

BOARD MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
June 10, 2020

A special telephonic meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure was held on June 10, 2020, in the Executive Conference Room of the Office of the Board located at 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Jackson, Mississippi.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

J. Ann Rea, M.D., Columbus, President
David W. McClendon, Jr., M.D., Ocean Springs, Vice President
Charles D. Miles, M.D., West Point
C. Kenneth Lippincott, M.D., Tupelo
Kirk L. Kinard, D.O., Oxford
Daniel Edney, M.D., Vicksburg
H. Allen Gersh, M.D., Hattiesburg
Thomas Joiner, M.D., Jackson

ALSO PRESENT:

Stan T. Ingram, Complaint Counsel for the Board
Ken Walley, Special Assistant Attorney General
Kenneth Cleveland, Executive Director
Mike Lucius, Deputy Director
Leslie Ross, Director of Investigations
Jonathan Dalton, Investigations Supervisor
Hope Ladner, The Clay Firm

NOT PRESENT:

Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., Jackson, Secretary
Major General (Ret.) Erik Hearon, Consumer Health Member
Wesley Breland, Hattiesburg, Consumer Health Member
Shoba Gaymes, Jackson, Consumer Health Member

The conference call meeting was called to order at 5:06 p.m. by Dr. Rea, President. After roll call, Dr. Rea verified that there was a quorum present for this conference call meeting.

Part 2635 Chapter 15: Hospice Practice, Rule 15.1 In-Home Hospice Good Faith – proposed changes to be discussed.

The Board discussed proposed changes to the Hospice regulation on an emergency basis due to HB1520 having passed the Public Health Committee at the Legislature containing language allowing hospice physicians to prescribe controlled substances to hospice patients without a face to face visit contrary to the Medical Board's Hospice regulation.

After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Edney, seconded by Dr. McClendon and carried unanimously to accept the proposed changes; to remove the language in paragraph (iv) and insert the new language allowing hospice physicians to prescribe controlled substances to hospice patients without a face to face visit. This change will be considered an emergency change go be into effect immediately.

A copy of the regulation is attached.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Rea adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.


Jeanne Ann Rea, M.D.
President

Minutes taken and transcribed by:

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Staff Officer
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