

**MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF NURSING
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
MINUTES
February 6, 2026**

The Mississippi Board of Nursing held an in-person meeting on Friday, February 6, 2026 at 11:05 a.m. at The Mississippi Board of Nursing at 713 S. Pear Orchard Rd, Suite #300, Ridgeland, Mississippi. The Board's office was open and available for public participation.

I. Roll Call

Board President Sandra Culpepper called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. and conducted roll call. A quorum was declared with the following Board Members present:

Sandra Culpepper, President
Jeremy Cummins, Secretary
Lacey Gentry, Treasurer
Janie Clanton
Alveno Castilla
Carly Walker – Zoom
Renia Dotson
Janel Moody
Beverly Oliver
Andrew Calhoun
LaWanda Baskin
T.J. Adams – Zoom
Daniel Sistrunk

Staff members present were Dr. Phyllis Johnson, Executive Director; Shan Montgomery, Chief of Staff; Dr. Priscilla Burks, Director of Practical Nursing Education; Dwayne Jamison, Director of Criminal Background Checks and Investigations; Leslie Seaton, Director of Office of Nursing Workforce; Brandon Walker, General Counsel; Alexis Morris, Associate General Counsel; and Assistant Attorney General Kim Turner, Board Counsel.

II. Motion to Approve Agenda

Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by Janel Moody, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.

III. Public Comments – none

IV. Legislative Update – Trey Bobinger

V. Office of Workforce Committee Report – Leslie Seaton

VI. Practical Nursing Education Report – Dr. Priscilla Burks

Motion to approve Pearl River Community College Practical Nursing Program to offer a daytime Practical Nursing (PN) option at the Hancock County Campus beginning Fall 2026, subject to compliance with the Board's Administrative Code, Part 2865 and the Mississippi Community College Board standardized curriculum

Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by Beverly Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation.

VII. Executive Director's Report – Dr. Phyllis Johnson

Board Business

VIII. Approval of Minutes

Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by Renia Dotson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the December 5, 2025 Business Meeting Minutes.

Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by LaWanda Baskin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the December 22, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes.

Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by LaWanda Baskin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the January 12, 2026 Special Called Meeting Minutes.

Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by Drew Calhoun, the Board voted unanimously to approve the December 2025 Agreed Settlement Proposal Minutes.

Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by Beverly Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following Hearing Panel Minutes: December 2025.

Future Meeting Dates – Administrative Hearings and Settlements – March 31, April 1, & 2, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

General Business Meeting and Appeals – Friday, April 3, 2026 at 11:05 a.m. (virtual)

Hearing panel – Sandra Culpepper, Beverly Oliver, Carly Walker, and Alveno Castilla

Board of Director's Retreat – May 18, 19, & 20, 2026

Committee Reports

IX. Executive Committee Meeting Report

Motion to approve the Board Nomination Committee for June 2026 Elections: Sandra Culpepper, T.J. Adams, and Alveno Castilla

Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by Janel Moody, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Nomination Committee for the June 2026 Elections.

X. Compliance Committee Report – Drew Calhoun

Motion to approve the compliance committee's recommendation of approved assessors.

Upon the motion of Drew Calhoun, and a second by Jeremy Cummins, the Board voted unanimously to accept the compliance committee's recommendation.

XI. Advanced Practice Committee Report – Beverly Oliver

Motion to accept the Committee's Report that include the following recommendations:

1. Deny request from FNP to be the sole medical provider in a rural emergency room.
2. Recommend that the FNP continue the training model with her collaborative physician, with the physician onsite, until she successfully passes the ENP exam.

Upon the motion of Beverly Oliver, and a second by Janie Clanton, the Board voted unanimously to accept the report from the Advanced Practice Committee.

XII. Practice Committee Report – Janie Clanton

Motion to adopt the Air & Surface Transport Nurses Association (ASTNA) guidelines and draft a Board position statement regarding the air and ground transport teams.

Upon the motion of Janie Clanton, and a second by Jeremy Cummins, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the guidelines.

XIII. Administrative Code Committee Report – Janie Clanton

Motion to approve proposed changes to Part 2825 – Rules 1.8 and 1.10 – Replacing “Executive Director” with “Hearing Panel” and to files the rules as emergency rules with the OLRC and Secretary of State.

Upon the motion of Janie Clanton, and a second by Jeremy Cummins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Motion to approve the proposed changes to Part 2880 – Rule 1.1 – Fees and to file these rules with the OLRC and Secretary of State.

Upon the motion of Janie Clanton, and a second by Jeremy Cummins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

XIV. Finance Committee – Lacey Gentry

Motion to accept the Finance Report

Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by LaWanda Baskin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the finance report.

XV. Office of Nursing Workforce Committee Report – none

XVI. Legislative Committee Report – none

XVII. Closed & Executive Session

- 1) Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, the Board voted unanimously to close its session to determine whether to enter into an executive session.

Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by Lacey Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to enter into an executive session pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7(4)(b) for discussion related strategy sessions or negotiations with respect to litigation in *Am. Coll. of Nurse-Midwives vs. Miss. State Bd. of Med. Licensure, et al*, No. 3:26-cv-40-TSL-RPM (S.D. Miss. 2026).

Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by Beverly Oliver, the Board exited executive session. No action was taken during that executive session.

Recess – Meeting was recessed from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. for lunch

Reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

XVIII. Appeal

- 2) Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, the Board voted unanimously to close its session to determine whether to enter into an executive session.

Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by Lacey Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to enter into an executive session pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7(4)(b) and (d) for discussion related to the issuance of an appealable order in the Appeal for Marquillie Decuire (R-898292).

Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by Janie Clanton, the Board voted to uphold the guilty decision of the Panel in the Matter of R-898292. However, the Board **reverses the revocation** and implements the following discipline: formal reprimand, submit to twelve (12) months of on-demand drug testing, a \$500 fine, and completion of the “Mindful Self-Care Course. Board members Lacey Gentry, Janel Moody, and Carly Walker did not take part in the deliberations or the decision.

Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by Janie Clanton, the Board voted unanimously to end its executive session and return to an open session. Assistant Attorney General Kim Turner (Hearing Officer) announced the actions taken by the Board during the executive session to those who returned to the open meeting.

XVIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins and a second by Janie Clanton.



Sandra Culpepper (Apr 8, 2026 14:14:00 CDT)

SANDRA CULPEPPER, PRESIDENT

ADJOURNED: The February 6, 2026 Business Meeting



Sandra Culpepper (Apr 8, 2026 14:14:00 CDT)

Sandra Culpepper, LPN, President



Lacey Gentry (Apr 8, 2026 12:53:58 CDT)

Lacey Gentry, DNP, RN, CNE, Treasurer



Jeremy Cummins (Apr 8, 2026 18:39:34 CDT)

Jeremy Cummins, LPN, LNHA, Secretary