

**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE  
JULY 17, 2024**

A regularly called meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure was held on July 17, 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.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., Jackson, President  
Thomas Joiner, M.D., Jackson, Secretary via Zoom  
Renia Dotson, M.D., Greenville

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Paul Barnes, Board Attorney, Complaint Counsel  
Alexis Morris, Special Assistant Attorney General  
Kenneth Cleveland, Executive Director  
Anna Boone, Director of Licensure Division  
Jonathan Dalton, Director of Investigations  
Jerod Smoote, IT Director  
Jackie McKenzie, Legal Assistant  
Frances Carrillo, Executive Assistant

**NOT PRESENT:**

C. Kenneth Lippincott, M.D., Tupelo, Vice President

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY WESLEY BENNETT, M.D.  
MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE 10758**

Dr. Bennett joined the meeting and was not represented by legal counsel. Dr. Bennett executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Accompanying Dr. Bennett will be Wesley Bennett, MD., Ryan Hebert, CEO, and Marcus Montet NP.

Dr. Bennett briefly summarized his request seeking an exception to the regulation, Part 2630, Collaboration with Nurse Practitioners, Rule 1.4, Extended Mileage. Dr. Bennett practiced with the Cardiovascular Institute of the South in Meridian, MS. Dr. Bennett would like to collaborate with Nurse Practitioners in LaFayette, Louisiana to treat patients in the hospital in Meridian, MS.

Ryan Hebert, CEO of Cardiovascular Institute of the South, joined the meeting and summarized the organization and the design of the virtual care center in Lafayette, Louisiana.

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

Upon a motion by Dr. Dotson, seconded by Dr. Joiner and carried, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. Owens asked Dr. Joiner to report on the Executive Committee's decision. Dr. Joiner reported that the decision was to **TABLE** Dr. Bennett's request for a waiver until the next regularly scheduled executive committee in September.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY TIMOTHY CALLAGHAN, M.D.**  
**MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE 18144**

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

Dr. Callaghan briefly summarized his Family practice located in Memphis, Tennessee and his request seeking an exception of the 20/80 hour in-state physician practice requirement Rule 1.2.A. He wishes to collaborate with three Nurse Practitioners in Family medicine located in Southaven, Mississippi.

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee a motion was made by Dr. Joiner, seconded by Dr. Dotson, 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. Dotson and carried, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. Owens asked Dr. Joiner to report on the Executive Committee's decision. Dr. Joiner reported that the decision was to **GRANT** the exception to Part 2630 Collaboration, Chapter 1: Collaboration with Nurse Practitioners, 20/80 hour in state physician practice requirement.

**ZOOM APPEARANCE BY DUNCAN GUEDON, M.D.**  
**MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE 13175 and MICHAEL CHRISTIE, M.D.**  
**MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE 16928**

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

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Dr. Christie briefly summarized the request seeking an exception to the regulation, Part 2630, Collaboration with Nurse Practitioners, Rule 1.4, Extended Mileage. Dr. Christie has practiced OB/GYN in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. His practice partner left on a permanent medical leave and his spouse is ill and requires treatment out of state. Dr. Christie will need to take an extended leave of absence and would like for Dr. Guedon located in Natchez, Mississippi to collaborate with the Nurse Practitioners in his practice in Ocean Springs, MS.

After discussion from the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Dr. Dotson, seconded by Dr. Joiner, and carried that Dr. Christie and Dr. Guedon is **GRANTED** an exception to the regulation, Part 2630, Collaboration with Nurse Practitioners, Rule 1.4, Extended Mileage.

### **ZOOM APPEARANCE BY NIKKI LEGLUE, PA MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE PA00761**

Ms. LeGlue joined the meeting and was not represented by legal counsel. Ms. LeGlue executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Ms. LeGlue is accompanied by Matthew M. Abraham, M.D., CMO, SkyLink Medical via Zoom.

Ms. LeGlue and Dr. Abraham briefly summarized the request seeking an exception to the regulation, Part 2615 Chapter 1: The Practice of Physician Assistants, Rule 1.6, Mileage extension and for the 20/80 hour in-state physician practice requirement of the regulation, Collaboration with Nurse Practitioners, Part 2630. Ms. LeGlue working with SkyLink Medical to provide telehealth services under the supervision of Dr. Abraham in the practice of General medicine and Sleep Medicine both located in LaFayette, Louisiana.

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

Upon a motion by Dr. Dotson, seconded by Dr. Joiner and carried, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. Owens asked Dr. Joiner to report on the Executive Committee's decision. Dr. Joiner reported that the decision was to **GRANT** the exception to Part 2615 Chapter 1: The Practice of Physician Assistants, Rule 1.6, Mileage extension approval and for the 20/80 hour in- state physician practice requirement of the regulation, Collaboration with Nurse Practitioners, Part 2630.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY NIR SHIMONY, M.D.**  
**APPLICANT**

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

Dr. Shimony briefly summarized his request seeking a permanent medical license and an exception to Part 2605, Chapter 1, Rule 1.1.D, Licensure by Credentials and Rule 1.3.B of the Board's Administrative Code. Dr. Shimony is an international medical school graduate who has not completed three years of ACGME postgraduate training and failed to pass the USMLE within a seven-year time period. Dr. Shimony is a pediatric neurosurgeon practicing in Memphis at St. Jude Children's Hospital and Baptist Memorial Children's Hospital. Dr. Shimony's focus is the care of children with tumors and epilepsy.

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

Upon a motion by Dr. Dotson, seconded by Dr. Joiner and carried, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. Owens asked Dr. Joiner to report the Executive Committee's decision. Dr. Joiner reported that the request for an exception to the Rule 1.1.D, Licensure by Credentials and Rule 1.3.B was **GRANTED**.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Dr. Cleveland provided a summary regarding events and activities for the months of May and June 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 10:09 a.m.

  
**Michelle Y. Owens, M.D.**  
**President**

Minutes taken and transcribed.  
By Frances Carrillo  
Executive Assistant  
July 17, 2024



## MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

### Agreement to Appear Informally Before Executive Committee by Licensee Requesting Rule Exception(s)

Wesley Bennett, M.D., on behalf of the CIS

I, Mississippi clinic, have requested an opportunity to appear informally before the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") to discuss my request for exception(s) to certain rules or requirements found in Administrative Code or state statute that I have identified below. It is the purpose of this informal meeting to discuss the facts surrounding my request, to give me an opportunity to present documentation and ask questions of the Committee or its staff, and to give the Committee or its staff an opportunity to review any documentation and 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 documentation or materials concerning my request(s).
3. I agree that presentation to and consideration by the Committee of any facts, matters, and documents pertaining to my request(s) shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Committee members from further participation or consideration, in the event a formal hearing is later conducted based on the information discussed. Further, 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: Francis Larose, J.D., as well as Marcus Montet (non-attorney) for operation expertise)  
       without legal counsel present

I am requesting an exception to the following rule(s):

       20/80 in-state practice requirement

  x   the 75-mile rule (Extended Mileage)

EXECUTED, this the 27th day of June, 2024.

Wesley S Bennett, M.D.  
Licensee: Signed: 6/27/2024

Francis Larose  
Witness: Signed: 6/28/2024





**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE**

**Agreement to Appear Informally Before Executive Committee  
by Licensee Requesting Rule Exception(s)**

Timothy J Callaghan have requested an opportunity to appear informally before the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") to discuss my request for exception(s) to certain rules or requirements found in Administrative Code or state statute that I have identified below. It is the purpose of this informal meeting to discuss the facts surrounding my request, to give me an opportunity to present documentation and ask questions of the Committee or its staff, and to give the Committee or its staff an opportunity to review any documentation and 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 documentation or materials concerning my request(s).
3. I agree that presentation to and consideration by the Committee of any facts, matters, and documents pertaining to my request(s) shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Committee members from further participation or consideration, in the event a formal hearing is later conducted based on the information discussed. Further, 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

I am requesting an exception to the following rule(s):

☒ 20/80 in-state practice requirement

\_\_\_\_\_ the 75-mile rule (Extended Mileage)

EXECUTED, this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of MAY 2024

Licensee: Timothy J Callaghan

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_



MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

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I, Duncan F. Guedon, have requested an opportunity to appear informally before the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") to discuss my request for exception(s) to certain rules or requirements found in Administrative Code or state statute that I have identified below. It is the purpose of this informal meeting to discuss the facts surrounding my request, to give me an opportunity to present documentation and ask questions of the Committee or its staff, and to give the Committee or its staff an opportunity to review any documentation and 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 documentation or materials concerning my request(s).
3. I agree that presentation to and consideration by the Committee of any facts, matters, and documents pertaining to my request(s) shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Committee members from further participation or consideration, in the event a formal hearing is later conducted based on the information discussed. Further, 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

I am requesting an exception to the following rule(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ 20/80 in-state practice requirement

☒ the 75-mile rule (Extended Mileage)

EXECUTED, this the 19 day of June, 2024

Licensee: \_\_\_\_\_



Extended Mileage Explanation - 6/19/2024 2:07:10 PM



MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

Agreement to Appear Informally Before Executive Committee  
by Licensee Requesting Rule Exception(s)

I, Michael Christie, have requested an opportunity to appear informally before the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") to discuss my request for exception(s) to certain rules or requirements found in Administrative Code or state statute that I have identified below. It is the purpose of this informal meeting to discuss the facts surrounding my request, to give me an opportunity to present documentation and ask questions of the Committee or its staff, and to give the Committee or its staff an opportunity to review any documentation and 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 documentation or materials concerning my request(s).
3. I agree that presentation to and consideration by the Committee of any facts, matters, and documents pertaining to my request(s) shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Committee members from further participation or consideration, in the event a formal hearing is later conducted based on the information discussed. Further, 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

I am requesting an exception to the following rule(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ 20/80 in-state practice requirement

☒ the 75-mile rule (Extended Mileage)

EXECUTED, this the 19 day of June, 2024

Licensee: \_\_\_\_\_



Extended Mileage Explanation - 6/19/2024 2:07:10 PM





## MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

### Agreement to Appear Informally Before Executive Committee by Licensee Requesting Rule Exception(s)

I, Nikki Legive, have requested an opportunity to appear informally before the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") to discuss my request for exception(s) to certain rules or requirements found in Administrative Code or state statute that I have identified below. It is the purpose of this informal meeting to discuss the facts surrounding my request, to give me an opportunity to present documentation and ask questions of the Committee or its staff, and to give the Committee or its staff an opportunity to review any documentation and 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 documentation or materials concerning my request(s).
3. I agree that presentation to and consideration by the Committee of any facts, matters, and documents pertaining to my request(s) shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Committee members from further participation or consideration, in the event a formal hearing is later conducted based on the information discussed. Further, 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

I am requesting an exception to the following rule(s):

☒ 20/80 in-state practice requirement

\_\_\_\_\_ the 75-mile rule (Extended Mileage)

EXECUTED, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 8, 2024.

Licensee: Nikki Legive RAC

Witness: Kiesha Trahan, COO



## MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

### Agreement to Appear Informally Before Executive Committee by Applicant For Licensure

I, Nir Shimony 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: Mark Garriga)

☐ without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

Licensee: 

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_