The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, in the Small Conference Room of the Osborne Building, Jackson, MS at 4:30 pm.

Member Present:
   Ed D. Barham, MD, FACR, Clinton, MS – Chairman

Members Participating Via Telephone:
   Thad Waites, MD, Hattiesburg, MS – Vice Chairman
   Elayne H. Anthony, PhD, Madison, MS
   J. Edward Hill, MD, FAAFP, Tupelo, MS
   Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP, Magnolia, MS
   Edward J. Langton, Hattiesburg, MS
   Betty Jane Phillips, DrPH, Brandon, MS
   Dwalia Sherree South, MD, Ripley, MS

Members Not Participating:
   Robert J. Moody, Louisville, MS
   Sammie Ruth Rea, RN, Brandon, MS
   Wheeler Timothy Timbs, III, Indianola, MS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tad Barham, MD. The purpose of the Board Meeting was the appointment of the State Health Officer and appointment of the State Health Officer to the MS-HIN Board.

Roll Call was taken of Board Members by Dr. Barham. Dr. Anthony, Dr. Hill, Dr. Lampton, Mr. Langton, Dr. Phillips, Dr. South and Dr. Waites were present. Mr. Moody, Mrs. Rea and Mr. Timbs did not participate in the Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Dr. Lampton and seconded by Dr. Anthony to appoint Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH as State Health Officer. The motion was unanimously approved by Dr. Anthony, Dr. Barham, Dr. Hill, Dr. Lampton, Mr. Langton, Dr. Phillips, Dr. South and Dr. Waites.

Motion was made by Dr. Lampton and seconded by Dr. Anthony to raise Dr. Dobbs’ salary from $200,000 to $215,000 with the understanding the Board would work with the governing bodies to raise his salary in the future. The motion was unanimously approved by Dr. Anthony, Dr. Barham, Dr. Hill, Dr. Lampton, Mr. Langton, Dr. Phillips, Dr. South and Dr. Waites.

Motion was made by Dr. Lampton and seconded by Dr. Hill to appoint Dr. Dobbs to the MS-HIN Board. The motion was unanimously approved by Dr. Anthony, Dr. Barham, Dr. Hill, Dr. Lampton, Mr. Langton, Dr. Phillips, Dr. South and Dr. Waites.
Ingrid Williams, Chief Legal Counsel, swore in Dr. Dobbs as State Health Officer.

Dr. Barham adjourned the meeting at 4:55 pm as there were no further items on the Special Board Meeting Agenda.

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Ed D. Barham, MD                                  Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH
Chairman                                             State Health Officer