#### **MINUTES**

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE May 21, 2025

A regularly called meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure was held on May 21, 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. A copy of the agenda for this meeting is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

# THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY VICE PRESIDENT C. KENNETH LIPPINCOTT, M.D. at 1:13 P.M.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., Jackson, President (joined meeting at 1:43 pm) C. Kenneth Lippincott, M.D., Tupelo, Vice President Kirk L. Kinard, D.O., Oxford (sitting in for Thomas Joiner, M.D., Secretary)

#### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Paul Barnes, Board Attorney, Complaint Counsel Kenneth Cleveland, Executive Director Pamela Ratliff, 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, Jackie McKenzie, Legal Assistant Frances Carrillo, Executive Assistant Kaelin Hanson, IT

# INVESTIGATION INTO APPLICATION #BARO-41GWG4 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 to conduct investigative proceedings concerning an application for license.

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

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

Upon a motion by Dr. Kinard, seconded by Dr. Lippincott and carried, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session, at which time Dr. Kinard reported that the decision is to **TAKE NO ACTION** on Application #BARO-41GWG4.

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## ZOOM APPEARANCE BY BARBARA LEVY, M.D. MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE #33772, LA JOLLA, CA

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

Dr. Levy briefly summarized her practice in La Jolla, CA, in the specialty of obstetrics and gynecology. Dr. Levy 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. Kinard, seconded by Dr. Lippincott, and carried to close the meeting to consider whether to enter Executive Session pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7(4)(b).

A motion was made by Dr. Kinard, seconded by Dr. Lippincott, and carried to close the meeting to enter Executive Session for deliberation regarding possible issuance of an appealable order. The Committee entered Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Dr. Kinard, seconded by Dr. Lippincott and carried, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session, at which time Dr. Owens asked Dr. Kinard to report the Executive Committee's decision. Dr. Kinard reported that the decision is to **DENY** the requests for both exceptions.

## ZOOM APPEARANCE BY RAMEY EL KHOURY, M.D. MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE 22956, COVINGTON, LA

Dr. El Khoury joined the meeting via Zoom. Dr. El Khoury 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. El Khoury introduced himself and briefly summarized his practice in Covington, LA, in the specialty of general neurology, and his request for an exception to Rule 1.4, Mileage extension, and to the 20/80 hour instate 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. Lippincott, seconded by Dr. Kinard, and carried that the Executive Committee APPROVE both requests for exceptions.

ZOOM APPEARANCE BY SAMANTHA ROTH, PA. MISSISSIPPI PA LICENSE #PA00496, LAS VEGAS, NV and GRANT BULLOCK, D.O.

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## MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE #33739, LAS VEGAS, NV

Dr. Bullock and Ms. Roth joined the meeting via Zoom. Neither was represented by legal counsel. They executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Dr. Owens introduced Dr. Bullock and Ms. Roth. Dr. Bullock briefly summarized his practice in Las Vegas, NV, in the specialty of psychiatry, and his request for 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.

Ms. Roth briefly summarized her education and experience.

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Dr. Lippincott, seconded by Dr. Kinard, and carried that the Executive Committee enter executive session pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7(4)(b) for deliberation regarding possible issuance of an appealable order. The Committee entered Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Dr. Lippincott, seconded by Dr. Kinard and carried, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. Owens asked Dr. Kinard to report the Executive Committee's decision. Dr. Kinard reported that the decision of the Committee is to **DENY** the requests for both exceptions.

# ZOOM APPEARANCE BY ROBERT GREEN, PA-C APPLICANT #GREE-QPJOLS, EDMOND, OK and GENA MARSHALL, PA

Robert Green, PA-C, and Gena Marshall, PA, joined the meeting via Zoom. Neither was represented by legal counsel. Mr. Green executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Mr. Green introduced himself and briefly summarized his request for an exception to Part 2601, Ch. 1, Rule 1.3, relating to not completing the required assessment and not clinically practicing since March 22, 2019.

Ms. Marshall introduced herself and briefly summarized the duties Mr. Green would provide to Optum, which would be limited to utilization review.

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Dr. Lippincott, seconded by Dr. Kinard, and carried that the Executive Committee **APPROVE** the unrestricted license with a specific collaboration agreement to include the stipulation that it would be limited only to administration review, not to include direct clinical care.

# PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY ESWARA KUMAR MUNDRA, M.D.

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# MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE #947-L, MADISON, MS

Dr. Mundra personally appeared before the Executive Committee and was represented by Douglas Mercier, Esq. He executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Dr. Mundra introduced himself and briefly summarized his education and employment history, and requests an exception to Part 2605, Ch. 1, Rule 1.1. D, and Rule 1.3.B.

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Dr. Lippincott, seconded by Dr. Kinard, and carried that the Executive Committee enter executive session pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7(4)(b) for deliberation regarding possible issuance of an appealable order. The Committee entered Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Dr. Lippincott, seconded by Dr. Kinard and carried, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session, at which time Dr. Owens asked Dr. Kinard to report the Executive Committee's decision. Dr. Kinard reported that the decision of the Committee is to **DENY** the requests for both exceptions.

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

Dr. Kenneth Cleveland provided a summary regarding events and activities of Board staff for the months of March and April 2025.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 3:35 p.m.

Michelle Y. Owens, M.D.

President

Minutes taken and transcribed. By Jackie McKenzie Legal Assistant May 21, 2025

# Executive Committee Meeting Agenda Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 1:00 pm

- 1. Investigation into Application #BARO-41GWG4 for a permanent medical license. To be held in executive session pursuant to MS Code § 25-41-7 4(d).
- 2. Zoom Appearance by Barbara Levy, M.D. (MS #33772), La Jolla, CA
- 3. Zoom Appearance by Ramey El Khoury, M.D. (MS #22956), Covington, LA
- 4. Zoom Appearance by Samantha Roth, PA (MS #PA00496), Las Vegas, NV
- 5. Zoom Appearance by Robert Green, PA-C (Applicant #GREE-QPJ0LS), Edmond, OK
- 6. Personal Appearance by Eswara Kumar Mundra, M.D. (#947-L), Madison, MS Accompanied by Attorney, Doug Mercier
- 7. Executive Director Report



**Board Room** 

Executive Committee Meeting Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 1:00 pm

Board Meeting Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 9:00 am



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

	I,Barbara Levy, MD	
my that to gi the I mee	mally before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") to discuss request for exception(s) to certain rules or requirements found in Administrative Code or state statute I have identified below. It is the purpose of this meeting to discuss the facts surrounding my request, we me an opportunity to present documentation and ask questions of the Board or its staff, and to give Board or its staff an opportunity to review any documentation and ask questions of me. Because the ting is informal, no disciplinary action will be taken without my express written consent. In so doing, we 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:)	
	X 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 day of April,2025	
	Licensee:	



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

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I, Ramy El Khoury, MD 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,
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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:)
X without legal counsel present
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EXECUTED, this the 13 day of March 2025
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Licensee: Ramy El Khoury, MD
Joyce Boutros
Witness:
I would also like to request a temporary exemption effective 4/15 until our Board meeting.
Thank you for your consideration. Ramy El Khoury, MD



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my that to gi the I mee	I, Samantha Both , have requested an opportunity to appear mally before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") to discuss request for exception(s) to certain rules or requirements found in Administrative Code or state statute. I have identified below. It is the purpose of this meeting to discuss the facts surrounding my request, we me an opportunity to present documentation and ask questions of the Board or its staff, and to give Board or its staff an opportunity to review any documentation and ask questions of me. Because the ting is informal, no disciplinary action will be taken without my express written consent. In so doing, we been advised and understand the following:		
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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:)		
	x 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 28th day of February 2025		
	Licensee:		
	Witness:		



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

Lic lice pos the Co no	l, Robert Green have requested an opportunity to bear informally before the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical ensure (hereinafter "Board") to discuss my pending application for a Mississippi medical ense, the current investigation being conducted by the Board, possible grounds for denial, and essible resolution of the matter. It is the purpose of the informal meeting to discuss the facts of a case, to give me an opportunity to ask questions of the Committee or its staff, and to give the mmittee or its staff an opportunity to ask questions of me. Because the meeting is informal, disciplinary action will be taken without my express written consent. In so doing, I have been vised 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 late 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:
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	EXECUTED, this the 25 day of April , 2025



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

I, 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:

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 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