



NOTICE OF MEETING
of the
OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND ADVISORY COUNCIL

Pursuant to the provisions of Mississippi Code Annotated Sections 25-41-1 *et seq.* (1972), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Council to be held on Tuesday, July 21st, beginning at 1:00 p.m, at the Carroll Gartin Justice Building, 450 High Street, Jackson, MS 39201. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct the regular business of the Council as set forth in the attached Agenda.

Zoom Webinar Link:

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This the 20th day of July, 2026.

BY: /s/ Misty Monroe
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Meeting of the:
Mississippi Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Council
July 21, 2026 1:00 PM

Carroll Gartin Justice Building
450 High Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Meeting Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Old Business

- A. Approval of December 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes

III. New Business

- A. Opening Remarks
- B. Overview of Third-Party Administrator Responsibilities
- C. 2026-2027 Priorities
- D. Rules Update Based on Legislative Changes

IV. Adjourn

Next Meeting: TBD



Mississippi Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Council December 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Call to order

The fourth meeting of the Mississippi Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Council was called to order by the Chair, Attorney General Lynn Fitch, at the Carroll Gartin Justice Building in Jackson, Mississippi, at 2:04 p.m. on December 2, 2025.

Introductions and Roll Call

Council members announced their attendance at the meeting. A quorum was established.

Old Business

The Chair brought forward the November 3, 2025 meeting minutes for approval. Judge Touchstone moved to approve the November meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Director Bailey and passed by voice vote.

New Business

Mr. Sclafani moved to recategorize Mississippi Center for Legal Services to Tier Four and United Way of North Mississippi to Tier Five. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Mr. Sclafani moved to set funding for the Mississippi Administrative Office of Courts to \$12 million and to move the application to Tier One. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Mr. Sclafani moved to set funding for Northern Mississippi Health Services at \$4.985 million. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Mr. Taggart moved to set funding for the University of Mississippi Medical Center at \$5 million. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Mr. Taggart moved to amend funding for only training by the Mississippi Hospital Association and to move it from Tier One to Tier Two. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Mr. Sclafani moved to require Chase Project 1 of 2 to serve indigent populations and move it to Tier One. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Judge Touchstone moved to require Jacob's Well to allow patients to take prescribed medication in an appropriate manner. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote. Mr. Taggart abstained from voting.

Chief Justice Randolph made a motion to move Essential Touchstones to Tier Four. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Mr. Taggart made a motion to move Stercus Bioanalytics to Tier Two, reduce funding to \$2 million, and require the company to disclose to whom it provides data. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Director Bailey moved to reduce funding for QuickMD to \$750,000. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote. Mr. Taggart recused himself from voting.

Director Bailey moved to reduce funding for South Mississippi Health Center 2 of 3 by fifty percent. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote. Mr. Taggart recused himself from voting.

Mr. Sclafani made a motion to move the Mississippi Department of Mental Health 3 of 3 to Tier One. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Mr. Taggart and Director Bailey abstained from voting.

Mr. Sclafani moved to approve Tier Two. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Motion was made to move Harbor Path into the nonabatement category. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Chief Cooper abstained from voting.

Mr. Moore made a motion to move the "University of Mississippi Project" from Tier One to Tier Three. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

Mr. Sclafani moved to require Pine Belt Mental Health's MOU to specify what funding is needed for increasing the number of patients treated per day for opioid addiction. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Mr. Taggart made a motion to move J&J Research to Tier Three. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Mr. Sclafani moved to approve all Tier One applications. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. Mr. Taggart recused with respect to certain entities.

Announcements

The members agreed to meet again, with the date and time to be determined.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

December 2, 2025 Opioid Settlement Council Member Attendees

Attorney General Lynn Fitch
Dr. Daniel Edney
Wendy Bailey
Judge Touchstone
Joseph Sclafani
Mark Stovall
Andy Taggart
James Moore
Chief Justice Randolph
Shari Veazey
Chief Adam Cooper
Representative Clay DeWeese

Judge Sorey
Judge Embry Wilson
Judge Favre
Suzanne Hudson
Marshall Fisher
Terrance Shirley
Jennifer Dick
Senator Nicole Boyd
Representative Sam Creekmore



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

TITLE 03—OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

PART 6—Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Council

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**Title 03 – Office of the Attorney General
Part 6 – Opioid Settlement Fund
Advisory Council**

Chapter 01 General Information and Definitions

100 Definitions

As used in this Part, the following terms shall have the meanings as defined in this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

- (a) “Opioid Settlement Fund” means the special fund created in the State Treasury under Mississippi Code Annotated Section 27-103-305, which consists of the monies received by the Attorney General on behalf of the State of Mississippi from settlements of opioid litigation with certain distributors, manufacturers, retail pharmacy chains, and other defendants of related opioid litigation;
- (b) “Council” means the Opioid Settlement Fund Advisory Council, created by Senate Bill No. 2767 of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session, to be codified at Mississippi Code Annotated Section 41-153-1.
- (c) “Opioid settlements” means the current and future settlements of opioid litigation with certain distributors, manufacturers, retail pharmacies, and other defendants of related opioid litigation;
- (d) “Abatement” means efforts to treat, prevent, or reduce opioid use disorder or the misuse of opioids or to otherwise remediate the harmful effects of the opioid epidemic;
- ~~(e)~~ “Abatement settlement funds” means those monies from the opioid settlements that are required to be spent on opioid abatement programs, goods, and services; ~~and~~
- ~~(f)~~ “Nonabatement settlement funds” means those monies from the opioid settlements that are not required to be spent on opioid abatement programs, goods and services;
- ~~(e)~~(g) “Settlement funds” mean both abatement settlement funds and nonabatement settlement funds; and
- ~~(f)~~(h) “Qualified Applicant” means an applicant who meets the eligibility requirements in the Council’s annual Request for Grant Applications.

101 Purpose

The purpose of the Council is to review applications for grants funded by the proceeds of opioid settlements and to make recommendations to the Legislature for the appropriation of abatement settlement funds to fund the grants. The Council shall ensure that opioid settlement funds are allocated and spent in accordance with the terms of the settlement agreements and shall ensure public involvement, accountability, and transparency in allocating and accounting for the monies in the fund. ~~[Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1-(2)]~~.

102 Legal Authority

The Council shall adopt necessary rules, regulations, and procedures to effectuate the purposes of Section 41-153-1 and to ensure that a grant applicant expends all grant funds in a manner consistent with the terms of the opioid settlement agreements. ~~§~~ Miss. Code Ann. §

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41-153-1(14)].

103 Source of Funding

The Council shall make prioritized recommendations for grant recipients to the Legislature for projects funded from the abatement settlement funds in the Opioid Settlement Fund.

104 Expenses

Members of the Council shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, in accordance with Section 25-4-41. All such expenses shall be paid from the Opioid Settlement Fund or the State General Fund. Reimbursement requests should be submitted to the Attorney General using the form and procedure proscribed by the Attorney General's Office. [Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1 (9)].

105 Administration

The Council shall be housed within the Office of the Attorney General. The Attorney General shall provide the staff and facilities necessary to assist the Council in the performance of its duties. [Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1(10)].

106 Termination

The Council shall terminate when all opioid settlement funds being paid pursuant to the opioid settlements have been received and disbursed, unless the Attorney General certifies that additional funds are anticipated within one (1) year. [Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1(156)].

Chapter 02 Composition

201 Membership

The Council is comprised of thirty-seven (37) members, fifteen (15) voting members and twenty-two (22) non-voting advisory members. ~~Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1(5)(a)-(l); Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1 (6)(a)-(r).~~

Voting members may request to add additional nonvoting advisory members with expertise in opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery. Such members may be added by majority vote of the voting members. ~~Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1(7).~~

202 Leadership

The Attorney General or a designee shall serve as Chair of the Council. The Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health or a designee and the State Health Officer or a designee shall serve as Co-Vice Chairs of the Council. The Chair and Co-Vice Chairs shall serve permanently during their tenure in their respective offices. ~~Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1 (5)(a)-(c); (8)(a).~~

203 Terms of Service

Voting members of the Council appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve an initial term beginning June 10, 2025 and ending December 31, 2027. After the expiration of the initial term, each subsequent appointment of such members shall be for a term of four (4) years from the expiration date of the previous term. ~~Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1(8)(b).~~

All other voting members and all advisory members of the Council shall serve a three-year term beginning June 10, 2025, and all subsequent terms shall be for a period of three (3) years. ~~Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1(8)(c).~~

204 Removal

The respective appointing authority may remove a member for failure to attend at least one-half (1/2) of the scheduled meetings in any one-year period or for other good cause. Removal of a Council member shall be noticed in writing to the Chair and Co-Vice Chairs of the Council. ~~Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1(8)(d).~~

205 Vacancy

If a vacancy on the Council occurs, the respective appointing authority shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. Notwithstanding the expiration of a member's term, each member shall serve until a successor is duly appointed. ~~Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1 (8)(e).~~

Chapter 03 Internal Procedures

301 Meetings

The Council shall meet no less than twice per calendar year. Meetings may be held in-person, by videoconference, or both. All meetings must be noticed to the public on the Department of Finance and Administration's public meetings website at least 24 hours in advance. The Council reserves the right to enter executive session to discuss certain matters privately pursuant to Section 25-41-7.

302 Quorum

A simple majority of the voting members of the Council (8 out of 15) shall constitute a quorum for doing business. ~~[Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1 (8)(g)]~~ A voting member of the council who recuses due to a conflict of interest as stated in Rule 303 shall not be considered for the purposes of quorum for the votes for which the voting member of the council is recused. [Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1(8)(g)].

303 Conflicts of Interest

A member of the council shall not, directly or indirectly, influence, seek to influence, vote on, or participate in the recommendation of grant recipients or the recommendation to allocate funds for the benefit of any organization with which the member has affiliation. A member of the council shall recuse from the discussion, ranking, or vote upon any such matter. [Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1(17)].

~~Council members shall recuse themselves from the evaluation of grant applications from organizations in which they have a material financial or professional interest, receive any compensation or pecuniary benefit from, or the leadership of which they have a familial relationship with in the first degree.~~

304 Transparency

The Council shall operate according to the Attorney General's Office Public Records Policy, available on the Attorney General's website.

The Council shall also create and maintain a web page on the Attorney General's website, on which it shall publish its rules, priorities, requests for grant applications, meeting minutes, attendance rolls, and votes.

Chapter 04 Application Review Process

401 Application Procedures

The Council shall develop and publish procedures for the submission of grant applications. Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1-(11)(b), including the content and form of an annual Request for Grant Applications (“RGA”).

All responses to the RGA shall be submitted to the Council ~~at the following email address: OpioidCouncil@ago.ms.gov~~, via the online portal on the Attorney General’s website: <https://attorneygenerallynnfitch.com>

402 Priorities

At its first meeting of each calendar year, the Council shall prepare a list of priorities to guide the selection of grant recipients. The list of priorities will be published with the annual Request for Grant Applications. ~~[Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1 (11(a)) In developing these priorities, the council shall align, to the greatest extent practicable and consistent with state law and the opioid settlements, with the following strategy pillars for addressing opioid use disorder and overdose:~~

- ~~i) Prevention and early intervention;~~
- ~~ii) Treatment and recovery access;~~
- ~~iii) Accountability and transparency;~~
- ~~iv) Community-based solutions;~~
- ~~v) Reducing overdose and harm;~~
- ~~vi) Workforce and integration;~~
- ~~vii) Data-driven policy; and~~
- ~~viii) Equity and inclusion.~~

~~[Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1 (11)(a)].~~

403 Subcommittees Independent Third Party

~~A qualified third party shall conduct an initial assessment, scoring and categorization of proposals using standardized criteria. [Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1 (15)(a)(iii)].~~
~~Dependent on the volume of grant applications, the Council may, by majority vote, establish and utilize subcommittees to efficiently divide and review applications.~~

~~Subcommittees may consist of no less than three (3) and no more than five (5) Council members, and may consist of either voting members, advisory members, or both.~~

~~Subcommittees may consult with industry experts, community stakeholders, and the general public in developing their recommendations.~~

~~All subcommittee recommendations must be submitted to the entire Council for review and approved by the voting Council members before inclusion in the report to the Legislature.~~

404 Evaluation Criteria

In reviewing applications for funding, the Council shall primarily consider whether the services the organization intends to provide with the requested grant funding comply with the terms of the opioid settlement agreements. All qualified applicants shall be included on the list of recommended recipients.

In prioritizing the list of grant recipients, the Council may also consider the list of priorities adopted pursuant to Rule 402.

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405 List of Recommended Recipients

- (a) The Council shall prepare a prioritized list of recommended grant recipients, which shall include a description of how each recommended recipient complies with the Council's published priorities. Upon approval of the list by the Council, the list shall be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairs of the Senate and House Appropriations Committees, Chairs of the Senate Public Health and Welfare and House Public Health and Human Services Committees, and Chairs of the Senate and House Judiciary A Committees no later than thirty (30) days before the first day of the Regular Legislative Session. [Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1 (11)(e)].
- (b) Applicants shall be scored according to a scoring rubric developed and approved by the Council, which shall be made available at the time the Request for Grant Applications is published.
- (c) The Council shall prioritize the list of recommended grant recipients by Tiers 1 through 5, as follows:
 - Tier 1: A numerical score on the application scoring rubric of 90-100;
 - Tier 2: A score of 80-89;
 - Tier 3: A score 70-79;
 - Tier 4: A score 60-69; and
 - Tier 5: A score of 59 or below.

406 Non-Exclusion

The Council shall not exclude any qualified applicant from the list provided to the Legislature. [Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1 (12)].

Chapter 5 Reporting Requirements

501 Annual Report

By ~~December~~November 1 of each year, beginning ~~December~~November 1, 2026, the Council shall submit an annual report to the Legislature and the Governor summarizing the distribution of funds, outcomes of funded programs, and any recommendations for improving the process of appropriation, administration, and accountability of settlement funds. The report shall be made publicly available on the Attorney General's website. [Miss. Code Ann. § 41-153-1 (168)(a)].

502 Quarterly Reports

Upon approval of the Council's recommendations by the Legislature and disbursement of funds, grant recipients shall be responsible for collecting certain financial and performance data associated with abatement projects and shall submit such data to the Council on a quarterly basis, no later than January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 of each year. The specific reporting requirements shall be determined by the Council and clearly stated in a Memorandum of Understanding.