

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
APRIL 14, 2021

The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Wednesday, April 14, 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
John D. Davis, IV, MD, Flowood, 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

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

The first order of business on the Agenda was the approval of the January 13, 2021 and February 3, 2021 Minutes. Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to adopt the aforementioned Minutes and second by Dr. South, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

John D. Davis, IV, MD, who was appointed to serve the remainder of Dr. Barham's term, was given the Oath of Office by Gwen Black.

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.

Logan Dillon presented the Legislative Update.

Dr. Waites extracted Item 1. Final Adoption of Minimum Standards of Operation Relative to the Practice of Telemedicine from the Consent Agenda and placed it on the Regular Agenda.

Consent Agenda:

2. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Mississippi STEMI System Rules and Regulations
3. Appointments and Reappointments to the Respiratory Care Advisory Council

4. Setting of the Passing Score for the National Examinations in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

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

Regular Agenda:

1. Final Adoption of Minimum Standards of Operation Relative to the Practice of Telemedicine

Dr. Dobbs recommended that instead of saying “at the same level as in-person care”, make it “consistent with the expectations of in-person care”. Upon motion by Mr. Timbs to approve recommended language and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Election of Officers

Dr. Waites explained the need to defer the Election of Officers to the July 2021 Board Meeting. As there were no objections to the deferment, the Election of Officers was deferred to the July 2021 Board meeting.

Old Business

Dr. Waites told the Board the Resolutions of Appreciation for Dr. Barham and Mr. Spruill the Board approved will be signed, framed and given to family members.

Upon motion by Dr. Hill and second by Mr. Timbs, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.

Thad Waites, MD, MAAC
Chairman

Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH
State Health Officer