summarized to the Executive Committee to Dr. Valley’s compliance and successful completion of her monitoring period and her request to be released from the obligation of continued advocacy with the Mississippi Physician Health Program.

Dr. Valley was sworn in by the Ms. Morris, Hearing Officer.

Dr. Valley answered questions from the Executive Committee.

Dr. Anthony Cloy, Medical Director of the Mississippi Physician Health Program was sworn in by the Hearing Officer. Dr. Cloy answered questions regarding Dr. Valley’s compliance and successful completion of her monitoring period.

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. Lippincott, seconded by Dr. Joiner 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 the Executive Committee will recommend to the Board to grant Dr. Valley’s request for termination of the Board order. This decision is subject to the approval of the full board at the November 17 meeting.

ZOOM APPEARANCE BY JERRY S. BEAM, M.D., HATTIESBURG, MS MISSISSIPPI LICENSE 10674

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

Dr. Beam summarized to the Executive Committee his request 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. Beam advised that his practice is located in Hattiesburg, and he has plans to retire. However, he wants to continue to serve as the collaborative physician for APRNs working two days a week for Merit Wesley until a replacement can be recruited.

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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 the Executive Committee will recommend to the Board to approve Dr. Beam's request through June 30, 2023.

ZOOM APPEARANCE BY VICKI BALDWIN, M.D., MOBILE, AL MISSISSIPPI LICENSE 26443

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

Dr. Baldwin summarized to the Executive Committee her 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. Baldwin advised that she was employed and working for Coastal Family Health at three locations on the Mississippi coast. Dr. Baldwin for personal reasons had to move to Mobile, Alabama to practice and is requesting an exception to this rule to give Coastal Family Health time to find her replacement.

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 accept Dr. Baldwin's request for an exception to the to Rule 1.2.A of Part 2630, Collaboration with Nurse Practitioners, regarding the 20/80 hour in-state practice requirement. This decision is subject to the approval of the full board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 1:49 pm.



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

**Minutes taken and transcribed.
By Frances Carrillo
Staff Officer
November 16, 2022**



MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
Agreement to Appear Informally Before Executive Committee
by Current Licensee

I, **Verena Valley, 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: Doug Mercier)

without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 20 day of October, 2022.

Licensee: Verena T. Valley

Witness: _____



MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

**Agreement to Appear Informally Before Executive Committee
by Current Licensee**

I, **J. Stephen Beam, MD** 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: _____)

without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 09th day of November, ~~2020~~ 2022 *gfb*

Licensee: *J. Stephen Beam, MD*

Witness: *[Signature]*



MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

Agreement to Appear Informally Before Executive Committee by Current Licensee

I, **Vicki Lea Baldwin, 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 8th day of November, 2022.

Licensee: _____

Vicki Lea Baldwin

Witness: _____

John A. Starnell