

MINUTES
MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
October 8, 2025

The Mississippi State Board of Health met on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 in the first-floor auditorium of the Osborne Building and online at 12:30 pm.

Members Present:

Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP, Magnolia, MS – Chairman
James P. Chaney, MD, Amory, MS – Vice Chairman
Frederick B. Carlton Jr., MD, Oxford, MS
Gene B. Hubbard, Jr., Magee, MS
Thad Waites, MD, MACC, Hattiesburg, MS
Lee Ann Griffin, PharmD, Jackson, MS
John D. Davis, IV, MD, Flowood, MS
Elizabeth Edmiston, PT, Ocean Springs, MS
Elayne Anthony, PhD, Madison, MS
James L. Perry, Jackson, MS

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP. Dr. Lampton asked everyone to stand for prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Dr. Edney, State Health Officer, and Dr. Lampton, Chairman, presented Senator Bryan with a plaque of recognition for his role and efforts in championing public health. Dr. Edney also introduced the new Director of Health Services, Tonya Rogilio.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the July 2025 minutes. Upon motion by Dr. Anthony and seconded by Dr. Chaney, the motion passed.

Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM, presented the State Health Officer's Report which included updates on the following: EMS memorial dedication, Breast and Cervical Cancer Awareness, Rural Health Transformation Grant, and Infant Mortality.

MSDH's Chief Financial Officer, Lucreta Tribune, provided an update on the state fiscal year 2027 budget request. Ms. Tribune informed the Board that funding remained relatively level for the upcoming fiscal year compared to the current 2026 fiscal year. Ms. Tribune also provided an update of ongoing construction projects for MSDH Central Campus, which included improvements to the Pharmacy as well as modernization and ADA upgrades to the parking garage elevators.

State Epidemiologist, Dr. Renia Dotson outlined the rising numbers in pertussis cases in Mississippi with 120 cases reported so far this year and 1 pertussis related death in an infant.

Consent Agenda:

1. Proposed Amendments to the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Child

- Care Facilities
2. Proposed Amendments to the Regulations Governing the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
 3. Proposed Regulations to the Bureau of Professional Licensure for Genetic Counselors
 4. Proposed Amendments to the Bureau of Genetics for Newborn Screening and Birth Defects Registry
 5. Proposed Regulations to the Bureau of Professional Licensure for Music Therapists
 6. Proposed Amendments to the Regulations Governing the STEMI System of Care
 7. Proposed Amendments to the Regulations Governing the Registration and Certification of Vital Events and Statistics in the State of Mississippi
 8. Appointments to the MS Council of Advisors in Genetic Counseling
 9. Appointments to the Council of Advisors in Dietetics
 10. Appointment and Reappointments to the MS Professional Art Therapy Council
 11. Appointment and Reappointments to the Council of Advisors for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
 12. Appointments and Reappointment to the MS Advisory Council in Occupational Therapy
 13. Appointments to the Music Therapy Advisory Committee
 14. Radiological Health Proposed Fee Increases

A request was made by Chairman Lampton, to pull the Proposed Amendments to the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Child Care Facilities from the consent agenda and refer back to committee. After a motion by Mr. Perry and seconded by Dr. Anthony, the request was approved.

Following a motion by Mr. Hubbard and seconded by Dr. Anthony, the consent agenda was approved without further discussion.

Committee Reports

Logan Dillon, Director of Government Relations, presented an overview of the items prepared for the upcoming 2026 legislative session. These included: annual revisions to the Mississippi Uniform Controlled Substance Law, funding allocations for renovations and repairs, Rural Water Systems Revolving Loan Fund support request, and increased fees for the Office of Food Protection. Mr. Dillon also discussed the establishment of a specialized car tag for MSDH, a proportion of Medical Cannabis revenue supporting the Public Health Trust Fund, language changes for HB 1062 on Dental Hygienists' scope of work, and exemption of information request for the Office of Radiological Health. The Board unanimously voted to approve the legislative agenda.

Dr. Chaney recognized Dr. Edney to discuss the ongoing infant mortality public health crisis. Dr. Edney elaborated on the changing rate of Mississippi infant mortality compared to the overall United States. The racial and county breakdown of infant deaths were also examined. Dr. Waites asked for clarification on how an infant death is determined for each county, which is established by the home county of the mother. Dr. Edney concluded with a discussion on the efforts being taken by both MSDH and community partners to decrease the rate of infant mortality in Mississippi.

Dr. Lampton provided that the CON committee was preparing recommendations for the legislature and was in the process of planning two upcoming subcommittee meetings to meet a December 15th deadline for submissions.

New Business

There was no discussion regarding New Business items.

Old Business

There was no discussion regarding Old Business items.

Executive Session

There was no executive session taken during the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 pm.

Lucius M. Lampton, MD, FAAFP
Chairman

Daniel Edney, MD, FACP, FASAM
State Health Officer