

**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE  
JANUARY 20, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeanne Ann Rea, M.D., Columbus, President  
David W. McClendon, Jr., M.D., Ocean Springs, Vice President  
Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., Jackson, Secretary

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Stan T. Ingram, Complaint Counsel for the Board  
Alexis Morris, Special Assistant Attorney General  
Kenneth Cleveland, M.D., Executive Director  
Mike Lucius, Deputy Director  
Anna Boone, Director of Licensure Division  
Frances Carrillo, Staff Officer  
Arlene Davis, IT Director  
Jonathan Dalton, Interim Director of Investigations

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure met on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 1:02 p.m. in the Board Room of the Office of the Board located at 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Jackson, Mississippi. This meeting was broadcasted via Zoom.

Dr. Rea opened the meeting and introduced the Executive Committee and attendees that are present.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE (via Zoom) BY IYAD G. HOUSHAN, MD., APPLICANT**

Dr. Houshan joined the meeting and was not represented by legal counsel. Dr. Houshan executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Following introductions, Dr. Rea advised Dr. Houshan had been invited to discuss his application for a permanent license and to provide a summary of his training. Dr. Houshan specialty is in Internal Medicine with the certification expiring in 2013 and he completed the USMLE Exam in 2003.

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Dr. Houshan does not meet the licensure requirements for a permanent license. He had not completed the requirements as listed in the regulation Rule 1.1 Licensure by Credentials. Applicants who have graduated from an international medical school must present documentation of having completed either three (3) or more years of ACGME-approved postgraduate training in the United States or training in Canada approved by the RCPSC; or one (1) year of ACGME-approved postgraduate training in the United States or training in Canada approved by the RCPSC, be currently board certified by a specialty board recognized by the ABMS and must have approval by the Board.

Dr. Houshan advised that the Internal Medicine Maintenance of Certification exam has been scheduled for this summer. He is the Chief Medical Officer of a newly formed physician group to treat patients in the home setting and skilled nursing home facilities in the Jackson area.

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Dr. McClendon, seconded by Dr. Owens, and carried to recommend to the Board to deny the request for a waiver of the licensure requirements for a permanent medical license. It was recommended to Dr. Houshan to apply for an Administrative medical license or pass the MOC exam to qualify for a permanent medical license.

### **PERSONAL APPEARANCE (via Zoom) BY LAMPROS PAPADIMITRIOU, M.D., APPLICANT**

Dr. Papadimitriou joined the meeting and was not represented by legal counsel. Dr. Papadimitriou executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Dr. Papadimitriou does not meet the licensure requirements for a permanent license. He had not completed the requirements as listed in the regulation Rule 1.1 Licensure by Credentials. Applicants who have graduated from an international medical school must present documentation of having completed either three (3) or more years of ACGME-approved postgraduate training in the United States or training in Canada approved by the RCPSC; or one (1) year of ACGME-approved postgraduate training in the United States or training in Canada approved by the RCPSC, be currently board certified by a specialty board recognized by the ABMS and must have approval by the Board.

Dr. Papadimitriou has requested a waiver of the Board's Licensure regulation for a permanent medical license. Dr. Papadimitriou is an International Medical Graduate, completed his residency in Internal Medicine and Fellowship in Cardiology in Greece neither programs ACGME approved. Dr. Papadimitriou has practiced with a Limited Institutional License at UMC as faculty with the Division of Cardiology since 2018. He did



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**Agreement to Appear Informally Before Executive Committee  
by Applicant For Licensure**

I, **Iyad Ghattas Houshan, M.D.** have requested an opportunity to appear informally before the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") to discuss my pending application for a Mississippi medical license, the current investigation being conducted by the Board, possible grounds for denial, and possible resolution of the matter. It is the purpose of the informal meeting to discuss the facts of the case, to give me an opportunity to ask questions of the Committee or its staff, and to give the Committee or its staff an opportunity to ask questions of me. Because the meeting is informal, no disciplinary action will be taken without my express written consent. In so doing, I have been advised and understand the following:

1. During the meeting, the Executive Committee may or may not be represented by legal counsel. Notwithstanding, I understand that I have a right, if I so choose, to employ legal counsel and have counsel present during the informal meeting.
2. I authorize the Committee Members to review and examine any statements, documentary evidence, or materials concerning the possible grounds for denial of licensure during my informal appearance.
3. Because the purpose of my appearance is to avoid a hearing before the Board, I agree that presentation to and consideration by the Committee of any facts, matters, and documents pertaining to my case shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Committee members from further participation or consideration in the event a formal show cause hearing is later conducted. Stated differently, in the event the pending matter is not resolved following my appearance before the Committee, I will not object to any of the Committee members from further participating in subsequent meetings or hearings that may be conducted in relation to this matter.
4. By signing my name in the space provided below, I hereby authorize the Executive Committee to proceed with the informal appearance, subject to the stipulations and understandings as noted above. I have elected to proceed:

\_\_\_\_\_ with legal counsel present (name of counsel: \_\_\_\_\_)

without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 22 day of December, 2020

Licensee: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Agreement to Appear Informally Before Executive Committee by Applicant For Licensure

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Licensee: \_\_\_\_\_

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complete an ACGME accredited Advanced Heart Failure and Transplant Cardiology fellowship at UMMC.

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Dr. McClendon, seconded by Dr. Owens, and carried to recommend to the Board to grant a waiver of the licensure requirements for a permanent medical license.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 1:45 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeanne Ann Rea", is written over a horizontal line.

**Jeanne Ann Rea, M.D.  
President**

**Minutes taken and transcribed.  
By Frances Carrillo  
Staff Officer  
January 20, 2021**