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

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:  
JAMES LEONARD WOOTTON, III, M.D.**

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**ORDER REMOVING RESTRICTIONS**

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THIS MATTER came on regularly for hearing on July 16, 2025, before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter “Board”), in response to the petition of JAMES LEONARD WOOTTON, III, M.D. (hereinafter “Licensee”), seeking removal of all restrictions on his license to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi.

In January 2022, the Board suspended Licensee’s Mississippi medical license by virtue of a Consent Order. On or about March 22, 2023, the Board reinstated Licensee’s Mississippi medical licensure with certain restrictions, including completion of a Board approved intensive treatment program. Licensee completed an intensive treatment program at Pine Grove, which acknowledged Licensee was safe to return to practice provided certain recommendations were met.

At the hearing on July 16, 2025, Licensee appeared before the Board and was represented by Honorable Lorraine W. Boykin. Counsel for the Board was Honorable Paul Barnes. Sitting as legal advisor and hearing officer to the Board was Honorable Pamela S. Ratliff, Special Assistant Attorney General. Board members present for the proceedings were Ken Lippincott, M.D., President; Michelle Owens, M.D.; Kirk Kinard, D.O.; William

Loper, M.D., Roderick Givens, M.D.; Renia R. Dotson, M.D.; and Randy Roth, M.D. Consumer member present was Koomarie "Shoba" Gaymes.

Licensee testified he has had difficulty securing permanent employment. As a result, he has been unable to satisfy all requirements of the Order Granting Reinstatement of License, including but not limited to, PEP recheck six months after resuming work, biannual polygraphs, and establishment of a workplace monitor and monitoring agreement. Since Licensee has been away from clinical practice for an extended period, with Board approval, Licensee will secure an affiliation with Mississippi Physician Health Program ("PHP") for a minimum of five (5) years and follow a Board approved physician re-entry to practice plan. Accordingly, the Board finds Licensee's request for removal of restrictions to be well-taken.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Licensee's request for removal of restrictions is hereby granted. Licensee now holds an unrestricted license to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi.

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

SO ORDERED, this the 16th day of July, 2025.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL LICENSURE

BY:

  
C. Kenneth Lippincott, M.D.  
President