

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
DECEMBER 5, 2019

The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Thursday, December 5, 2019, in the Osborne Auditorium, Jackson, MS at 1 pm.

Members Present:

Ed D. Barham, MD, FACR, Clinton, MS – 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
Robert J. Moody, Louisville, MS
James L. Perry, Jackson, MS
Sammie Ruth Rea, RN, Brandon, MS

Member Participating Via Telephone:

Dwalia Sherree South, MD, Ripley, MS

Members Absent:

Wheeler Timothy Timbs, III, Indianola, MS
Thad Waites, MD, MACC, Hattiesburg, MS – Vice Chairman

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tad Barham, MD, FACR. The purpose of the Called Special Board Meeting was presentation of information regarding the proposed constitutional amendment to the Mississippi Constitution, Mississippi Marijuana Amendment 2020, which will appear on the general election ballot in November of 2020.

As the Mississippi State Board of Health was not involved in the development of the proposed amendment nor in drafting the language of the proposed constitutional amendment, the Mississippi State Board of Health requested that the proponents of the amendment fully inform the Board about the Initiative. The Board also received information about the Medical Marijuana Initiative from two other experts.

Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH, State Health Officer introduced the following presenters: Conner Reeves, Medical Policy Advisor for the Medical Marijuana 2020 Initiative; Dr. Larry Walker from University of Mississippi and Scott Hambleton with the Mississippi Physician Health Program and the State Medical Association.

Dr. Barham adjourned the meeting at 2:56 pm.

Ed D. Barham, MD, FACR
Chairman

Thomas Dobbs, MD, MPH
State Health Officer