

**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE  
NOVEMBER 15, 2023**

A regularly called meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure was held on November 15, 2023, at 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Suite 200B, Jackson, MS, after being duly noticed on the Mississippi Public Notice website, this Board's website, and the front door of the Board's offices in accordance with law.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., Jackson, President  
C. Kenneth Lippincott, M.D., Tupelo, Vice President  
Thomas Joiner, M.D., Jackson, Secretary

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Paul Barnes, Board Attorney, Complaint Counsel  
Alexis Morris, Special Assistant Attorney General  
Kenneth Cleveland, Executive Director  
Mike Lucius, Deputy Director  
Jay Ledbetter, Chief of Staff  
Anna Boone, Director of Licensure Division  
Jackie McKenzie, Legal Assistant  
Jerod Smoote, IT Director  
Ken Slay, IT Project Manager  
Erica Coleman, IT Projects Officer  
Kristin Wallace, Clinical Director of Physician Compliance  
Jonathan Dalton, Director of Investigations  
Frances Carrillo, Executive Assistant

**NOT PRESENT:**

**ZOOM APPEARANCE BY BRIAN PENDLETON, PA-C, ARANSAS TX  
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT APPLICANT**

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

Mr. Pendleton briefly summarized his request seeking an exception to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-26-3 (4), and Regulation Part 2615, The Practice of Physician Assistants, Rule 1.3 A.6.

Mr. Pendleton has practiced for 22 years, is licensed in 47 other states and is now applying for a Mississippi Physician Assistant license. Mr. Pendleton obtained his

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bachelor's degree from the North Texas Health Science Center (HSC) in 2001, the last graduating class of this undergraduate program. The HSC started the Master of Physician Assistant degree program in 2000 and did not offer an opportunity to continue into the master's program.

Mr. Pendleton acknowledged that Miss. Code Ann. § 73-26-3(4) requires a physician assistant to hold a Masters's degree, and that the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure does not have the authority to waive this statutory requirement and wanted to comment that this requirement is limiting access to healthcare in Mississippi.

Mr. Barnes confirmed that the Board does not legally have the authority to waive this requirement because it is a statutory requirement and advised that Mr. Pendleton could serve as a witness to go to the legislature advocate for a change in the law.

Ms. Boone, MSBML Licensure Director, advised that if Mr. Pendleton relocated and became a resident of Mississippi, he would comply with licensure qualifications. Mr. Pendleton advised that he has plans to move to Mississippi but not for two years.

After discussion, a motion is made by Dr. Joiner, seconded by Dr. Lippincott, and carried to support the Constitution of the state of Mississippi and **DENY** this request regretfully.

**ZOOM APPEARANCE BY ANGELA BURT, M.D., NEW ORLEANS, LA**  
**MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE 20156**

Dr. Burt joined the meeting and was not represented by legal counsel. Dr. Burt executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Dr. Burt is seeking an exception to Rule 1.2.A., Collaboration with Nurse Practitioners, regarding the 20/80 hour in-state practice requirement.

Dr. Burt summarized to the Executive Committee that she is a psychiatrist located and practicing in New Orleans, Louisiana and seeking to collaborate with a Nurse Practitioners working with Mindful Matters, an outpatient mental health clinic in Gulfport, Mississippi.

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee a motion was made by Dr. Joiner, seconded by Dr. Lippincott, and carried that the Executive Committee enter into executive session for discussion regarding a course of action.

Upon a motion by Dr. Joiner, seconded by Dr. Lippincott and carried, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. Owens asked Dr. Joiner to report the Executive Committee's decision. Dr. Joiner reported that the decision is to **APPROVE** Dr. Burt's request.

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**ZOOM APPEARANCE BY CODIE VASSAR, M.D., OAK CREEK, WI**  
**MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE 29807**

Dr. Vasar joined the meeting and was not represented by legal counsel. Dr. Vasar executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Dr. Vasar is seeking an exception to Rule 1.2.A., Collaboration with Nurse Practitioners, regarding the 20/80 hour in-state practice requirement and Rule 1.4, Extended Mileage Collaboration and Board Review.

Dr. Vasar summarized to the Executive Committee his psychiatric practice in Wisconsin via telepsychiatry. Dr. Vasar is specifically requesting to collaborate with an APRN in the practice of treating patients in person and via telepsychiatry in Maben, Mississippi.

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee a motion was made by Dr. Joiner, seconded by Dr. Lippincott, and carried that the Executive Committee enter into executive session for discussion regarding a course of action.

Upon a motion by Dr. Joiner, seconded by Dr. Lippincott and carried, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. Owens asked Dr. Joiner to report the Executive Committee's decision. Dr. Joiner reported that the decision is to **APPROVE WITH RESTRICTIONS ON COLLABORATION AGREEMENT**. No controlled substances to be prescribed until approved. Chart checks to be submitted to the Executive Director on a quarterly basis and 80% of all visits are to be in person before expanding collaborative agreement.

**ZOOM APPEARANCE BY SELIKA SWEET, M.D., PEARL, MS**  
**MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE 14094**

**Dr. Joiner recused himself and exited the meeting. Dr. Kinard joined the meeting in place for Dr. Joiner.**

Dr. Sweet joined the meeting and was not represented by legal counsel. Dr. Sweet executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Dr. Sweet is seeking an exception to Rule 1.2.A., Collaboration with Nurse Practitioners, regarding the 20/80 hour in-state practice requirement and Rule 1.4, Extended Mileage Collaboration and Board Review.

Dr. Sweet summarized to the Executive Committee her training as a board certified family physician who is currently practicing with the Veterans Administration at the

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Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Veteran's Administration facility. Dr. Sweet is specifically requesting to collaborate with a nurse practitioner for Matrix Medical Network and Molina Healthcare to perform assessments. This would be a continuation of an existing professional relationship.

After discussion and questions from the Executive Committee a motion was made by Dr. Kinard, seconded by Dr. Lippincott, and carried that the Executive Committee enter into executive session for discussion regarding a course of action.


Upon a motion by Dr. Kinard, seconded by Dr. Lippincott and carried, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. Owens asked Dr. Kinard to report the Executive Committee's decision. Dr. Kinard reported that the decision is to **APPROVE** Dr. Sweet's request for an exemption.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dr. Cleveland provided a brief summary regarding events and activities for the months of September and October 2023. Dr. Cleveland was re-elected as Treasurer for the IMLCC to serve another year.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 9:54 a.m.

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

Minutes taken and transcribed.  
By Frances Carrillo  
Executive Assistant  
November 15, 2023

**Executive Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure**  
**Wednesday, November 15, 2023 8:00 am**

1. Zoom Appearance by Brian Pendleton, PA-C, Aransas TX  
Physician Assistant Applicant
  
2. Zoom Appearance by Angela Burt, M.D., New Orleans, LA  
Mississippi Medical License 20156
  
3. Zoom Appearance by Selika Sweet, M.D., Pearl, MS  
Mississippi Medical License 14094
  
4. Zoom Appearance by Codie Vassar, M.D., Oak Creek, WI  
Mississippi Medical License 29807



## MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

### Agreement to Appear Informally Before Executive Committee by Current Licensee


I, **Brian Pendleton** have been asked to appear informally before the Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") to discuss issues which may relate to my practice and possible the grounds, if any, for disciplinary action, and possible resolution of the same. 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:

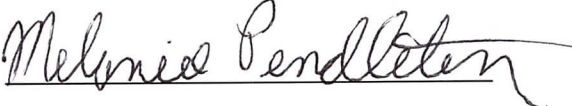
1. During the meeting, the Executive Committee may or may not be represented by legal counsel. Notwithstanding, I understand that I have a right, if I so choose, to employ legal counsel and have counsel present during the informal meeting.
2. I authorize the Committee Members to review and examine any statements, documentary evidence, or materials concerning the possible grounds for disciplinary action against my license.
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 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 27 day of October, 2023.

Licensee: 

Witness: 





## MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

### Agreement to Appear Informally Before Executive Committee by Licensee Requesting Rule Exception(s)

I, **Angela Burt, 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 request for exception(s) to certain rules or requirements found in Administrative Code or state statute. It is the purpose of this informal meeting to discuss the facts surrounding my request, to give me an opportunity to present documentation and ask questions of the Committee or its staff, and to give the Committee or its staff an opportunity to review any documentation and 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 documentation or materials concerning my request(s).
3. I agree that presentation to and consideration by the Committee of any facts, matters, and documents pertaining to my request(s) shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Committee members from further participation or consideration, in the event a formal hearing is later conducted based on the information discussed. Further, 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 September, 2023

Licensee: Angela M. Burt, M.D.

Witness: Tiff Browne



## MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

### Agreement to Appear Informally Before Executive Committee by Licensee Requesting Rule Exception(s)

I, **Selika Sweet, 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 request for exception(s) to certain rules or requirements found in Administrative Code or state statute. It is the purpose of this informal meeting to discuss the facts surrounding my request, to give me an opportunity to present documentation and ask questions of the Committee or its staff, and to give the Committee or its staff an opportunity to review any documentation and 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 documentation or materials concerning my request(s).
3. I agree that presentation to and consideration by the Committee of any facts, matters, and documents pertaining to my request(s) shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Committee members from further participation or consideration, in the event a formal hearing is later conducted based on the information discussed. Further, 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 2 day of OCTOBER, 2023

Licensee: Selika Sweet, MD

Witness: Ashley [Signature]





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**Agreement to Appear Informally Before Executive Committee  
by Licensee Requesting Rule Exception(s)**

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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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Licensee: Codie Vassar M.D

Witness: Arthur Wright