

MINUTES  
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 1, 2009

The Mississippi State Board of Health participated in an Emergency Board Meeting via teleconference on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at 10:00 am.

Members Present:

Elayne H. Anthony, PhD, Madison, MS  
Albert Randel Hendrix, PhD, Ovett, MS  
J. Edward Hill, MD, FAAFP, Tupelo, MS  
Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP, Magnolia, MS – Chairman  
Carl L. Nicholson, Jr., CPA, Hattiesburg, MS  
Ronald W. Robertson, Sr., Greenwood, MS  
Kelly S. Segars, Sr., MD, FAAFP, Iuka, MS  
David C. Williams, MD, Clinton, MS  
Ellen P. Williams, RN, MSN, Senatobia, MS

The Emergency Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Luke Lampton, MD. Mary Currier, MD, MPH, State Epidemiologist/Deputy State Health Officer for Medicine and Science, was also present.

Dr. Lampton informed the Board that Dr. Ed Thompson had passed away at 2:25 am that morning. In accordance with the Business Continuity Plan that was approved by the Board at its October 21, 2009 meeting, Dr. Lampton called this Emergency Meeting of the Board as provided for in that plan. Dr. Lampton stated he requested Legal Counsel, Bob Fagan, to prepare a resolution for consideration of the Board at which time Dr. Lampton asked Mr. Fagan to read the resolution to the Board. A copy in its entirety is below.

**RESOLUTION OF MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTING  
INTERIM STATE HEALTH OFFICER**

**Whereas**, the State Board of Health is authorized by Section 41-3-5.1 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, as amended, to appoint an executive officer who "...shall be...a physician who in the opinion of the board is fitted and equipped to execute the duties incumbent upon him or her by law..." and who shall be the State Health Officer with the such authority and responsibility has prescribed by law; and

**Whereas**, the State Board of Health at its October 21, 2009 regular meeting approved a business continuity plan for seamless operation and function of the Mississippi State Department of Health;

**Be it Resolved**, the State Board Health unanimously approves the appointment of Mary Carrier, MD, MPH as Interim State Health Officer effective December 1, 2009 with full authority as provided in law to the State Health Officer position and until such time as the Board takes further action to appoint a permanent State Health Officer.

The Mississippi State Board of Health

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Luke Lampton, MD, FAAFP, Chairman

Dr. Segars made a motion to accept the above resolution appointing Mary Carrier, MD, MPH as Interim State Health Officer. Dr. Hill seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Dr. Segars made a motion to approve the award of Detail to Special Duty Pay as provided by the MS State Personnel Board. Dr. Hendrix seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Dr. Segars made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Hill seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

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Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP  
Chairman

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Mary Carrier, MD, MPH  
Interim State Health Officer