

SPECIALLY CALLED BOARD MEETING NOTICE (2/24/2016)

Posted on Board's website and DFA when meeting was posted as an attachment. Per Ellen, no agenda needed with this posted.

Pursuant to Mississippi Code Sections 25-41-13 and 25-41-5, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure hereby gives notice of a specially called meeting of the Board to be held on Wednesday, February 24, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., at the offices of the Board located at 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Suite 200 B, Jackson, MS 39216. At least one member of the Board is anticipated to participate by telephone. This meeting is being called to address legislative issues including possible amendments to the regulations and any other related matters.

**SPECIALLY CALLED BOARD MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
FEBRUARY 24, 2016**

A specially called board meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure was held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, in the Board Room of the Office of the Board located at 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Jackson, Mississippi.

The following members were present:

Virginia M. Crawford, M.D., Hattiesburg, President
Charles D. Miles, M.D., West Point, Vice President
Rickey L. Chance, D.O., Ocean Springs, Secretary
John C. Clay, M.D., Meridian
S. Randall Easterling, M.D., Vicksburg

Also present:

H. Vann Craig, M.D., Director
Stan T. Ingram, Complaint Counsel for the Board
Rhonda Freeman, Bureau Director, Licensure Division
Thomas Washington, Bureau Director, Investigative Division
Leslie Ross, Investigations
Sherry H. Pilgrim, Staff Officer

Not present:

Claude D. Brunson, M.D., Jackson
C. Kenneth Lippincott, M.D., Tupelo
William S. Mayo, D.O., Oxford
J. Ann Rea, M.D., Summit
Ellen O'Neal, Special Assistant Attorney General

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by Dr. Crawford, President.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

Senate Bill 2377 - Dr. Crawford advised that the proposed bill calls for taking the physician assistants currently under the Board of Medical Licensure and putting them under the Board of Nursing. Dr. Crawford advised that she had received several calls from concerned physician assistants expressing their resistance. Dr. Crawford advised that in talking with the Board of Nursing, they were not for the change as well.

Dr. Crawford discussed the need for the development of a Physician Assistant Task Force and advised that it should include an APRN and a PA. Dr. Crawford advised that §73-26-5 instructs the Board as to the individuals that are to serve on the task force. Dr. Crawford advised that she has met with the president of the physician assistant's association. Dr. Crawford advised that she was willing to serve on the task force.

There was also a brief discussion concerning the Board's rules and regulations concerning the physician assistants and possible changes that need to be made.

Legislature's Perception - Dr. Crawford advised that in talking with some legislators that the image of the Medical Board is not where it should be and that she wants to take steps to correct the problems. Dr. Crawford also discussed the current licensure process and possible changes that can be made to expedite the process. Dr. Crawford advised that the bills for the Interstate Licensure Compact will hopefully be passed and that it will help expedite our licensure process. There was also a brief discussion about what in the licensure process is statute and what can be changed.

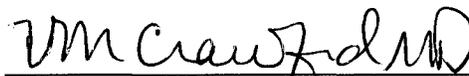
Senate Bill 2025 - Dr. Easterling discussed Senate Bill 2025 and advised that as proposed it will change the mileage between the physician and nurse practitioner to 75 instead of the current 15 miles. Also, Dr. Easterling advised that each individual physician would be allowed to collaborate with a maximum of 6 APRNs.

Lobbyist - The Board unanimously agreed that the Board needs to hire a lobbyist prior to next year.

Other Business - Dr. Crawford announced that the Board needs to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion was made by Dr. Easterling and seconded by Dr. Miles that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Joining the Board in Executive Session by conference call was: Dr. Lippincott, Dr. Mayo and Dr. Rea.

Upon a motion by Dr. Crawford, seconded by Dr. Clay, and carried the Board came out of Executive Session. Dr. Crawford advised that the Board had met and that a decision was made regarding a personnel matter which will be announced at the appropriate time.

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.



Virginia M. Crawford, M.D.
President

Minutes taken and transcribed
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Staff Officer
February 24, 2016