

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
JANUARY 11, 2023

The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, in the Executive Conference Room and via Zoom/Teleconference, Osborne Building, Jackson, MS at 10 am.

Members Present:

Thad Waites, MD, MACC, Hattiesburg, MS - Chairman
J. Edward Hill, MD, FAAFP, Oxford, MS - Vice Chairman
Elayne Anthony, PhD, Madison, MS
Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP, Magnolia, MS
James P. Chaney, MD, Amory, MS
John D. Davis, IV, MD, Flowood, MS
Robert J. Moody, Louisville, MS
James L. Perry, Jackson, MS

Via Zoom/Teleconference:

Wheeler Timothy Timbs, III, Indianola, MS

Members Absent:

Elizabeth Edmiston, PT, Ocean Springs, MS
Lee Ann Griffin, PharmD, Jackson, MS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thad Waites, MD, MACC. Dr. Waites asked that everyone stand for the pledge of allegiance.

The first item on the Agenda was the approval of the Minutes for October 12, 2022. Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to approve the Minutes and second by Dr. Hill, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM presented the State Health Officer's Report which included updates from Paul Byers, MD regarding Covid-19, Flu and Candida Auris; Jim Craig, MPH regarding the Jackson Water Crisis, and the CDC Workforce Development Grant, and Kris Jones on the progress of the Cannabis Program.

Sharon Dowdy, CPA presented the Financial Update.

Consent Agenda:

1. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Regulations Governing Licensure of Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants
2. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Regulations Governing Licensure of Respiratory Care Practitioners
3. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Minimum Standards for Institutions for the Aged or Infirm

4. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Minimum Standards of Operation for Birthing Centers
5. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Minimum Standards of Operation for Home Health Agencies
6. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Minimum Standards of Operation for Hospice
7. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Minimum Standards of Operation for Mississippi Hospitals
8. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Regulations Governing Registration of Child Residential Homes
9. Final Adoption of Amendments to Emergency Medical Services Regulations
10. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Medical Cannabis Program Regulations for Cannabis Testing Facilities
11. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Medical Cannabis Program Regulations for Program Registry and Registry Identification Cards
12. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Medical Cannabis Program Regulations for Advertising and Marketing
13. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Medical Cannabis Program Regulations for Work Permits
14. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Medical Cannabis Program Regulations for Cannabis Cultivation Facilities (Cultivators and Micro-Cultivators)
15. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Medical Cannabis Program Regulations for Cannabis Processing Facilities (Processors and Micro-Processors)
16. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Medical Cannabis Program Regulations for the Commercial Transportation of Medical Cannabis
17. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Medical Cannabis Program Regulations for the Commercial Disposal or Destruction of Cannabis and/or Cannabis Products
18. Final Adoption of Amendments to the STEMI System of Care Regulations

Upon motion by Dr. Lampton to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 9 and Item 18 and extract Items 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 and move them to the regular agenda and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Regular Agenda:

1. Former Consent Agenda Item No. 10. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Medical Cannabis Program Regulations for Cannabis Testing Facilities
2. Former Consent Agenda Item No. 11. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Medical Cannabis Program Regulations for Program Registry and Registry Identification Cards
3. Former Consent Agenda Item No. 12. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Medical Cannabis Program Regulations for Advertising and Marketing
4. Former Consent Agenda Item No. 13. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Medical Cannabis Program Regulations for Work Permits
5. Former Consent Agenda Item No. 14. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Medical Cannabis Program Regulations for Cannabis Cultivation Facilities (Cultivators and Micro-Cultivators)

6. Former Consent Agenda Item No. 15. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Medical Cannabis Program Regulations for Cannabis Processing Facilities (Processors and Micro-Processors)
7. Former Consent Agenda Item No. 16. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Medical Cannabis Program Regulations for the Commercial Transportation of Medical Cannabis
8. Former Consent Agenda Item No. 17. Final Adoption of Amendments to the Medical Cannabis Program Regulations for the Commercial Disposal or Destruction of Cannabis and/or Cannabis Products

Upon motion by Mr. Perry to extract item 10 and send it to the Cannabis Committee for reconsideration and second by Dr. Lampton, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Waites asked Mr. Perry to organize the Cannabis Committee.

Upon motion by Mr. Perry to approve item 11 and second by Dr. Davis, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Mr. Perry to extract item 12 and send it to the Cannabis Committee second by Dr. Lampton, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Mr. Perry to approve item 13 and second by Dr. Lampton, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Mr. Perry to extract item 14 and send it to the Cannabis Committee for reconsideration and second by Dr. Lampton, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Mr. Perry to extract item 15 and send it to the Cannabis Committee and second by Dr. Lampton, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Mr. Perry to approve item 16 and second by Dr. Lampton, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Mr. Perry to approve item 17 and second by Dr. Lampton, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

New Business:

Mr. Moody moved that the board adopt prayer as part of the meeting agenda the motion was second by Mr. Timbs, the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Upon motion by Dr. Anthony to consider closing for Executive Session and second by Dr. Waites, the Board entered Executive Session at 11:11pm. for an update on personnel matters and a discussion of pending litigation.

Upon motion by Mr. Timbs to exit Executive Session and second by Dr. Anthony, the Board exited Executive Session at 2:15pm.

The Board returned to Open Session at 2:16pm. Dr. Waites announced that no action was taken.

Upon motion by Dr. Anthony to adjourn and second by Dr. Lampton, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.

Thad Waites, MD, MACC
Chairman

Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM
State Health Officer