

## **MINUTES**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE March 20, 2025**

A regularly called meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure was held on March 20, 2025, 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.

**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MICHELL OWENS, M.D.**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., Jackson, President  
C. Kenneth Lippincott, M.D., Tupelo, Vice President  
Thomas Joiner, M.D., Jackson, Secretary via Zoom

#### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Paul Barnes, Board Attorney, Complaint Counsel  
Kenneth Cleveland, Executive Director  
Alexis Morris, Special Assistant Attorney General  
Mike Lucius, Deputy Director  
Jay Ledbetter, Chief of Staff  
Anna Boone, Director of Licensure Division  
Jonathan Dalton, Director of Investigations  
Jerod Smoote, IT Director  
Frances Carrillo, Executive Assistant  
Kaelin Hanson, IT

#### **INVESTIGATION INTO APPLICATION #SOKO-N6XGLV FOR A PERMANENT MEDICAL LICENSE REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT – HELD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO MS CODE §25-41-7 4(d)**

Paul Barnes, Esq., requested that the Board consider going into an Executive Session as an investigative proceeding.

A motion was made by Dr. Owens, seconded by Dr. Lippincott, and carried to close the meeting to consider whether to enter Executive Session.

A motion was made by Dr. Owens, seconded by Dr. Lippincott, and carried to close the meeting to enter into Executive Session for deliberation regarding a course of action. The Committee entered Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Dr. Owens, seconded by Dr. Joiner and carried, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session, at which time Dr. Owens asked Dr. Lippincott to report the Executive Committee's decision. Dr. Lippincott reported that the decision is to **APPROVE** Application #SOKO-N6XGLV for a permanent license.

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**ZOOM APPEARANCE BY THEODORE FELDMAN, M.D.**  
**MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE #29736, Miami, FL**  
**and**  
**RANDALL CURNOW, M.D., Medical Director of Cadence Health**  
**MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE #33025, New York, NY**

Dr. Feldman joined the meeting with Dr. Curnow via Zoom. Neither was represented by legal counsel. Dr. Feldman and Dr. Curnow both executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Dr. Feldman briefly summarized his practice in Miami, LA, in the specialty of internal medicine and cardiovascular disease, and reported that he is trained in cardiovascular disease. Dr. Feldman requested an exception to Rule 1.4, Mileage extension, and to the 20/80 hour in-state physician practice requirement of the regulation, Collaboration with Nurse Practitioners, Part 2630. Dr. Feldman was previously granted an exception to these requirements on September 13, 2023, limited to a specific partnership/collaboration with Merit Health.

Dr. Curnow briefly summarized his practice in New York, NY, in the specialty of internal medicine and reported that he was trained in internal medicine. Dr. Curnow also requested an exception to Rule 1.4, Mileage extension, and to the 20/80 hour in-state physician practice requirement of the regulation, Collaboration with Nurse Practitioners, Part 2630.

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Dr. Joiner, seconded by Dr. Lippincott, and carried to approve the requested exceptions. The Committee found Dr. Feldman's request for an exception to the 20/80 rule, the 75-mile rule, and to add an additional APRN is well-founded, and therefore **APPROVED**.

The Committee found that Dr. Curnow's request for an exception to the 20/80 rule, the 75-mile rule, to add two (2) additional APRN, and to include patients outside the relationship with Merit Health is well-founded, and therefore **APPROVED**.

**ZOOM APPEARANCE BY JOSEPH GUARISCO, M.D.**  
**MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE 23638, New Orleans, LA**

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

Dr. Guarisco introduced himself and briefly summarized his request for an exception to Part 2605, Rule 1.3, relating to a re-entry practice plan approved by the Executive Director but which requires Board approval to serve in lieu of a clinical competency assessment.

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

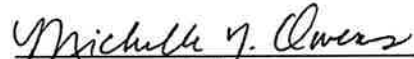
Upon a motion by Dr. Lippincott, seconded by Dr. Joiner and carried, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. Owens asked Dr. Lippincott to report the Executive Committee's decision. Dr. Lippincott reported that the decision of the Committee is to **APPROVE** the re-entry plan in lieu of a clinical competency assessment.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Kenneth Cleveland provided a brief summary regarding events and activities of Board staff for the months of January and February 2025.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on Wednesday, March 20, 2025, at 10:02 a.m.

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

Minutes taken and transcribed.  
By Jackie McKenzie  
Legal Assistant  
March 20, 2025

# MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE



**Board Room**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 8:00 am**

**Board Meeting**

**Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 10:00 am**

**Executive Committee Meeting Agenda  
Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure  
Thursday, March 20, at 8:00 am**

1. Investigation into Application #SOKO-N6XGLV for a permanent medical license. To be held in executive session pursuant to MS Code § 25-41-7 4(d).
2. Zoom Appearance by Theodore Feldman, M.D.  
Mississippi Medical License 29736, Miami, FL  
AND  
Zoom Appearance by Randall Curnow, M.D.  
Mississippi Medical License 33025
3. Zoom Appearance by Joseph Guarisco, M.D.  
Medical License 23638  
New Orleans, LA
4. Executive Director Report

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE****Agreement to Appear Informally Before Executive Committee  
by Applicant**

I, BRET SOKOLOFF, 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 a Mississippi medical license. 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

EXECUTED, this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2025.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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



## MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

### Agreement to Appear Informally Before the Board by Licensee Requesting Rule Exception(s)

I, Dr. Theodore Feldman, have requested an opportunity to appear informally before 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 meeting to discuss the facts surrounding my request, to give me an opportunity to present documentation and ask questions of the Board or its staff, and to give the Board 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 Board 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 meeting.
2. I authorize the Board to review and examine any documentation or materials concerning my request(s).
3. I agree that presentation to and consideration by the Board of any facts, matters, and documents pertaining to my request(s) shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board 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 Board members 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 Board 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: Brian Higgins & Mary Kate McNulty)

       without legal counsel present

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

  X   20/80 in-state practice requirement

  X   the 75-mile rule (Extended Mileage)

EXECUTED, this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025

Licensee: Theodore Feldman

Witness: Clare Feldman



MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

Agreement to Appear Informally Before the Board by Licensee  
Requesting Rule Exception(s)

I, Randall Curnow, have requested an opportunity to appear informally before 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 meeting to discuss the facts surrounding my request, to give me an opportunity to present documentation and ask questions of the Board or its staff, and to give the Board 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 Board 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 meeting.
2. I authorize the Board to review and examine any documentation or materials concerning my request(s).
3. I agree that presentation to and consideration by the Board of any facts, matters, and documents pertaining to my request(s) shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board 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 Board members 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 Board 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 25 day of February, 2025

Licensee: Randall Curnow

Witness: Smalley





## MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

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

I, Joseph Guarisco 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025

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

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
25 day of February, 2025

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

ANNA M. VIEAGES  
ANNA M. VIEAGES, Notary Public