

**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE  
MARCH 23, 2016**

**MEMBERS 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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

H. Vann Craig, M.D., Director  
Stan T. Ingram, Complaint Counsel for the Board  
Ellen O'Neal, Special Assistant Attorney General  
Rhonda Freeman, Bureau Director, Licensure Division  
Thomas Washington, Bureau Director, Investigative Division  
Arlene Davis, Systems Manager  
Frances Carrillo, Special Projects Officer, Investigative Division  
Jonathan Dalton, Staff Officer, Investigative Division  
Sherry H. Pilgrim, Staff Officer

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure met on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Office of the Board located at 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Jackson, Mississippi.

Dr. Crawford called the meeting to order and then introduced Daniel Edney, M.D., President of the Mississippi State Medical Association (MSMA). Dr. Edney thanked the Executive Committee for allowing him the opportunity to read a Resolution acknowledging Dr. Craig's service with MSMA and then presented him with the framed Resolution. Also, Dr. Crawford acknowledged Scott Hambleton, M.D., Medical Director of the Mississippi Professionals Health Program (MPHP). Dr. Hambleton thanked the Executive Committee for allowing him the opportunity to present Dr. Craig with a plaque which he read thanking him for his work and efforts with the people at MPHP.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY TAO CHEN, M.D., MOBILE, AL, APPLICANT**

Dr. Craig provided a background of Dr. Chen's history and why he had been invited to appear before the Executive Committee to discuss his application for licensure.

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

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After introductions, Dr. Craig requested that Dr. Chen explain his intentions concerning employment in Mississippi as well as discussing why he had surrendered his DEA license in Alabama.

Dr. Chen advised that he currently has his DEA back now and wants to perform interventional procedures in Mississippi. Dr. Chen briefly explained why he surrendered his DEA certificate and advised that he has not been involved in or accused of any wrongdoing. Dr. Chen advised that he currently does not practice at Mobile Infirmary because they require two (2) back-up physicians to cover for emergency situations and he does not meet that requirement.

Following questions from the Executive Committee members and Stan Ingram, Complaint Counsel for the Board, motion was made by Dr. Miles, seconded by Dr. Chance and carried that the Executive Committee enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter that could result in adverse action.

Following a motion by Dr. Miles, seconded by Dr. Chance, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. Crawford asked Dr. Chance to report on their decision. Dr. Chance advised that the Executive Committee recommends that the matter be referred to the Full Board to obtain additional information including the Alabama Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) profile of Dr. Chen. Also, the Executive Committee would like the Board's attorney to consult with the local district attorney in Mobile, AL, and the Executive Director of the Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners for additional information.

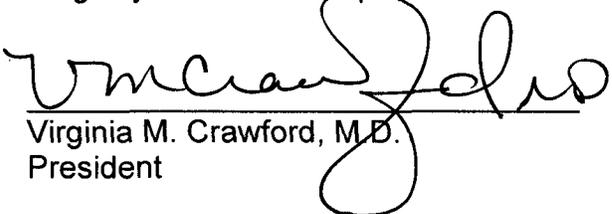
Dr. Crawford thanked Dr. Chen and advised that he will be notified once the Board has researched the matter further.

### REVIEW OF MARCH 24, 2016, BOARD AGENDA

Dr. Craig briefly reviewed the agenda for tomorrow's meeting.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

  
Virginia M. Crawford, M.D.  
President

Minutes taken and transcribed  
by Sherry H. Pilgrim  
Staff Officer  
March 23, 2016

**AGREEMENT TO APPEAR INFORMALLY BEFORE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
BY APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE**

I, **Tao Chen, M.D.**, 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:

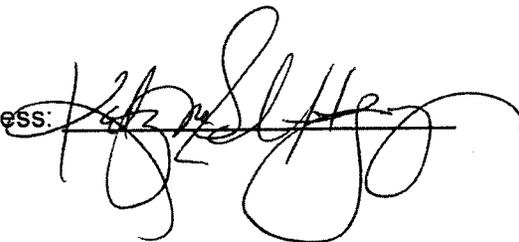
1. During the meeting, the Executive Committee may or may not be represented by legal counsel. Notwithstanding, I understand that I have a right, if I so choose, to employ legal counsel and have counsel present during the informal meeting.
2. I authorize the Committee Members to review and examine any 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 later 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: \_\_\_\_\_)

without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 23 day of March, 2016.

Witness:



APPLICANT



NAME PRINTED