

**BOARD MINUTES  
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE  
AUGUST 9, 2023**

A specially called meeting of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure was held on August 9, 2023, at 2:00 pm, in the Junior Ballroom A-B at the Sheraton Flowood The Refuge Hotel located at 2200 Refuge Boulevard Flowood, MS, after being duly noticed on the websites of the Mississippi Public Meeting Notice and this Board, in accordance with law.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:**

Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., Jackson, President  
C. Kenneth Lippincott, M.D., Tupelo, Vice President  
David W. McClendon, Jr., M.D., Ocean Springs  
Kirk L. Kinard, D.O., Oxford  
H. Allen Gersh, M.D., Hattiesburg  
Roderick Givens, M.D., Natchez  
Renia Dotson, M.D., Greenville  
Shoba Gaymes, Jackson, Consumer Member  
Wesley Breland, Hattiesburg, Consumer Member

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Paul Barnes, Board Attorney, Complaint Counsel  
Alexis Morris, Special Assistant Attorney General  
Kenneth Cleveland, Executive Director  
Mike Lucius, Deputy Director  
Anna Boone, Director of Licensure Division  
Jackie McKenzie, Legal Assistant  
Jerod Smoote, IT Director  
Jonathan Dalton, Director of Investigations  
Frances Carrillo, Executive Assistant

**NOT PRESENT:**

Thomas Joiner, M.D., Jackson, Secretary  
William E. Loper, M.D., Ridgeland  
Major General (Ret.) Erik Hearon, Jackson, Consumer Member

The specially called meeting was called to order at 1:51 p.m. by Dr. Owens, President.

**To Discuss Potential Litigation**

After being recognized, Board Attorney Paul Barnes requested and recommended that the Board go into executive session to discuss potential litigation.

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A motion was made by Dr. McClendon, seconded by Dr. Kinard, and carried that the Board meeting be closed to discuss whether to enter into executive session on this matter.

A motion by Dr. McClendon, seconded by Dr. Kinard, and carried that the Board enter into executive session for privileged discussions with counsel concerning potential litigation.

Upon a motion by Dr. Dotson, seconded by Dr. Kinard and carried, the Board came out of executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Dr. Owens adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.



**Michelle Y. Owens, M.D.  
President**

**Minutes taken and transcribed by:  
Frances Carrillo, Executive Assistant  
August 9, 2023**