

**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
January 14, 2026**

A regularly called meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure was held on January 14, 2026, 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 PRESIDENT KENNETH LIPPINCOTT, M.D.,
at 8:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kenneth Lippincott, M.D., Tupelo, President
Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., Jackson, Vice President
Roderick Givens, M.D., Natchez, Secretary

ALSO PRESENT:

Paul Barnes, General Counsel
Meagan Guyse, Deputy General Counsel
Pamela Ratliff, Special Assistant Attorney General
Sara Hartzog, Special Assistant Attorney General
Kenneth Cleveland, Executive Director
Adrienne Brantley, Deputy Director
Anna Boone, Director of Licensure Division
Bryan Nelson, Licensure Supervisor
Jackie McKenzie, Paralegal
Colleen Wheeler, Paralegal
Jerod Smoote, IT Director
Kaelin T. Hanson, Data Analyst
Jonathan Dalton, Director of Investigations
Cara Shirley, Communications Director
Anna Ruffin, Court Reporter, Brown Court Reporting

**ZOOM APPEARANCE BY EMILY HILL, P.A.
MISSISSIPPI LICENSE #PA00904, FLOWOOD, MS**

Ms. Hill joined the meeting via Zoom. Ms. Hill was represented by William Grete, Esq. Ms. Hill executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Ms. Hill is employed by Wound Management Specialists located in Flowood, MS, and she briefly summarized her education and employment in wound care. Ms. Hill requests to practice in-home wound management throughout Mississippi in collaboration with Dr. LaPercival Griffin, located in Jackson, MS. Ms. Hill lives in Woodville, MS, and requested an exception to the 75-mile requirement of 30 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2615, Ch. 1, R. 1.6, as some of her wound management patients are located more than 75 miles from Jackson, MS.

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Dr. Griffin introduced himself and briefly summarized his practice in wound care and the need for mobile wound care in rural Mississippi.

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Dr. Owens, seconded by Dr. Givens, and carried to **APPROVE** the request for exception to the 75-mile requirement.

ZOOM APPEARANCE BY MARCO DE SANTIS, D.O. MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE #34116, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Dr. De Santis joined the meeting via Zoom. Dr. De Santis 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. De Santis introduced himself and briefly summarized his practice in the specialty of internal medicine and endocrinology at Virta Health in San Francisco, CA, and his requests for exceptions to the 20/80 hour in-state physician practice requirement of 30 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2630, Ch. 1, R. 1.2 and to the 75-mile requirement of 30 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2630, Ch. 1, R. 1.4.

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Dr. Givens, seconded by Dr. Owens, 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. Givens, seconded by Dr. Owens, and carried to enter Executive Session for deliberation regarding possible issuance of an appealable order. The Committee entered Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Dr. Givens, seconded by Dr. Owens and carried, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session, at which time Dr. Lippincott asked Dr. Givens to report the Executive Committee's decision. Dr. Givens reported that the decision is to **DENY** the requests for exceptions to the 20/80 hour rule and 75-mile requirement.

ZOOM APPEARANCE BY HERMAN SACKS, D.O. MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE #20846, BILOXI, MS

and

COURTNEY REEDER, P.A. MISSISSIPPI LICENSE #PA00820, CYPRESS, TX

Dr. Sacks and Ms. Reeder joined the meeting via Zoom. Dr. Sacks 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. Sacks briefly summarized his education and his practice in the specialty of geriatrics and extended care with Lumina Care, and his request for an exception to the 75-mile requirement of 30 Miss.

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Admin. Code Pt. 2630, Ch. 1, R. 1.4, and to the 20/80 hour in-state physician practice requirement of 30 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2630, Ch. 1, R. 1.2.

Ms. Reeder briefly summarized Lumina Health's patient care model for geriatric and extended care patients.

Ms. Christi Bondi introduced herself as a contractor who assists Lumina Care with compliance.

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ZOOM APPEARANCE BY BRANDON SHEPHERD, M.D.
MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE #28915, GERMANTOWN, TN

and

JOHN TOULIATOS, M.D.
MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE #34793, GERMANTOWN, TN

Dr. Touliaatos and Dr. Shepherd joined the meeting via Zoom. They were not represented by legal counsel. Both executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, copies of which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Dr. Touliaatos introduced himself, briefly summarized his practice at Midsouth ENT, and his request for an exception to the 20/80 hour in-state physician practice requirement of 30 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2630, Ch. 1, R. 1.2.

Dr. Bruce Fetterman introduced himself as the President of Midsouth ENT.

Dr. Shepherd introduced himself and explained that patients are already being seen at the Midsouth ENT locations in Germantown, Tennessee and Olive Branch, Mississippi pursuant to a temporary exception to the 20/80 hour rule granted by Dr. Cleveland..

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Dr. Owens, seconded by Dr. Givens, and carried that the Executive Committee **APPROVE** the request for exception to the 20/80 hour in-state physician practice requirement.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 9:49 a.m.


Kenneth Lippincott, M.D.
President

Minutes taken and transcribed.
By Jackie McKenzie
Legal Assistant
January 14, 2026

**Executive Committee Meeting Agenda
Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure
Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 8:00 am**

1. Emily Hill, PA
2. Marco De Santis, D.O.
3. Herman Sacks, DO, and Courtney Reeder, PA
4. Brandon Shepherd, MD, and John Touliatos, M.D.
5. Executive Director Report

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE



Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 8:00 am
Board Room

Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 10:30 am
Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 9:00 am
Board Room



MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

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

I, Emily Hill, PA-C, 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: William Grete)
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 4th day of December, 2025

Licensee: Emily Hill, PA-C

Witness: Rachel Williams



MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

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

I, Marco DeSantis D.O. 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:

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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 7th day of November, 2025.

Licensee: Marco DeSantis
Witness: Andrew DeSantis



MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

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I, Herman Soaks, 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, I have been advised and understand the following:

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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 26th day of November, 2025



Licensee: [Signature]

Witness: [Signature]



MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

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

SHEPHERD

I, BRANDON A. SHEPARD, M.D., 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:

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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

the 75-mile rule (Extended Mileage)



EXECUTED, this the 11th day of December, 2025.

Licensee: [Signature]

Witness: [Signature]



MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

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

I, JOHN S. TOULIATOS, M.D., 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:

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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

the 75-mile rule (Extended Mileage)

EXECUTED, this the 11th day of December, 2025

Licensee: [Signature]

Witness: [Signature]

