

BOARD MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
April 4, 2024

A Specially called meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure was held via Zoom on April 4, 2024, at 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Suite 200B, Jackson, MS, after being duly noticed on the Mississippi Public Notice website, this Board's website, and the front door of the Board's offices in accordance with law. A copy of the Public Notice and agenda is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

A QUORUM OF (7) VOTING MEMBERS WAS PRESENT:

Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., Jackson, President
C. Kenneth Lippincott, M.D., Tupelo, Vice President
Thomas Joiner, M.D., Jackson, Secretary
David W. McClendon, Jr., M.D., Ocean Springs
Kirk L. Kinard, D.O., Oxford via telephone
Roderick Givens, M.D., Natchez
Renia Dotson, M.D., Greenville

ALSO PRESENT:

Paul Barnes, Board Attorney, Complaint Counsel
Kenneth Cleveland, Executive Director
Anna Boone, Director of Licensure
Jerod Smoote, IT Director
Ken Slay, IT Project Manager
Jonathan Dalton, Director of Investigations
Frances Carrillo, Executive Assistant

NOT PRESENT:

William E. Loper, M.D., Ridgeland
H. Allen Gersh, M.D., Hattiesburg
Major General (Ret.) Erik Hearon, Jackson, Consumer Member
Shoba Gaymes, Jackson, Consumer Member
Wesley Breland, Hattiesburg, Consumer Member

The Specially Called Telephonic meeting was physically hosted by the Executive Director in the Executive Conference Room in Board's offices located at 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Suite 200 B, Jackson, Mississippi. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Dr. Owens, President, directing the meeting to Dr. Cleveland to perform roll call of Board Members. Dr. Cleveland verified that there was a quorum present.

REQUEST FOR DECLARATORY OPINION REGARDING SUPERVISION OF CRNAS IN MISSISSIPPI

Dr. Owens advised that the Board had received a request for a declaratory opinion regarding supervision of CRNA's in Mississippi that was initially introduced at the last board meeting. Dr. Owens requested a motion to close the meeting.

A motion was made by Dr. McClendon, seconded by Dr. Joiner, and carried that the Board meeting be closed to discuss whether to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion for the request for a declaratory opinion.

A motion was made by Dr. Lippincott, seconded by Dr. Givens, and carried to consider to go into executive session the grounds for which to be considered strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to prospective litigation, or issuance of an appealable order when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and discussions regarding material or data exempt from the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 pursuant to Section 25-11-121.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Dr. Dotson, seconded by Dr. Givens and carried unanimously, the Board came out of executive session. Dr. Joiner reported that the Board will not issue a declaratory opinion regarding the supervision of CRNA's in Mississippi. The Board authorizes the Executive Director and the Board Attorney to transmit the denial letter to the requestor in accordance with Board Rules.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. Kinard, seconded by Dr. McClendon, and carried, to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 p.m.


Michelle Y. Owens, M.D.
President

Minutes taken and transcribed by:
Frances Carrillo, Executive Assistant
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