

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
April 9, 2025

The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 in the Executive Conference Room in the Osborne Building and online at 10am.

Members Present:

Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP, Magnolia, MS – Chairman
James P. Chaney, MD, Amory, MS – Vice Chairman
Elayne Anthony, PhD, Madison, MS
Frederick B. Carlton Jr., MD, Oxford, MS
Gene B. Hubbard, Jr., Magee, MS
James L. Perry, Jackson, MS
Thad Waites, MD, MACC, Hattiesburg, MS
Lee Ann Griffin, PharmD, Jackson, MS
John D. Davis, IV, MD, Flowood, MS
Robert “Bobby” Moody, Louisville, MS

Members Online:

Elizabeth Edmiston, PT, Ocean Springs, MS

Members Not Present:

Elayne H. Anthony, PhD, Madison, MS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP. Dr. Lampton asked everyone to stand for prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the January 8, 2025 minutes. Upon initial motion and second, the Board unanimously approved the January 8, 2025 minutes as presented.

Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM, presented the State Health Officer’s Reports which included updates on the following: public health week, employee recognitions, and communicable diseases. Dr. Edney recognized Dr. Renia Dotson, State Epidemiologist, to provide an overview of current disease trends.

Dr. Renia Dotson outlined the rising numbers in Measles cases across the country but reported that Mississippi has not had a confirmed case yet. Dr. Dotson also explained that Pertussis cases were still on the rise with 32 cases in Mississippi so far this year. The reported vaccination rate in Mississippi was up to 97.5% in children.

Logan Dillon provided an update on the 2025 Legislative Session that included multiple Senate and House bills. The Public Health Trust Fund recommended during the January Board of Health meeting was signed into effect on July 1, 2025 by the Governor. The Certificate of Need (CON) Bill is awaiting passage by the Governor and will become effective immediately.

Sharon Dowdy, CPA stated that there has not been a budget established for the upcoming fiscal year, thus no legislative appropriation updates were provided.

Consent Agenda:

1. Amendments to Regulations Governing the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
2. Amendments to Regulations Governing Reportable Diseases and Conditions

3. Repeal of Existing Rules Governing the Office Against Interpersonal Violence

Upon motion by Thad Waites, MD, MACC and seconded by Gene B. Hubbard, Jr., the consent agenda was approved without further discussion.

Committee Reports

Dr. Lampton announced that the CON committee does not have a report at this time but will be meeting in the following weeks.

Dr. Chaney gave an update on the Maternal and Infant Health Committee. The most recent Mississippi Infant Mortality Report and Child Death Report was reviewed by the Committee. The Committee made a recommendation to the Board to adopt three Maternal and Infant Care reforms:

1. Develop an infant mortality review panel;
2. Explore gun safety procedures and promotion for child protection; and,
3. Fully endorse presumptive eligibility.

Following a motion made by Dr. Chaney, the three Maternal and Infant Health reform recommendations listed above were adopted.

In the absence of Elayne H. Anthony, PhD, Mr. Gene B. Hubbard, Jr, provided an update of the Nominating Committee. The Committee recommended that the current President and Officers remain the same as present. Following a motion made by Mr. Gene B. Hubbard, Jr., the recommendation was adopted.

New Business

A motion was made to approve a Respiratory Protection Fee Itemized List that would provide additional revenue for the Department of Health. This motion was passed by the Board.

Old Business

There was no discussion regarding Old Business items.

Executive Session

Upon initial motion and second, SBOH members went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Coming out of Executive Session, Dr. Edney announced that Ms. Patricia Olaude would assume the position of State Registrar.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:55pm.

Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP
Chairman

Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM
State Health Officer