

**BOARD MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
JANUARY 14, 2026**

A regularly called meeting 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 QUORUM OF SEVEN (7) VOTING MEMBERS WAS PRESENT ON JANUARY 14, 2026:

Kenneth Lippincott, M.D., Tupelo, President
Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., Jackson, Vice President
Roderick Givens, M.D., Natchez, Secretary
William E. Loper, M.D., Ridgeland
Randy Roth, M.D., Pascagoula
Carlos Latorre, M.D., Vicksburg
H. Allen Gersh, M.D., Hattiesburg, Via Zoom
Shoba Gaymes, Jackson, Consumer Member

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, M.D., 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

NOT PRESENT:

Kirk L. Kinard, D.O., Oxford
Renia Dotson, M.D., Greenville

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m. by Dr. Lippincott, President. The invocation was given by Dr. Givens, and the pledge was led by Dr. Latorre. Dr. Cleveland, Executive Director, called the roll and reported there was a quorum present.

Dr. Lippincott introduced Pamela Ratliff, Special Assistant Attorney General, who will serve as the Board's Hearing Officer; Sara Hartzog, with the Attorney General's Office; and Anna Ruffin, Court Reporter with Brown Court Reporting.

Executive Director Report (Agenda Item #5)

Dr. Cleveland provided an updated summary regarding Licensure and Investigative Division operations for November and December 2025. Dr. Cleveland reported that the Bureau of Buildings has approved the Board's new location at 805 Wheatley Street, Ridgeland, MS. We will be looking for a new hotel for out-of-town Board members that is closer to the new location.

The State Legislative Session has started. The Board is introducing an updated version of the Medical Practice Act, which will include a separate bill for the licensing of foreign medical graduates and foreign-trained physicians.

Dr. Cleveland noted that there is currently only one consumer member on the Board, and she represents Supreme Court District 1. Dr. Cleveland asked that if the Board members have any referrals they consider strong candidates to serve as consumer Board members for Supreme Court Districts 2 and 3, to discuss them with Dr. Cleveland.

Review and Approval of the November 12, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (Agenda Item #6)

Upon review of the November 12, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, Dr. Owens moved for approval of the minutes as submitted. Dr. Givens seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Review and Approval of the November 12, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes (Agenda Item #7)

Upon review of the November 12, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, Dr. Givens made a motion to amend the minutes item regarding the Executive Director's pay increase to read as follows: "The Board returned to open session and Dr. Givens reported the outcome. During the executive session, a three percent (3%) pay raise for the Executive Director was APPROVED, effective December 1, 2025." Dr. Owens moved for approval of the minutes as amended. Dr. Roth seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Review and Approval of the December 11, 2025 Specially Called Board Meeting Minutes (Agenda Item #8)

Upon review of the December 11, 2025 Specially Called Board Meeting Minutes, Dr. Owens moved for approval of the minutes as submitted. Dr. Roth seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Report of January 14, 2026 Executive Committee Meeting (Agenda Item #9)

Dr. Givens reported on the matters considered by the Executive Committee on January 14, 2026, and the recommendations made.

A motion was made by Dr. Latorre, seconded by Dr. Loper, and carried to accept the report and ratify the recommendations as reported by the Executive Committee.

HEARING IN THE CASE OF JOEL B. DURINKA, M.D.
MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE #30202
APPROVAL OF CONSENT ORDER – CHANGED TO CONTINUANCE
(Agenda Item #10)

Mr. Barnes reported that, as of this morning, Dr. Durinka no longer agrees to the terms of the proposed Consent Order. Therefore, this matter will be set for a full evidentiary hearing in March, and Dr. Durinka must report in person for the hearing. Mr. Barnes is requesting a continuance, and for this matter to be set for a full hearing at the March Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Dr. Owens to approve the motion for continuance, seconded by Dr. Givens, and carried unanimously to **APPROVE** the motion for continuance until the March Board Meeting.

A copy of the Motion for Continuance is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

The official account of this proceeding was recorded by Anna Ruffin, Court Reporter, Brown Court Reporting, Inc.

HEARING IN THE CASE OF JOSEPH M. PALUMBO, D.O.
MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE #22814
APPROVAL OF CONSENT ORDER
(Agenda Item #11)

Ms. Guyse briefly summarized the matter that led to a proposed Consent Order based on action taken by other states for Dr. Palumbo's aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine relating to IV hydration. Dr. Palumbo and his attorney, Brendon Little, appeared via Zoom.

Dr. Palumbo was sworn in by the court reporter.

Dr. Palumbo answered questions from Ms. Guyse.

Ms. Guyse reviewed the terms of the proposed Consent Order with Dr. Palumbo. Dr. Palumbo accepted the terms of the proposed Consent Order.

Dr. Palumbo answered questions from the Board.

A motion was made by Dr. Owens to approve the proposed Consent Order, seconded by Dr. Loper, and carried unanimously to **APPROVE** the Consent Order.

A copy of the Consent Order is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

The official account of this proceeding was recorded by Anna Ruffin, Court Reporter, Brown Court Reporting, Inc.

HEARING IN THE CASE OF MUHAMMAD BASIT, D.O.
MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE #30129
APPROVAL OF CONSENT ORDER
(Agenda Item #12)

Ms. Guyse briefly summarized the matter that led to a proposed Consent Order based on Dr. Basit's improper certifications for medical cannabis. Dr. Basit and his attorney, Connor Reeves, appeared via Zoom.

Dr. Basit was sworn in by the court reporter.

Dr. Basit answered questions from Ms. Guyse.

Ms. Guyse reviewed the terms of the proposed Consent Order with Dr. Basit. Dr. Basit accepted the terms of the proposed Consent Order.

Dr. Basit answered questions from the Board.

A motion was made by Dr. Owens to approve the proposed Consent Order, seconded by Dr. Givens, and carried unanimously to **APPROVE** the Consent Order.

A copy of the Consent Order is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

The official account of this proceeding was recorded by Anna Ruffin, Court Reporter, Brown Court Reporting, Inc.

HEARING IN THE CASE OF MATTHEW T. TIPTON, D.O.
MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE #23169
MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE
(Agenda Item #13)

Ms. Guyse advised that this is the first motion for continuance by Dr. Tipton. He is having health issues and has asked for a continuance until the March Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Dr. Owens, seconded by Dr. Givens, and carried unanimously to **APPROVE** the motion to continue this matter until the March Board Meeting.

A copy of the Order of Continuance is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

HEARING IN THE CASE OF BRANDI ADAMS, LXMO
MISSISSIPPI LIMITED X-RAY OPERATOR'S LICENSE #RO3481
MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE
(Agenda Item #14)

Ms. Guyse advised that this is the first motion for a continuance by Ms. Adams and is unopposed by Complaint Counsel.

A motion was made by Dr. Owens, seconded by Dr. Latorre, and carried unanimously to **APPROVE** the motion to continue this matter until the March Board Meeting.

A copy of the Order of Continuance is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

PURSUANT TO MS CODE § 25-41-7(4)(d), INVESTIGATIVE SUBPOENA FOR APPROVAL, CASE NUMBER 2026-036. THIS IS A MATTER FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION TO BE HELD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS INVESTIGATIVE PROCEEDINGS REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR VIOLATIONS OF LAW.
(Agenda Item #15)

Dr. Lippincott advised that (Agenda Item #15) is for an investigative subpoena. A motion was made by Dr. Owens, seconded by Dr. Latorre, and carried that the Board meeting be closed to discuss whether to enter into executive session for the purpose of approving an investigative subpoena for case number 2026-036 pursuant to the authority of Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7(4)(d).

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to enter executive session. The Board entered executive session. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to return to open session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session. Dr. Givens reported that during the Executive Session, the Board voted unanimously to **APPROVE** the investigative subpoena for case number 2026-036. Pursuant to Miss. Code § 73-25-27, the Executive Director of the Board is hereby authorized to issue the investigative subpoena, and this authorization shall be deemed an order spread on the minutes of the Board.

HEARING IN THE CASE OF MEHUL P. DIXIT, M.D.
MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE #21228
MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE
(Agenda Item #16)

Mr. Barnes advised that this matter originally came before the Board in January 2025, and a one-year continuance was requested and granted, continuing the matter until January 2026. Dr. Dixit's criminal trial is currently set for March 2026. Mr. Barnes advised that this is a joint motion for continuance for one year or until Dr. Dixit's criminal charges are resolved. All terms and conditions of Dr. Dixit's suspension and previous Board Orders will remain in effect.

A motion was made by Dr. Owens, seconded by Dr. Givens, and carried unanimously to **APPROVE** the motion to continue this matter until January 2027.

A copy of the Order of Continuance is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:
FRED ADAIR BLACKLEDGE, M.D.
MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE #16006
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
(Agenda Item #17)

Mr. Barnes advised that Dr. Blackledge surrendered his license to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi, effective December 31, 2025.

HEARING IN THE CASE OF CHRISTOPHER S. LYNN, M.D.
MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE #16299
APPROVAL OF CONSENT ORDER – CHANGED TO CONTINUANCE
(Agenda Item #18)

Mr. Barnes requested that the proposed Consent Order for Dr. Lynn (Agenda Item #18) be continued until the March Board Meeting due to his attorney's medical emergency.

Dr. Gersh recused himself.

A motion was made by Dr. Owens to approve the motion for continuance, seconded by Dr. Loper, and carried unanimously to **APPROVE** the motion for continuance until the March Board Meeting.

A copy of the Order of Continuance is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

The official account of this proceeding was recorded by Anna Ruffin, Court Reporter, Brown Court Reporting, Inc.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was temporarily adjourned at 11:11 a.m, to resume at 9:00 a.m. on January 15, 2026.

CONTINUATION OF HEARING ON JANUARY 15, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.

A QUORUM OF SEVEN (7) VOTING MEMBERS WAS PRESENT ON JANUARY 15, 2026:

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Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., Jackson, Vice President (Via Zoom)
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Renia Dotson, M.D., Greenville
Randy Roth, M.D., Pascagoula
Carlos Latorre, M.D., Vicksburg
H. Allen Gersh, M.D., Hattiesburg (Via Zoom)
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ALSO PRESENT:

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Cara Shirley, Communications Director
Anna Ruffin, Court Reporter, Brown Court Reporting

NOT PRESENT:

Kirk L. Kinard, D.O., Oxford
William E. Loper, M.D., Ridgeland

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dr. Lippincott, President. Dr. Cleveland, Executive Director, called roll and reported there was a quorum present. Dr. Lippincott introduced Pamela Ratliff, Special Assistant Attorney General, who will serve as the Board's Hearing Officer, and Anna Ruffin, Court Reporter with Brown Court Reporting.

HEARING IN THE CASE OF TIMOTHY JACKSON, M.D.
MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE #14510
MOTION OF TIMOTHY DALE JACKSON TO REMOVE RESTRICTIONS ON HIS LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE
(Agenda Item #19)

Mr. Barnes introduced himself and made a procedural statement.

Mr. Bill Whitfield introduced himself as counsel for Dr. Jackson and made an opening statement.

Mr. Whitfield introduced exhibits into the record (Jackson 000001-000075) with no objection from Mr. Barnes. Jackson 000001-000075 was marked as Exhibit 1 and Dr. Jackson's Motion with attachments was marked as Exhibit 2.

Ms. Ratliff stated that all records with confidential information will be admitted under seal. The exhibits will need to be redacted before being produced publicly.

Dr Jackson was sworn in by the court reporter.

Mr. Whitfield called Dr. Jackson as a witness.

Dr. Jackson answered questions from Mr. Whitfield.

Dr. Jackson answered questions from Mr. Barnes.

Dr. Jackson answered recross questions from Mr. Whitfield.

Dr. Jackson answered questions from the Board.

Dr. Jackson answered recross questions from Mr. Whitfield.

Dr. Jackson answered recross questions from Mr. Barnes.

Mr. Whitfield made a closing statement.

Mr. Barnes made a closing statement.

THE BOARD RECESSED FOR LUNCH AT 11:41 A.M. AND RECONVENED AT 12:30 P.M.

A motion was made by Dr. Roth, seconded by Dr. Latorre, and carried that the Board hearing be closed to discuss going into executive session.

CLOSED SESSION

During the closed session, a motion was made, seconded, and carried that the Board enter into executive session to deliberate Dr. Jackson's request. The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered executive session. A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously, to exit executive session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session. Dr. Givens reported that the Board **DENIES** Dr. Jackson's Motion to Remove Restrictions on His License to Practice Medicine and asks that Dr. Jackson discuss other options with the Executive Director for a re-entry plan to have the restrictions on his license removed.

HEARING IN THE CASE OF CLIFTON STORY, M.D.
MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE #15085
PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT, LICENSURE, AND REQUEST FOR RELIEF
(Agenda Item #20)

Ms. Ratliff reported this matter is a Petition for Reinstatement by Dr. Story.

Mr. Matthew Thompson introduced himself as counsel for Dr. Story and made an opening statement.

Mr. Barnes made an opening statement.

Mr. Thompson introduced the Petition with attachments as Exhibit 1 into the record.

Dr. Story was sworn in by the court reporter.

Mr. Thompson called Dr. Story as a witness.

Dr. Story answered questions from Mr. Thompson.

Dr. Story answered questions from Mr. Barnes.

Dr. Story answered recross questions from Mr. Thompson.

Dr. Story answered questions from the Board.

Mr. Barnes called Kristin Powell, Associate Director of the Mississippi Physician Health Program, as a witness.

Ms. Powell was sworn in by the court reporter.

Ms. Powell answered questions from Mr. Barnes.

Ms. Powell answered questions from Ms. Ratliff.

Ms. Powell answered questions from Mr. Thompson.

A motion was made by Dr. Roth, seconded by Dr. Latorre, and carried that the Board hearing be closed to discuss going into executive session.

CLOSED SESSION

During the closed session, a motion was made, seconded, and carried that the Board enter into executive session to deliberate the Petition for Reinstatement. The motion passed unanimously. The Board entered executive session. A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously, to exit executive session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

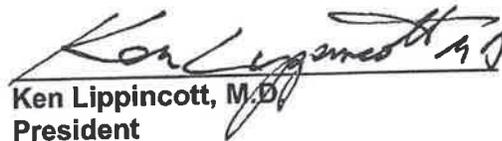
The Board returned to open session. Dr. Givens reported that the Board **GRANTS** Dr. Story's Petition for Reinstatement subject to the condition that the Licensee enter into a Monitoring Agreement with the Mississippi Physician Health Program (MPHP) for a period of not less than three (3) years and that Licensee abide by all provisions set forth in the Acumen Return-to-Work Plan.

MARCH 2026 BOARD MEETING DATES, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, AND THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026 (Agenda Item #21)

After discussion regarding dates, the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was set for Wednesday, March 18, 2026, and Thursday, March 19, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.


Ken Lippincott, M.D.
President

Minutes taken and transcribed by:
Jackie McKenzie, Paralegal
January 14-15, 2026

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

**BOARD MEETING AGENDA
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
January 14, 2026 at 10:30 am and January 15, 2026 at 9:00 am**

January 14, 2026 at 10:30 am

1. Meeting called to order.
2. Invocation, Pledge
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comment
5. Report from the Executive Director
6. Approval of Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting dated November 12, 2025.
7. Approval of Minutes of the Board Meeting dated November 12, 2025.
8. Approval of Minutes of the Specially Called Board Meeting dated December 11, 2025.
9. Report of January 14, 2026, Executive Committee Meeting.
10. Hearing in the case of Joel Bremer Durinka, M.D.
Mississippi Medical License 30202
Approval of Consent Order – Changed to Continuance
11. Joseph Matthew Palumbo, D.O.
Mississippi Medical License 22814
Approval of Consent Order
12. Hearing in the Case of Muhammad Basit, D.O.
Mississippi Medical License 30129
Approval of consent order
13. Hearing in the case of Matthew Thomas Tipton, D.O.
Mississippi Medical License 23169
Motion for Continuance
14. Hearing in the case of Brandi Adams, LXMO
Mississippi Radiologist Assistant license R03481
Motion for Continuance

15. Pursuant to MS Code § 25-41-7, Investigative Subpoena for approval, Case number 2026-036. This is a matter for review and discussion to be held in executive session to discuss Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of misconduct or violations of law.
16. Mehul Piyush Dixit, M.D.
Mississippi Medical License 21228
Motion for continuance
17. For Informational Purposes
Fred Adair Blackledge M.D., Jackson, MS
Mississippi Medical License 16006
Voluntarily Surrendered

January 15, 2026 at 9:00 am

18. Christopher Scott Lynn, M.D.
Mississippi Medical License 16299
Approval of Consent Order – Changed to Continuance
19. Hearing in the Case of Timothy Jackson, M.D.
Mississippi Medical License 14510
20. Hearing in the Case of Clifton Story, M.D.
Mississippi Medical License 15085
21. March 2026 Board Meeting Dates:
Wednesday, March 18, and Thursday, March 19, 2026.

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:

JOEL BREMER DURINKA, M.D.

License No. 30202

ORDER OF CONTINUANCE

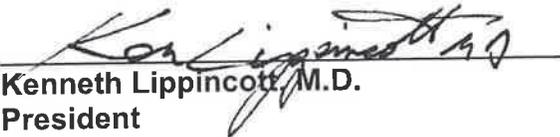
THIS MATTER came on regularly for consideration by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") in response to a request for continuance of the hearing set for this date made by Complaint Counsel, Paul Barnes. After consideration of the matter, the Board finds the motion well-taken and is hereby **GRANTED**.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that this matter is continued until March 18 & 19, 2026.

SO ORDERED this the 14th day of January 2026.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

BY:


Kenneth Lippincott, M.D.
President

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
IN THE MATTER OF PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE
OF
JOSEPH MATTHEW PALUMBO, D.O.
CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Joseph Matthew Palumbo, D.O., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi, currently holding License Number 22814. Said license expired on June 30, 2025. However, Licensee retains the inchoate right of renewal;

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2025, this Board received notification from the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission (IMLCC") that on July 9, 2025, the Maryland Board of Physicians reprimanded Licensee based on an earlier action by the Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline. The Rhode Island order was reciprocal action based on a 2023 action by the State of Virginia;

WHEREAS, in a consent order dated November 15, 2023, the Department of Health Professionals in Virginia, hereinafter referred to as the "Virginia Board," fined Licensee \$5,000 after finding that, in his role as the owner and medical director of multiple intravenous vitamin infusion facilities, Licensee had "aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of medicine when he authorized and allowed staff to perform, outside of his direction, control and/or supervision . . . and discretionary duties requiring the exercise of professional judgment." On January 19, 2024, the Virginia Board lifted the restrictions and conditions on Licensee's Virginia medical license after Licensee completed the conditions of the order;

WHEREAS, Mississippi, Maryland, and Rhode Island are all member states of the IMLCC, although Virginia is not. Licensee has received reciprocal discipline from numerous other Compact states related to the original action by Virginia: Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (April 3, 2025); Pennsylvania State Board of Osteopathic Medicine (July 17, 2024); Texas Medical Board (April 22, 2024); Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (March 11, 2024); and Colorado Medical Board (February 29, 2024).

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 73-25-29(9) of the Mississippi Code Annotated, the aforementioned actions by the other boards constitute action against Licensee's ability to practice in other jurisdictions, grounds for which the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure may revoke the Mississippi medical license of Licensee, suspend his right to practice for a time deemed proper by the Board, place his license on probation, the terms of which may be set by the Board, or take any other action in relation to his license as the Board may deem proper under the circumstances;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Licensee to avoid an evidentiary hearing before the Board and, in lieu thereof, has agreed to enter into this Consent Order, thereby admitting the facts and allegations set forth herein, subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions as specified below.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, with consent of Licensee as signified by his joinder herein, does hereby **REPRIMAND** Licensee, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Licensee must comply with all requirements set forth in the aforementioned Board Orders and must comply with any previous or subsequent requirements set forth in any other jurisdictions. Licensee shall provide proof of compliance and satisfaction of the Board Orders to the Board's Compliance Officer. Should the Board deem it necessary to obtain any information related to the Order, Licensee agrees to execute any and all releases such that the Board may obtain said information.
2. Licensee shall obey all federal, state, and local laws, and all rules and regulations governing the practice of medicine. Any further violations shall result in further action.
3. Licensee understands and expressly acknowledges that, should Licensee challenge or dispute any provision or statement in this agreement during the Board approval process, this Consent Order will automatically be rendered null and void, formal charges will be brought, and this matter shall be set for a full evidentiary hearing at the convenience of the Board.
4. Licensee shall reimburse the Board for all costs incurred in relation to the pending matter pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-30. Licensee shall be advised of the total assessment by separate written notification and shall tender to the Board a certified check or money order made payable to the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, on or before forty (40) days from the date the assessment is mailed to Licensee via U.S. Mail to Licensee's current mailing address.

Should the Board hereafter receive documented evidence of Licensee violating any of the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, or of any further action(s) taken related to the facts and terms stated herein, the Board shall have the right, pursuant to a full evidentiary hearing, to revoke the medical license of Licensee, suspend it for a time deemed proper by the Board, or take any other action determined as necessary by the Board.

This Consent Order shall be subject to approval by the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Consent Order, in whole or in part, it shall have no force or effect on the parties. It is further understood and agreed that the purpose of this Consent Order is to avoid a hearing before the Board. In this regard, Licensee authorizes the Board to review and examine any documentary evidence or material concerning the Licensee prior to or in conjunction with its consideration of this Consent Order. Should this Consent Order not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to and consideration of this Consent Order and other documents and matters pertaining thereto by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from participation in any further proceedings.

Licensee understands and expressly acknowledges that this Consent Order, if approved and executed by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, shall constitute a public record of the State of Mississippi. Licensee further acknowledges that the Board shall provide a copy of this Order to, among others, the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB), the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), the Office of the Inspector General, United States Department of Health and Human Services (OIG HHS), the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the

Mississippi Division of Medicaid (MDOM), the Mississippi Department of Health (MSDH), the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy (MBOP), and the Mississippi State Medical Association (MSMA). The Board makes no representation as to what action, if any, which any other agency or jurisdiction may take in response to this Consent Order.

Recognizing his right to notice of charges specified against him, to have such charges adjudicated pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-27, to be represented therein by legal counsel of his choice, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, **Joseph Matthew Palumbo, D.O.**, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice and a formal adjudication of charges and authorizes the Board to enter an order accepting this Consent Order.

EXECUTED, this the 16th day of September, 2025.



Joseph Matthew Palumbo, D.O.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED, this the 14th day of January, 2025,
by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.



C. Kenneth Lippincott, M.D.
Board President

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE OF
MUHAMMED ASIF ABDUL BASIT, D.O., LICENSE NO. 30129

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, MUHAMMED ASIF ABDUL BASIT, D.O., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is the current holder of Mississippi Medical License No. 30129, issued May 10, 2022, said license number expired on June 30, 2025, although he maintains the inchoate right of renewal;

WHEREAS, there are now pending before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, hereinafter referred to as "Board," certain allegations related to Licensee's practice of medicine;

WHEREAS, the Investigative Division of the Board has investigated the medical practice of Licensee and has in its possession evidence which, if produced during the course of an evidentiary hearing, would substantiate that Licensee has violated the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Act, specifically Miss. Code Ann. § 41-137-5(1), by failing to perform an in-person physical exam prior to certifying a patient with the Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program. Licensee surrendered his Cannabis Certification License while under investigation by the Mississippi Department of Health's Mississippi Medical Cannabis Program. Surrender of a license or authorization to practice medicine while under disciplinary investigation is a violation of the Mississippi Medical Practice Act, Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-29(10), and constitutes unprofessional conduct, in violation of Miss. Code Ann. §§ 73-25-29(8)(d) and 73-25-83(a);

WHEREAS, the above conduct, if established before the Board, would constitute violations of the Mississippi Medical Practice Act, specifically, subsections (8)(d) and (10) of § 73-25-29, and § 73-25-83(a) of Miss. Code Ann., conduct for which the Board may revoke the medical license of Licensee, suspend it for a time deemed proper by the Board, or take any other action as the Board may deem proper under the circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Licensee wishes to avoid an evidentiary hearing before the Board and, in lieu thereof, has agreed to execute this Consent Order, thereby admitting to the facts set forth herein, subject to the terms and conditions as specified below.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board, with consent of Licensee as signified by his joinder herein, does hereby take the following disciplinary action:

1. Licensee is prohibited from practicing medicine via telehealth in the State of Mississippi for ninety (90) days, until April 14, 2026.
2. Licensee shall successfully complete the PROBE course offered by CPEP and provide confirmation of completion to the Board.
3. Licensee shall obey all federal, state and local laws, and all rules and regulations governing the practice of medicine. Any further acts of misconduct may result in further action.
4. Licensee shall reimburse the Board for all costs incurred in relation to the pending matter pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-30. Licensee shall be advised of the total assessment by separate written notification and shall tender to the Board a certified check or money order made payable to the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, on or before forty (40) days from the date the assessment is mailed to Licensee via U.S. Mail to Licensee's current mailing address.

5. Upon Licensee's satisfaction of the requirements of this Consent Order, the restriction on License No. 30202 will be lifted automatically.

This Consent Order shall be subject to approval by the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Consent Order, in whole or in part, it shall have no force or effect on the parties. It is further understood and agreed that the purpose of this Consent Order is to avoid a hearing before the Board. In this regard, Licensee authorizes the Board to review and examine any documentary evidence or material concerning the Licensee prior to or in conjunction with its consideration of this Consent Order. Should this Consent Order not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to and consideration of this Consent Order and other documents and matters pertaining thereto by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from participation in any further proceedings.

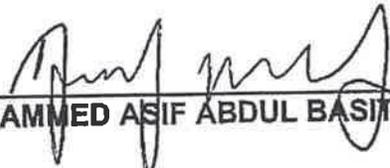
Should the Board hereafter receive documented evidence of Licensee violating any of the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, the Board shall have the right, pursuant to a full evidentiary hearing, to revoke the medical license of Licensee, suspend it for a time deemed proper by the Board, or take any other action determined as necessary by the Board.

Licensee understands and expressly acknowledges that, should Licensee challenge or dispute any provision or statement in this agreement during the Board approval process, or if the Board does not accept the terms as set forth herein, this Consent Order will automatically be rendered null and void, and this matter shall be set for full evidentiary hearing at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

Licensee understands and expressly acknowledges that this Consent Order shall constitute a public record of the State of Mississippi. Licensee further acknowledges that the Board shall provide a copy of this Order to, among others, the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB), the Mississippi Department of Health (MSDH), the Federation of State Medical Boards, the Office of the Inspector General, United States Department of Health and Human Services (OIG-HHS), the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Mississippi Division of Medicaid, the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy, and the Mississippi State Medical Association (MSMA). The Board makes no representation as to action, if any, which any other agency or jurisdiction may take in response to this Order.

Recognizing his right to notice of charges specified against him, to have such charges adjudicated pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-27, to be represented therein by legal counsel of his choice, and to a final decision based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, **MUHAMMED ASIF ABDUL BASIT, D.O.**, nevertheless, hereby waives his right to notice and a formal adjudication of charges and authorizes the Board to enter an order accepting this Consent Order, subject to those terms and conditions listed above.

EXECUTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 28th day of December, 2025.



MUHAMMED ASIF ABDUL BASIT, D.O.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED, this the 14th day of January, 2026.



Charles K. Lippincott, M.D.
Board President

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:

MATTHEW THOMAS TIPTON, D.O.

License No. 23169

FIRST ORDER OF CONTINUANCE

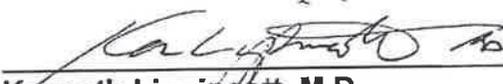
THIS MATTER came on regularly for consideration by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") in response to an unopposed request for continuance of the hearing set for this date made by Dr. Tipton's attorney, Doug Mercier. After consideration of the matter, the Board finds the motion well-taken and is hereby **GRANTED**.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that this matter is continued until March _____, 2026.

SO ORDERED this the 14th, day of January 2026.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

BY:



Kenneth Lippincott, M.D.
President

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:

BRANDI ADAMS, LXMO

License No. R03481

FIRST ORDER OF CONTINUANCE

THIS MATTER came on regularly for consideration by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") in response to an unopposed request for continuance of the hearing set for this date made by Licensee.

After consideration of the matter, the Board finds the motion well-taken and is hereby **GRANTED**.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that this matter is continued until March _____, 2026.

SO ORDERED this the 14th, day of January 2026.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

BY:



Kenneth Lippincott, M.D.
President

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:

MEHUL PIYUSH DIXIT, M.D.

License No. 21228

ORDER OF CONTINUANCE

THIS MATTER came on regularly for consideration by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") in response to a **JOINT** motion for continuance of the hearing set for this date by Board Counsel Paul Barnes and Dennis Horn, Esq., attorney for Mehul Piyush Dixit, M.D. (hereinafter "Licensee").

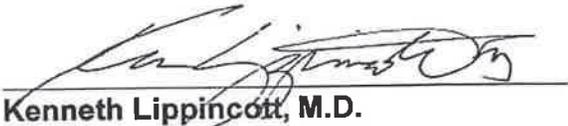
After consideration of the matter, the Board finds the motion well-taken, and is hereby **GRANTED**, on expressed condition that all other terms and conditions of the May 2023 suspension of Licensee's medical license remain in place.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that this matter is continued until January 2027.

SO ORDERED this the 14th day of January 2026.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

BY:



Kenneth Lippincott, M.D.
President

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE
OF FRED ADAIR BLACKLEDGE, M.D.,
LICENSE NO. 16006**

CASE NO. 2025-037

SURRENDER OF MEDICAL LICENSE

WHEREAS, FRED ADAIR BLACKLEDGE, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is the current holder of License Number 16006, issued on August 3, 1998, and which expires on June 30, 2026;

WHEREAS, Licensee is currently under investigation by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (the "Board") concerning allegations that Licensee has violated the Mississippi Medical Practice Act, specifically Miss. Code Ann. §§ 73-25-83(b), 73-25-29(8)(d), and 73-25-83(a); and

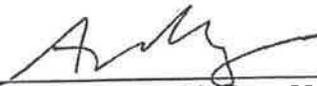
WHEREAS, Licensee denies any wrongdoing, but has decided to retire from the practice of medicine. As part of his retirement and in order to resolve this matter, Licensee hereby voluntarily surrenders his license to practice medicine.

NOW THEREFORE, Licensee understands said Surrender shall be effective as of December 31, 2025. Licensee understands this is an unconditional surrender, is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank and other entities, such as the Federation of State Medical Boards, and is a public record of the State of Mississippi.

Recognizing his right to notice of any possible charges which might be brought against him, to have any such charges adjudicated pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-27, to be represented therein by legal counsel of his choice, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, **FRED ADAIR BLACKLEDGE, M.D.**, nevertheless, hereby waives his right to notice and a formal

adjudication of charges and hereby voluntarily executes this Surrender of Medical License to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi.

EXECUTED AND EFFECTIVE, this the 29 day of December, 2025.



Fred Adair Blackledge, M.D.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED, this the 31st day of December, 2025,
by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.



Kenneth E. Cleveland, M.D.
Executive Director
Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:

CHRISTOPHER SCOTT LYNN, M.D. (No. 16299)

ORDER OF CONTINUANCE

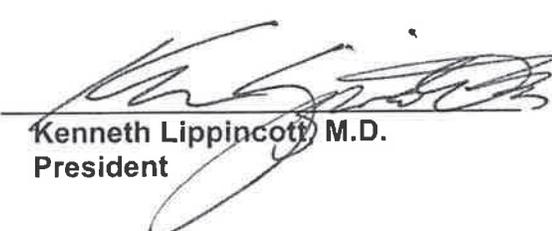
THIS MATTER came on regularly for consideration by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") in response to a request for continuance of the hearing set for this date by Paul E. Barnes, Esq., (hereinafter "Counsel") for the Board.

After consideration of the matter, the Board finds Counsel's request to be well-taken, and is hereby **GRANTED**.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, that this matter is continued until March 18, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

SO ORDERED this, the 14th day of January 2026.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

BY: 

**Kenneth Lippincott M.D.
President**

**BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:

TIMOTHY D. JACKSON, M.D.

LICENSE NO. 14510

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO REMOVE RESTRICTIONS

THIS MATTER came on regularly for hearing on January 15, 2026, before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter “Board”), pursuant to Title 73, Chapter 25 of Mississippi Code (1972) Annotated. Timothy D. Jackson, M.D. (“Licensee”) is seeking removal of restrictions from his license pursuant to MISS. CODE ANN. Section 73-25-32. The last formal action of the Board regarding Licensee occurred on November 18, 2021, wherein the Board reinstated the license of Timothy D. Jackson, M.D., but restricted his surgical privileges until the Licensee “participates in and successfully completes a Board-approved re-entry program, the specifics of which shall be determined by the Executive Director. . . . Upon successful completion of the re-entry program and approval by the Executive Director, Dr. Jackson may petition to have the surgical restriction removed.” Without following the prescribed procedure, Licensee is now submitting such a petition.

Board members present for the January 15, 2026, proceeding were Ken Lippincott, M.D., President; Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., Vice-President; Roderick Givens, M.D., Secretary; Allen Gersh, M.D.; Carlos Latorre, M.D.; Renia R. Dotson, M.D.; and Randy Roth, M.D. Consumer member Koomarie “Shoba” Gaymes was also present. Accordingly, a quorum of Board members was present throughout the hearing and deliberation.

Licensee was present and represented by Honorable William Whitfield. Complaint Counsel for the Board was Honorable Paul Barnes. Also present was Complaint Co-Counsel, Honorable Meagan Guyse. Sitting as legal advisor and hearing officer to the Board was Honorable Pamela S. Ratliff, Special Assistant Attorney General.

During the hearing, a number of exhibits were introduced, including:

- Exhibit 1: Documents Bates Numbered Jackson 000001 through Jackson 000075.
- Exhibit 2: Licensee's *Motion of Timothy Dale Jackson to Remove Restrictions on His License to Practice Medicine* which incorporated the following attachments/exhibits:
 - Exhibit A: Curriculum Vitae;
 - Exhibit B: Summary Timeline;
 - Exhibit C: Order Granting Reinstatement of License;
 - Exhibit D: MSBML Practice Requirements and Agreement;
 - Exhibit E: Affidavit of Kent Nicaud;
 - Exhibit F: Affidavit of John Raff, M.D.;
 - Exhibit G: Affidavit of John Logan, M.D.;
 - Exhibit H: Affidavit of Timothy Dale Jackson, M.D.

All exhibits were admitted into evidence and marked as Composite Exhibit 1 and Composite Exhibit 2. To the extent that any such exhibits contain protected patient information, those records shall be maintained and filed under seal.

And now, upon consideration of all the materials produced in the record before the Board, along with the testimony presented at hearing, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order based on clear and convincing evidence:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is established pursuant to the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure Act, Title 73, Chapter 43 of the of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended and is charged with the duty of licensing and regulating the practice of medicine in the State of Mississippi pursuant to title 73, Chapter 25 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended.
2. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Sections 73-25-29, and 73-25-83(a) Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. Venue is likewise properly placed before the board to hear this matter in Hinds County, Mississippi.
3. The Board is authorized to license and regulate persons who apply for or hold a medical license and prescribe conditions under which persons may practice in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
4. All parties were properly noticed of the matter now pending before the Board.
5. On September 24, 2014, Licensee was convicted of "tax evasion" and "corrupt interference with the administration of Internal Revenue Laws". He was sentenced

to seventy-five (75) months in federal prison and was released in 2020 for another thirty-six (36) months of supervised release.

6. In lieu of formal charges by the Board, Licensee allowed his license (No. 14510) to lapse without renewal.
7. On June 22, 2020, Licensee filed his application for a new Mississippi medical license. On July 22, 2021, the Board entered a Final Order, wherein the Board denied Licensee's petition for reinstatement and found as follows:

Applicant has not practiced medicine since 2014. In that regard, Title 30, Part 2601, Rule 1.3, Duty to Obtain License, of the Rules and Regulations of the Board Governing Licensure, provides in part:

Prior to the issuance of, or reinstatement of a license, any physician, physician assistant, radiologist assistant or acupuncturist who has not actively practiced for a three (3) year period shall be required to participate in a Board approved assessment program, clinical skills assessment program or re-entry program to assure post-licensure competency

In compliance with the above regulation, on or about August 31, 2020, Applicant submitted to a professional competency assessment by the Center for Personalized Education for Professionals (CPEP). The assessment report was entered as evidence. In summary, the report found Applicant competent to practice, but did make recommendations regarding supervision and proctoring in the event Applicant is re-licensed and authorized to re-enter the practice of medicine in the specialty of orthopedics.

In addition to the above, Title 30, Part 2605, Rule 1.1.E, *Licensure by Credentials*, of the Rule and Regulations of the Board Governing Licensure, provides in part:

An applicant who otherwise possesses all of the qualifications for licensure by credentials but has not taken a medical proficiency examination or licensure examination within ten (10) years prior to filing his or her application, must pass the SPEX. . . , unless the applicant:

1. Submits satisfactory proof of current certification by an ABMS and participating in Maintenance of Certification (MOC) or AOA approved specialty board and participating in Osteopathic Continuous Certification (OCC); or

2. Submits proof that the applicant's sole purpose for seeking licensure is to serve as the Dean, Chairman of the Department or Faculty of an ACGME or AOA approved training program. In such case, a license shall remain in effect so long as licensee is a member of the faculty of the ACGME or AOA approved training program.

Applicant is not currently board certified and is not seeking licensure to serve on faculty at a training program. Therefore, it will be necessary that he successfully take the SPEX examination.

8. Accordingly, the Board denied the Licensee's application for a new license until such time Licensee successfully completes the SPEX examination. The Board's Order further made clear that in the event Licensee successfully completes SPEX "issuance of a Mississippi medical license shall be subject to any and all re-entry requirements set forth in the CPEP education plan." *[Exhibit 2 at Exhibit C]*.
9. Licensee reappeared before the Board on November 18, 2021 for reconsideration of his application and submitted evidence of successful completion of the SPEX exam.
10. On November 18, 2021, the Board granted Licensee's request for reinstatement, but placed restrictions on his license, as follows:

Based on the Licensee's lapse of time in the practice of medicine, the Board determined Licensee must participate in a Board Approved re-entry program prior to the reinstatement of surgical privileges. Accordingly, the Board will permit reinstatement with restrictions.

Pursuant to that finding, the Board ordered:

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that the request of Timothy D. Jackson, M.D. for reinstatement of licensure is hereby granted. However, surgical privileges are restricted until Timothy D. Jackson M.D. participates in and successfully completes a Board-approved re-entry program, the specifics of which shall be determined by the Executive Director. . . . Upon successful completion of the re-entry program and approval by the Executive Director, Dr. Jackson may petition to have the surgical restrictions removed.

[Exhibit 2 at Exhibit C; Jackson 000037 - 000039].

11. On January 4, 2022, Licensee and Dr. Ken Cleveland, Executive Director, executed a "MSBML Practice Requirements and Agreement" ("Agreement"), which set forth the requirements for the Licensee's re-entry program. The Agreement, set to last "for a period of no less than 12 months" required Licensee to enter into a formal proctoring

relationship with a physician actively practicing General Orthopedics. The Agreement further established three (3) "Periods" or phases. At issue today is the Licensee's reported inability to complete Period 2, which requires as follows:

2. During the second period (3 months) of the proctoring relationship, licensee may serve as lead surgeon only when a proctoring physician is available to serve as first assistant. At the end of the second period, a report to the Board shall be made by the proctoring physician(s) that, in his/her opinion, licensee can serve as primary surgeon without the assistance of the proctoring physician(s). . . .

[Exhibit 2 at Exhibit D; Jackson 000028-000030].

12. At the hearing, Licensee testified he was unable to obtain the necessary credentialing at his current place of employment, Memorial Hospital at Gulfport, due to the surgical restriction on his license. Licensee further testified that he was unable to serve as a "lead surgeon" and complete Periods 2 and 3 of the Agreement because Memorial Hospital at Gulfport would not credential him, having determined that it would not be eligible for reimbursement from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) if he acted in that role under his current licensure restrictions. Licensee accordingly appeared before the Board requesting removal of the surgical restriction so that he could obtain the necessary credentialing and permit Memorial Hospital at Gulfport to receive CMS reimbursement, thereby enabling him to complete the Agreement while working at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.
13. Licensee admitted that, after being informed that Memorial Hospital at Gulfport could not credential him to serve as a lead surgeon, he did not inquire with other hospitals to determine whether they were able or willing to credential him as a lead surgeon to complete his Agreement. Licensee testified that he believed Memorial Hospital at Gulfport met the criteria set by the Board, as well as his own criteria, and further testified that, because he was familiar with the facility and its staff, he did not check with other hospitals.
14. Licensee testified that he has continued to work as a first surgical assistant since his medical license was reinstated more than four years ago. Licensee further testified that, although Period 1 of his Agreement was intended to last three (3) months and he has completed the requirements of Period 1, he has remained in Period 1 since his license was reinstated as he is unable to advance to Period 2. Licensee also testified that he has served as a first surgical assistant in more than 1,300 procedures since his license was reinstated in 2021.

15. Licensee testified that, as a first or certified surgical assistant, he is able to perform any surgical task within the scope of his licensure, including positioning patients, making incisions, placing instruments, closing incisions, and applying dressings.
16. When asked whether he had engaged in any perioperative care since his license was reinstated, Licensee testified that he has accompanied Dr. [John] Logan on occasions in the office and the emergency department. Licensee acknowledged that he has not worked as a lead surgeon since 2014 but testified that he believes he is ready to function as a lead surgeon in an operative setting, including the ability to take call and perform all duties required of a lead surgeon.
17. Licensee testified that he did not research whether opportunities existed with other hospitals or surgical facilities that would allow him to satisfy the requirements set forth in the Agreement.
18. Licensee admitted that he did not research the availability of re-entry programs through other providers, including KSTAR and CPEP. Licensee further admitted that he did not research whether such programs offered options that would allow him to serve as lead surgeon and complete Periods 2 and 3 of his Agreement with the Board.
19. Licensee testified that he has remained in Period 1 of the Agreement since his license was reinstated in 2021.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Sections 73-25-29, and 73-25-83 (a) Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. Venue is likewise properly placed before the board to hear this matter in Hinds County, Mississippi.
2. The proceedings were duly and properly convened, and all substantive and procedural requirements under law have been satisfied. This matter is, therefore, properly before the Board.
3. The Board is authorized to license and regulate persons who apply for or hold a medical license and prescribe conditions under which persons may practice in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.
4. Based upon clear and convincing evidence and testimony presented, the Licensee has not successfully completed the re-entry requirements set forth in the Board's Order of November 18, 2021, required for removal of the surgical restrictions.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board finds the following order, restrictions, and conditions to be appropriate under the circumstances:

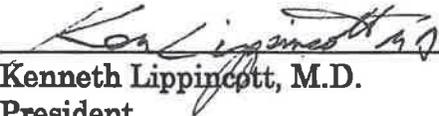
ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Licensee's request to remove restrictions from his license to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi is hereby denied. Licensee is instructed to discuss with the Board's Executive Director other options available to complete his re-entry program. Upon successful completion of the re-entry program and approval by the Executive Director, Licensee may petition to have the surgical restriction removed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Determination and Order shall be public record. It may be shared with other licensing boards (in and out of state), the public, and may be reported to the appropriate entities as required or authorized by state and/or federal law or guidelines. This action shall be spread upon the Minutes of the Board as its official act and deed.

SO ORDERED this the 15th day of January, 2026.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL LICENSURE**

BY: 
Kenneth Lippincott, M.D.
President

**BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE**

IN THE MATTER OF:

CLIFTON WAYNE STORY, M.D.

LICENSE NO. 15085

DETERMINATION AND ORDER

On January 15, 2026, the above-entitled matter came before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure ("Board") in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, pursuant to Title 73, Chapter 25 of Mississippi Code (1972) Annotated, on the petition of Clifton Wayne Story, M.D. (Licensee), seeking reinstatement of licensure pursuant to Miss. CODE ANN. Section 73-25-32.

Board members present for the January 15, 2026, proceeding were Ken Lippincott, M.D., President; Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., Vice-President; Roderick Givens, M.D., Secretary; Allen Gersh, M.D.; Carlos Latorre, M.D.; Renia R. Dotson, M.D.; and Randy Roth, M.D. Consumer member Koomarie "Shoba" Gaymes was also present. Accordingly, a quorum of Board members was present throughout the hearing and deliberation.

Licensee was present and represented by Honorable Matthew Thompson. Complaint Counsel for the Board was Honorable Paul Barnes. Also present was Complaint Co-Counsel, Honorable Meagan Guyse. Sitting as legal advisor and hearing officer to the Board was Honorable Pamela S. Ratliff, Special Assistant Attorney General.

During the hearing, a number of exhibits were introduced, including the Licensee's Petition for Reinstatement dated December 12, 2025; Affidavit of Arturo Blanco, M.D.; Affidavit of Steven Woodward, M.D.; eight (8) letters of support; Acumen Institute Longitudinal Professionalism Rehabilitation Treatment Phase III Final Follow Up and Discharge Summary Report; Acumen Institute Boundary and Ethical Behavior Protection Plan; Licensee's Reading List; Letter from Dr. Preston Crowe, Director of the Center for Hope and Healing; Determination and Final Order from the Board dated November 20,

2024; Summons and Affidavit; and email communications. All exhibits were entered into evidence without objection and marked as composite Exhibit 1.

And now, upon consideration of all the materials produced in the record before the Board, along with the testimony presented at hearing, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order based on clear and convincing evidence:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board is established pursuant to the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure Act, Title 73, Chapter 43 of the of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended and is charged with the duty of licensing and regulating the practice of medicine in the State of Mississippi pursuant to title 73, Chapter 25 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended.

The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Sections 73-25-29, and 73-25-83(a) Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended. Venue is likewise properly placed before the board to hear this matter in Hinds County, Mississippi.

The proceedings were duly and properly convened, and all substantive and procedural requirements under law have been satisfied. This matter is, therefore, properly before the Board.

The Board is authorized to license and regulate persons who apply for or hold a medical license and prescribe conditions under which persons may practice in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

Licensee seeks reinstatement of licensure pursuant to MISS. CODE ANN. Section 73-25-32. The last formal action of the Board involving Licensee occurred on November 20, 2024, wherein the Board suspended Licensee's Mississippi medical license for a period of one (1) year from the date of the Order and further ordered:

- 1.) Licensee shall proceed with active participation in a formal process of rehabilitative treatment focused on medical ethics and professionalism, professional boundary training, and psychotherapy of the personality traits that left him vulnerable to professional sexual misconduct with a patient. This treatment shall be undertaken in a program that is approved by the Board and designed specifically for safety-sensitive healthcare professionals who have engaged in professional sexual misconduct. Treatment shall include training and reorientation in professional ethics, professional boundary training, professional role definition, emotional self-regulation,

and identification of and risk management around the personality traits that contributed to his decision to engage in unprofessional conduct. The treatment program shall be undertaken in an intensive program that combines immersion in group treatment (with other safety-sensitive healthcare professional patients) with intensive individual psychotherapy around the personality-based vulnerabilities that contributed to his poor judgment and eventual misconduct.

- 2.) This treatment was to result in a formal "Professional Boundary and Ethical Conduct and Return to Work Plan." In the development of this plan, Licensee and his treatment team shall work with the Board to identify a structure for professional accountability in the workplace in order to ensure that Licensee continues to maintain appropriate boundaries and ethical conduct in all his doctor-patient and doctor-coworker interactions. Licensee shall engage in ongoing follow-up for a period of at least one year to ensure the full and successful implementation of the plan.
- 3.) Specific accountability monitoring plans may be made with the Board during Licensee's participation in the treatment program to ensure that once he returns from his initial intensive treatment phase, he will immediately implement that risk management plan.

While suspending Licensee's medical license, the Board advised Licensee that he had the right to petition for reinstatement and return to the practice medicine in the state of Mississippi following no earlier than one (1) year from the date of the order, provided that, prior to petitioning the Board, Licensee provide proof of completion of the rehabilitation program and the Board's receipt of the Return-to-Work Plan. The Order further provided after reinstatement, Licensee shall provide ongoing follow-up for at least one (1) year. Licensee was also ordered to reimburse the Board for all costs incurred in relation to the pending matter, not to exceed \$10,000.

Licensee is now submitting such a petition.

The Board finds that Licensee has completed all terms and conditions outlined in the Board's Order and Determination dated November 20, 2024. Accordingly, the Board finds Licensee's petition for reinstatement to be well-taken.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board finds the following order to be appropriate under the circumstances.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Licensee's Mississippi medical license is reinstated subject to the condition that the Licensee enter into a Monitoring Agreement with the Mississippi Physicians Health Program (MPHP) for a period of not less than three (3) years and that Licensee abide by ALL provisions as set forth in the ACUMEN Return-to-Work Plan.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the request of Clifton Wayne Story, M.D. (Licensee) for reinstatement of licensure is hereby granted, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 1.) Licensee shall abide by all "follow-up plan/recommendations" set forth in the ACUMEN "*Longitudinal Professionalism Rehabilitation Treatment Phase III Final Follow Up and Discharge Summary Report*" [Composite Exhibit 1 – attachment "Final"]:
 - a. Psychotherapy – Licensee shall continue with his outpatient psychotherapy process with Dr. Preston Crowe. Dr. Crowe shall provide the reports to the Board regarding Licensee's compliance with and active engagement in psychotherapy;
 - b. Workplace Monitor – Licensee shall identify and designate a worksite monitor who is also a licensed physician with whom Licensee can meet at least every other week to review his implementation of his "Return-to-Work Plan". The workplace monitor shall provide reports to the Board as requested by the Board regarding Licensee's ongoing professionalism in the work environment;
 - c. Chaperones – Licensee shall practice in a manner consistent with the guidelines of the AAFP (American Academy of Family Physicians) regarding the use of chaperones when providing intimate exams to female patients (this is considered the Standard of care for all providers and is not intended as a restriction) or the use of referrals to female colleagues for such intimate exams;
 - d. "Return-to-Work Plan" – Licensee shall finalize a "Return-to-Work Plan" in consultation with Dr. Peter Graham, once a specific work environment is identified, and provide said Plan to the Board;
 - e. Monitoring Recommendations and Coordination with PHP [see item 2 below]; and

- f. Licensee shall undergo annual maintenance polygraph interviews during the period of his monitoring to ensure ongoing maintenance of professional boundaries with patients, using the following questions (with possible modifications as necessary):
- i. Since your last polygraph, have you had sexual contact with a current or former patient?
 - ii. Since your last polygraph, have you tried to meet up with a current or former patient for sexual contact?
 - iii. Since your last polygraph have you had sexual contact with a current or former 'interested third party'?

2.) Licensee shall enter into a Monitoring Contract with the Mississippi Physician Health Program (MPHP) for a period of not less than three (3) years from the date of this Order. Licensee shall abide by all terms and conditions set forth in the MPHP Monitoring Contract during that time. Licensee shall authorize MPHP to provide reports or updates, including verbal or written, to the Board's Executive Director and/or the Board, as requested by the Board's Executive Director and/or the Board, regarding Licensee's adherence to the Return-To-Work Plan and terms of the Board's Order.

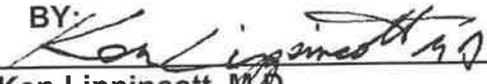
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to MISS. CODE ANN. Section 73-25-27, a copy of this Order shall be sent by registered mail or personally served upon Clifton Wayne Story, M.D.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this action and order of the Board shall be public record. It may be shared with other licensing boards (in and out of state), and the public, and may be reported to the appropriate entities as required or authorized by state and/or federal law or guidelines. This action shall be spread upon the Minutes of the Board as its official act and deed.

SO ORDERED this the 15th day of January, 2026.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL LICENSURE**

BY:



Ken Lippincott, M.D.
President