

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
JANUARY 13, 2021

The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, in the Executive Conference Room, Jackson, MS at 10 am.

Member Present:

Thad Waites, MD, MACC, Hattiesburg, MS – Chairman

Members Present via Zoom/Teleconference:

J. Edward Hill, MD, FAAFP, Tupelo, MS – Vice Chairman
Elayne H. Anthony, PhD, Madison, MS
Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP, Magnolia, MS
Robert J. Moody, Louisville, MS
James L. Perry, Jackson, MS
Sammie Ruth Rea, RN, Brandon, MS
Dwalia Sherree South, MD, Ripley, MS
Wheeler Timothy Timbs, III, Indianola, MS

Members Absent:

Edward J. Langton, Hattiesburg, MS

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

Dr. Waites began the meeting with a moment of sadness for the passing of Tad Barham, MD, FACR.

The first order of business on the Agenda was the approval of the October 14, 2020; November 13, 2020; November 19, 2020; December 4, 2020; December 7, 2020; December 11, 2020 and December 18, 2020 Minutes. Upon motion by Mr. Timbs to adopt the aforementioned Minutes and second by Dr. Hill, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH presented the State Health Officer's Report which included updates from Paul Byers, MD re Coronavirus Pandemic, Jim Craig, MPH re vaccination efforts and other activities and Diane Hargrove re WIC transition.

Sharon Dowdy, CPA presented the Financial Update.

Consent Agenda:

1. Reappointments to the Council of Advisors for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
2. Appointment to the Mississippi Professional Art Therapists Advisory Council

3. Appointments and Reappointments to the Mississippi Advisory Council in Occupational Therapy
4. Final Adoption of Modifications to the Minimum Standards for Pediatric Skilled Nursing Facilities
5. Final Adoption of Modifications to the Regulations for Control of Radiation in Mississippi
6. National Interest Waiver Guidelines Revisions
7. Emergency Modification to the Previous Addition of SARS-Cov-2 to the List of Reportable Diseases and Conditions

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to approve the Consent Agenda and second by Mr. Timbs, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton that Liz Sharlot prepare a Resolution of Appreciation for Dr. Barham's service to the Board and a Resolution of Appreciation for Wade Spruill's service to the Department to be presented at the next Board Meeting for review and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton and second by Dr. Anthony, the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 am.

Thad Waites, MD, MACC
Chairman

Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH
State Health Officer