

**MINUTES**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE**  
**November 16, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Charles D. Miles, M.D., West Point, President  
S. Randall Easterling, M.D., Vicksburg (Filling in for Dr. V. Crawford)

**ALSO PRESENT:**

John K. Hall, M.D., J.D., Director (Filled in as Secretary until Dr. Brunson arrived)  
Stan T. Ingram, Complaint Counsel for the Board  
Ellen O'Neal, Special Assistant Attorney General  
Rhonda Freeman, Bureau Director, Licensure Division  
Leslie Ross, Investigations Supervisor  
Jonathan Dalton, Staff Officer, Investigative Division  
Frances Carrillo, Staff Officer, Investigative Division  
Mickey Boyette, Investigator, Investigative Division  
Sherry H. Pilgrim, Staff Officer

**NOT PRESENT:**

Virginia M. Crawford, M.D., Hattiesburg, Vice President  
Claude D. Brunson, M.D., Jackson, Secretary

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure met on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Office of the Board located at 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Jackson, Mississippi.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY JEAN MARIE BARKER, MD, GREENVILLE,  
MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 12431**

Dr. Hall advised that Dr. Barker had been invited to attend the Executive Committee meeting to discuss her treatment of a patient that had filed a complaint with the Board.

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

After introductions, Dr. Hall advised Dr. Barker that this meeting was not a hearing and provided Dr. Barker with the possible outcomes of the meeting today. Dr. Hall advised Dr. Barker that she had been invited to discuss her treatment of a patient

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that had filed a complaint with the Board.

Dr. Miles and Dr. Easterling questioned Dr. Barker concerning the patient and her care of the patient.

Following several questions, motion was made by Dr. Miles, seconded by Dr. Easterling, and carried that the Executive Committee enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter that could result in adverse action.

Upon a motion by Dr. Miles, seconded by Dr. Easterling, and carried the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. Miles asked Dr. Hall to report on their decision. Dr. Hall advised that following a review of the facts of the case, that the Executive Committee will recommend to the Board the referral of Dr. Barker to the Examining Committee pursuant to MS Code § 73-25-55.

Dr. Miles asked Dr. Barker if she had any questions and she advised that she did not. Dr. Miles advised Dr. Barker that she would be receiving instructions advising her of her meeting with the Examining Committee.

### **PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY WILLIAM WADSWORTH, MD, HERNANDO, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 14009**

Dr. Hall advised that Dr. Wadsworth had been invited to appear before the Executive Committee to discuss two (2) patients, address the Board's pain management rules and regulations, and his use of the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP).

Dr. Wadsworth joined the meeting and was represented by legal counsel, Jacob M. Phillips. Dr. Wadsworth had executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Following introductions, Dr. Miles advised Dr. Wadsworth and his attorney why he had been invited to appear before the Executive Committee. Dr. Hall passed out a sheet with the names of the two (2) patients to Dr. Wadsworth and the Executive Committee and advised that they would be referred to as patient #1 and patient #2. Dr. Hall then advised that this meeting is not a hearing and discussed the possible outcomes from the meeting.

Dr. Wadsworth addressed the Executive Committee and discussed both patients before answering questions from the Executive Committee concerning care of the patients involved.

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Following several questions from the Executive Committee, motion was made by Dr. Miles, seconded by Dr. Easterling, and carried that the Executive Committee enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter that could result in adverse action.

Upon a motion by Dr. Miles, seconded by Dr. Easterling, and carried the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. Miles asked Dr. Hall to report on their decision. Dr. Hall advised that the Executive Committee will recommend to the full Board that Dr. Wadsworth be required to attend prescribing courses recommended by Dr. Hambleton and approved by the Board. Dr. Wadsworth will be subject to a minimum of one (1) year monitoring by the Board's investigators. Dr. Hall advised that the request will be in the form of a Consent Order and will be considered reportable action. Dr. Hall advised that Dr. Wadsworth can either sign the Consent Order the Board offers or can request a hearing before the full Board to hear the matter.

Dr. Miles thanked Dr. Wadsworth and his attorney for appearing today and advised that the Consent Order will be prepared and mailed to him for his review and handling.

### **PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY RICHARD STEPHEN PANNEL, DO, OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 21831**

Dr. Hall advised that Dr. Pannel had been invited to appear before the Executive Committee to discuss a complaint received by the Board.

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

After the introductions, Dr. Pannel provided the information requested by the Executive Committee. Dr. Pannel discussed his care of the patient and how he had attempted to help the patient. Dr. Pannel advised that the patient did not comply with any rules and that he was concerned about other patient's safety. Dr. Pannel advised that the patient was administratively discharged for failure to comply with the rules and policies of the Center.

Following several questions from the Executive Committee, motion was made by Dr. Easterling, seconded by Dr. Miles, and carried to dismiss the matter and to advise the Board that the matter was resolved.

Dr. Miles thanked Dr. Pannel for appearing today and discussing the issue with the Executive Committee.

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**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECESSED AT 3:05 P.M. AND RETURNED AT 3:15 P.M.**

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY EDWARD GERALD BARTON, MD, VALLEY VILLAGE, CA, APPLICANT**

Dr. Hall briefly discussed why Dr. Barton had been invited to appear before the Executive Committee. Dr. Hall advised that Dr. Barton would not be appearing today as the matter has been resolved administratively by him and the physician's counsel.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY JACKSON LEE WALTERS, MD, STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 22184**

Dr. Hall briefly discussed why Dr. Walters had been invited to appear before the Executive Committee. Dr. Hall advised that Dr. Walters would not be appearing today as the matter has been resolved administratively by him and the physician's counsel.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY ANDREW CHARLES BISHOP, MD, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 09940**

Dr. Hall briefly discussed why Dr. Bishop had been invited to appear before the Executive Committee. Dr. Hall advised that Dr. Bishop would not be appearing today as the matter has been resolved administratively by him and the physician's counsel.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCE BY MARK H. FLETCHER, MD, TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL LICENSE NUMBER 13932**

Dr. Hall advised that Dr. Fletcher had been invited to appear before the Executive Committee to discuss his treatment of a patient he had taken care of for several years.

Dr. Fletcher joined the meeting and was represented by legal counsel, John Wheeler. Dr. Fletcher had executed a written agreement for this informal meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

Following introductions, Dr. Miles advised Dr. Fletcher and his attorney why he had been invited to appear before the Executive Committee. Dr. Hall passed out a sheet with the names of four (4) patients to Dr. Fletcher and the Executive Committee and advised that the patients would be referred to as patient #1, #2, #3, and #4. Dr. Hall then advised that this meeting is not a hearing and discussed the possible outcomes from the meeting.

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Dr. Fletcher advised that it was all the same person, that she had changed her name due to having had several marriages. Dr. Fletcher addressed the Executive Committee and briefly gave a recap of the patient and her history under his care. Dr. Fletcher advised that he had treated the patient for several years for migraines and ADHD and described the patient as very impulsive with anxiety and depression issues.

Dr. Miles and Dr. Easterling questioned Dr. Fletcher concerning the medications prescribed. Dr. Easterling asked if he had terminated the doctor-patient relationship on May 25, 2016. Dr. Fletcher stated that he had terminated the doctor-patient relationship on that date. There were several questions as to why he would keep running Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) reports on her after he terminated the doctor-patient relationship. Dr. Fletcher advised that he ran reports several times when he knew he was appearing before the Executive Committee. A representative from the Board of Pharmacy was present and advised that it is illegal to run a report on an individual that is not your patient and that the physician can be fined up to \$50,000 for each incident.

### **DR. BRUNSON ENTERED THE MEETING AT 4:40 P.M.**

Following additional questions concerning multiple visits, different prescriptions issued and the patient's overall history, motion was made by Dr. Easterling, seconded by Dr. Miles, and carried that the Executive Committee enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter that could result in adverse action.

Upon a motion by Dr. Miles, seconded by Dr. Easterling, and carried the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session at which time Dr. Miles asked Dr. Hall to report on their decision. Dr. Hall advised that the Executive Committee had discussed the matter with Dr. Fletcher and his attorney and would recommend to the full Board that Dr. Fletcher be issued a Consent Order requiring Dr. Fletcher to attend courses in prescribing, ethics, and record keeping. The courses are to be approved by the Board in advance, with documentation of successful completion provided the Board after each course. Also, Dr. Fletcher will be monitored for five (5) years.

Dr. Fletcher and his attorney were advised that the proposal would have to be approved by the full Board on Thursday. Dr. Miles stated that the Board would send him the proposed Consent Order once drafted. Dr. Fletcher was advised that he could either sign the Consent Order or request a hearing before the full Board to address the matter.

Dr. Miles thanked Dr. Fletcher and his attorney for appearing today.

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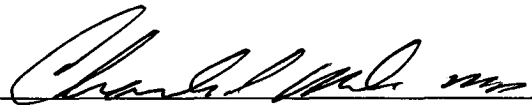
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**REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 17, 2016, BOARD AGENDA**

The agenda for tomorrow's meeting was briefly discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.



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Charles D. Miles, M.D.  
President

Minutes taken and transcribed  
by Sherry H. Pilgrim  
Staff Officer  
November 16, 2016

**AGREEMENT TO APPEAR INFORMALLY BEFORE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
BY CURRENT LICENSEE**

I, **Jean Marie Barker, M.D.**, 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 16 day of November, 2016.

Jean Barker MD  
LICENSEE

Witness:

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE  
November 16, 2016**

AGENDA ITEM: Personal appearance by Jean Marie Barker, MD

In a motion by Dr. Miles, seconded by Dr. Easterling, and carried the Executive Committee made the decision to refer Dr. Barker to the Examining Committee.

| <u>VOTE:</u>                | <u>FOR</u> | <u>AGAINST</u> | <u>ABSTAIN</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Charles D. Miles, M.D.      | X          |                |                |               |
| Virginia M. Crawford, M.D.  |            |                |                | X             |
| Claude D. Brunson, M.D.     |            |                |                | X             |
| S. Randall Easterling, M.D. | X          |                |                |               |

With a motion by Dr. Miles, seconded by Dr. Easterling, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session.



Charles D. Miles, M.D.  
President



**AGREEMENT TO APPEAR INFORMALLY BEFORE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
BY CURRENT LICENSEE**

I, **William Wadsworth, M.D.**, 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:

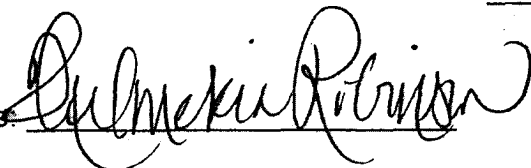
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with legal counsel present (name of counsel: Jacob M. Phillips)

without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 16 day of 11, 2016. (November)

  
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LICENSEE

Witness:   
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**EXECUTIVE SESSION - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE  
November 16, 2016**

AGENDA ITEM: Personal appearance by William Wadsworth, MD

In a motion by Dr. Easterling, seconded by Dr. Miles, and carried the Executive Committee made the decision that Dr. Wadsworth be required to attend prescribing courses recommended by Dr. Hambleton and approved by the Board. Dr. Wadsworth will be subject to a minimum of 1 year monitoring by the Board's investigators. The requirements will be issued in the form of a Consent Order and will be considered reportable action.

| <u>VOTE:</u>                | <u>FOR</u> | <u>AGAINST</u> | <u>ABSTAIN</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Charles D. Miles, M.D.      | X          |                |                |               |
| Virginia M. Crawford, M.D.  |            |                |                | X             |
| Claude D. Brunson, M.D.     |            |                |                | X             |
| S. Randall Easterling, M.D. | X          |                |                |               |

With a motion by Dr. Miles, seconded by Dr. Easterling, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session.

  
Charles D. Miles, M.D.  
President

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I, **Richard Stephen Pannel, D.O.**, 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:

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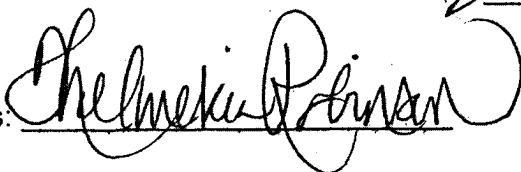
\_\_\_\_\_ with legal counsel present (name of counsel: \_\_\_\_\_)

without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 16 day of November, 2016.

  
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LICENSEE

Witness:

  
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**AGREEMENT TO APPEAR INFORMALLY BEFORE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
BY CURRENT LICENSEE**

I, **Mark H. Fletcher, M.D.**, 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:

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with legal counsel present (name of counsel: John Wheeler)

without legal counsel present

EXECUTED, this the 16 day of November, 2016.

  
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LICENSEE

Witness:

  
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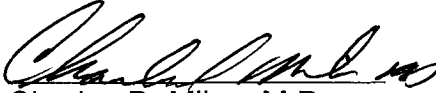
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AGENDA ITEM: Personal appearance by Mark Fletcher, MD

In a motion by Dr. Easterling, seconded by Dr. Miles, and carried the Executive Committee made the decision that Dr. Fletcher be issued a Consent Order requiring him to attend courses in prescribing, ethics, and record keeping. The courses are to be approved by the Board in advance, with documentation of successful completion provided by the Board after course. Also, Dr. Fletcher will be monitored for 5 years.

| <u>VOTE:</u>                | <u>FOR</u> | <u>AGAINST</u> | <u>ABSTAIN</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Charles D. Miles, M.D.      | X          |                |                |               |
| Virginia M. Crawford, M.D.  |            |                |                | X             |
| Claude D. Brunson, M.D.     |            |                |                | X             |
| S. Randall Easterling, M.D. | X          |                |                |               |

With a motion by Dr. Miles, seconded by Dr. Easterling, the Executive Committee came out of Executive Session.

  
Charles D. Miles, M.D.  
President