

MINUTES  
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
OCTOBER 13, 2021

The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, via Zoom/Teleconference at 10 am. The physical location of the meeting was the Executive Conference Room, Jackson, MS.

Members Present via Zoom/Teleconference:

Thad Waites, MD, MACC, Hattiesburg, MS – Chairman  
J. Edward Hill, MD, FAAFP, Oxford, MS – Vice Chairman  
Elayne H. Anthony, PhD, Madison, MS  
James P. Chaney, MD, Amory, MS  
John D. Davis, IV, MD, Flowood, MS  
Elizabeth Edmiston, PT, Ocean Springs, MS  
Lee Ann Griffin, PharmD, Jackson, MS  
Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP, Magnolia, MS  
James L. Perry, Jackson, 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.

Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH presented the State Health Officer's Report which included COVID-19 updates from Paul Byers, MD, Jim Craig, MPH and Victor Sutton, PhD.

James P. Chaney, MD, appointed to replace Dwalia South, MD, and Lee Ann Griffin, PharmD, appointed to replace Sammie Ruth Rea, RN, were sworn in by Linda Wilson, Court Reporter.

The next item on the Agenda was the approval of the Minutes for July 14, 2021 and September 2, 2021. Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to approve the Minutes and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Sharon Dowdy, CPA presented the Financial Update.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Reappointment to the Mississippi Professional Art Therapists Advisory Council
2. Final Adoption of Amendments of the Regulations Governing Licensure of Hearing Aid Specialists
3. Final Adoption of Amendments of the Regulations Governing Licensure of Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants
4. Final Adoption of Amendments of the Regulations Governing Licensure of Professional Art Therapists
5. Final Adoption of Amendments of the Regulations Governing Licensure of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists

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

**Regular Agenda:**

- 6. FY 2022 State Health Plan

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to approve Item 6 and second by Mr. Perry, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

**Board Legislative Agenda**

- 7. Annual Revisions to the Mississippi Uniformed Controlled Substance Law

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to approve Item 7 and second by Dr. Griffin, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Perry recused himself from Items 8 and 9 and departed the meeting at 11:25.

- 8. Authorize the Issuance of State General Obligation Bonds to Provide Funds for the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Revolving Loan Fund

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to approve Item 8 and second by Dr. Hill, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

- 9. Authorize the Issuance of State General Obligation Bonds to Provide for Improvements of the Mississippi State Department of Health Underwood Building in Hinds County, Mississippi

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to approve Item 9 and second by Dr. Hill, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Perry returned to the meeting at 11:26 am.

- 10. Reauthorize Miss. Code Ann. Section 41-99-5 Which Relates to Mississippi Qualified Health Center Grant Program

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to approve Item 10 and second by Dr. Hill, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton and second by Dr. Hill, the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 am.

*Thad Waites, MD, MACC*

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Chairman

Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH  
State Health Officer