

MINUTES  
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
OCTOBER 12, 2022

The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, in the Executive Conference Room and via Zoom/Teleconference, Osborne Building, Jackson, MS at 10 am.

Members Present:

Thad Waites, MD, MACC, Hattiesburg, MS - Chairman  
J. Edward Hill, MD, FAAFP, Oxford, MS - Vice Chairman  
Elayne Anthony, PhD, Madison, MS  
Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP, Magnolia, MS  
Elizabeth Edmiston, PT, Ocean Springs, MS  
Lee Ann Griffin, PharmD, Jackson, MS  
James L. Perry, Jackson, MS

Via Zoom/Teleconference:

James P. Chaney, MD, Amory, MS  
John D. Davis, IV, MD, Flowood, MS  
Wheeler Timothy Timbs, III, Indianola, MS

Member Absent:

Robert J. Moody, Louisville, MS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thad Waites, MD, MACC.

The first item on the Agenda was the approval of the Minutes for July 13, 2022; August 30, 2022; September 9, 2022 and September 23, 2022. Upon motion by Dr. Anthony to approve the Minutes and second by Dr. Hill, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM presented the State Health Officer's Report which included updates from Paul Byers, MD regarding Covid-19, Monkey Pox and Ebola; Jim Craig, MPH regarding Jackson Water Situation and Kris Jones on the progress of the Cannabis Program.

Sharon Dowdy, CPA presented the Financial Update.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Appointments and Reappointment to the Mississippi Advisory Council in Occupational Therapy
2. Appointment and Reappointment to the Hearing Aid Advisory Council
3. Appointment and Reappointment to the Respiratory Care Advisory Council
4. Reappointments to the Council of Advisors for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
5. Final Adoption of an Amendment to the Minimum Standards of Operations for Mississippi Hospitals

6. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Emergency Medical Services Rules and Regulations
7. Approval of Modifications to the Emergency Medical Services Fee Schedule
8. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Newborn Screening and Birth Defects Registry Regulations

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to approve the Consent Agenda without extractions and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

**Regular Agenda:**

9. Annual Revision to the Mississippi Uniform Controlled Substance Law
10. Authorize the Issuance of State General Obligation Bonds to Provide for the Continued Renovation and Repair of the Mississippi State Department of Health Underwood Building in Hinds County, Mississippi
11. Authorize the Issuance of State General Obligation Bonds to Provide Funds for the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund
12. Reauthorize Miss. Code Ann. §41-58-1 through §41-58-5 which relates to the Medical Radiation Technology Registration Law
13. Reauthorize Miss. Code Ann. §41-67-1 through §41-67-29 and Miss. Code Ann. §41-67-33 through 41-67-41 which relates to the Mississippi Individual On-Site Waste Water Disposal System Law
14. Amend Miss. Code Ann. §41-99-5 which relates to the Mississippi Qualified Health Center Grant Program to Increase Administrative Costs and Budget Justification

Dr. Lampton moved to consider Agenda Items 10 and 11 before the other items; the motion was seconded by Dr. Anthony. Mr. Perry recused himself from consideration of Items 10 and 11 and exited the meeting.

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to approve Items 10 and 11 and second by Dr. Hill, the Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Perry returned to the meeting.

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to approve the Regular Agenda and second by Dr. Hill, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

**New Business:**

Dr. Waites read a letter thanking the Agency employees for their hard work and perseverance over the last two years.

Dr. Waites recommended that the Board recess for lunch. Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to recess for lunch and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board recessed for lunch.

Upon return to meeting, Dr. Anthony made a motion to go into a closed session to determine the necessity for an executive session; motion seconded by Ms. Edmiston.

Upon motion made by Dr. Lampton to enter Executive Session and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board entered Executive Session at 1:30 pm.

Upon motion by Ms. Edmiston to exit Executive Session and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board returned to Open Session. Dr. Waites announced that there was no action taken.

Upon motion by Dr. Anthony to adjourn and second by Ms. Edmiston, the meeting was adjourned.

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Thad Waites, MD, MACC  
Chairman

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Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM  
State Health Officer