



# NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

\*\*\*\*PUBLIC NOTICE\*\*\*\*

## BOARD MEETING

September 8, 2020 @ 5:30 PM

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

*Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine ~ Conference Room  
2275 Corporate Circle, Suite 210  
Henderson, NV 89074*

*Public Call in Number: 1-866-854-6779; Meeting Code: 7492532#*

*NOTE: Per Emergency Order 006 issued by Governor Sisolak on  
March 22, 2020, there will be no physical location for this meeting.*

***PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND THIS MEETING AT THE BOARD'S OFFICE.***

### **\*\*\* MINUTES \*\*\***

**I. CALL TO ORDER (Discussion/ For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President, Roll call to determine presence of a quorum**

*Board Members:*

*Ronald Hedger, D.O.*

*Paul Mausling, D.O.*

*Ricardo Almaguer, D.O.*

*C. Dean Milne, D.O.*

*Swadeep Nigam, MSc, MBA, Public Member*

*Board Staff:*

*Sandra Reed, Executive Director*

*Louis Ling, Esq., Board Counsel*

*Public:*

*Susan Fisher*

*Philip Creps, D.O.*

*Scott Hilton, D.O.*

*Japa Volchok, D.O.*

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**NOTE:** Prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or a quasi-judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual, the board may refuse to consider public comment. See NRS 233B.126.

No comments.

**III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM AUGUST 11, 2020**

*(Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President*

Dr. Milne made a motion to approve the minutes from August 11, 2020; seconded by Dr. Mausling. There being no discussion, the minutes were approved by the Board.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA TO GRANT LICENSURE FOR OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND SPECIAL LICENSES (Discussion/ For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

*Under this item the Board may consider the recommendations of the Executive Director and/or President/Vice President to grant licensure to the below listed applicants. The Board may remove any applicant's name from the consent motion, but may not discuss the contents of the application for licensure without the applicant present following proper notice pursuant to the open meeting law.*

<b>Osteopathic Physician Name</b>	<b>Specialty</b>
<i>Lorianne Avino, D.O.</i>	<i>Psychiatry</i>
<i>Cassandra Ceremuga, D.O.</i>	<i>Pediatrics</i>
<i>Adam Freilich, D.O.</i>	<i>Anesthesiology</i>
<i>Chrisalbeth Guillermo, D.O.</i>	<i>Psychiatry</i>
<i>Jeffrey Houghton, D.O.</i>	<i>Emergency Medicine</i>
<i>Heather Jones, D.O.</i>	<i>Family Medicine</i>
<i>Trenton Knewtson, D.O.</i>	<i>Family Medicine</i>
<i>Jason Lao, D.O.</i>	<i>Family Medicine</i>
<i>Alexandra Lewis, D.O.</i>	<i>Emergency Medicine</i>
<i>Hayden Maag, D.O.</i>	<i>Emergency Medicine</i>
<i>Jordan Martinez, D.O.</i>	<i>Pediatrics</i>
<i>Geoffrey McWilliams, D.O.</i>	<i>Diagnostic Radiology</i>
<i>Anisha Patel-Dunn, D.O.</i>	<i>Psychiatry</i>
<i>Kathryn Totino, D.O.</i>	<i>Diagnostic Radiology</i>
<i>Russell Van Maele, D.O.</i>	<i>Internal Medicine</i>

<b>Physician Assistant</b>	<b>Supervising Physician</b>
<i>Courtney Behrens, PA-C</i>	<i>Michael Lundberg, D.O.</i>
<i>Richard Nudd, PA-C</i>	<i>Active Not-Working</i>

Dr. Milne made a motion to approve the licensees as written; and, seconded by Dr. Mausling. There being no discussion, the Board approved licensure.

**V. +CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER REGARDING DARREN WIRTZ, D.O., (Discussion/For Possible Action) Board may go into closed session pursuant to NRS 241.030 to move to a closed session because the discussion will have to do with this applicant's character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or similar items). Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Mr. Ling explained the Settlement Agreement and Order (SAO). Dr. Wirtz is to pay \$1,000 in fees and costs and \$5,000 in fines. He is to have an evaluation by Larry Espadero, LADC, to determine if he needs to participate in a diversion program. After the evaluation, he would be placed on probation for a minimum of one year. The probation is based on the length of the diversion program. The SAO indicated Dr. Wirtz would continue with marriage counseling. Any failure of the terms in the SAO would result in an automatic suspension of

his license. A motion was made by Dr. Hedger to approve the SAO; and, seconded by Dr. Mausling. There being some discussion, the Board approved the settlement agreement.

**VI. +CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE FOR SCOTT HILTON, D.O., (Discussion/For Possible Action) Board may go into closed session pursuant to NRS 241.030 to move to a closed session because the discussion will have to do with this applicant's character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or similar items) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Dr. Hedger asked Dr. Hilton if he would prefer an open or closed session. Dr. Hilton chose a closed session. A motion was made by Dr. Milne to go into a closed session; seconded by Dr. Mausling and approved by the Board. Dr. Hedger made a motion to grant licensure to Scott Hilton, D.O., seconded by Dr. Mausling. The motion was approved by the Board to license Dr. Hilton.

**VII. +CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE FOR PHILIP CREPS, D.O., (Discussion/For Possible Action) Board may go into closed session pursuant to NRS 241.030 to move to a closed session because the discussion will have to do with this applicant's character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or similar items) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Dr. Hedger asked Dr. Creps if he would prefer an open or closed session. Dr. Creps chose a closed session. A motion was made by Mr. Nigam; seconded by Dr. Almaguer to go into closed session and approved by the Board. A motion was made by Dr. Hedger to grant licensure to Philip Creps, D.O. a license; seconded by Mr. Nigam. The motion was approved to license Dr. Creps.

**VIII. +CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE FOR JAPA VOLCHOK, D.O., (Discussion/For Possible Action) Board may go into closed session pursuant to NRS 241.030 to move to a closed session because the discussion will have to do with this applicant's character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or similar items) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Dr. Hedger asked Dr. Volchok is he would like to go into a closed session. Dr. Volchok chose an open session. Dr. Hedger asked Dr. Volchok to explain the criminal indictment in 2008. Dr. Volchok explained the circumstances leading to the indictment and its subsequent dismissal. He also explained previous disciplinary actions, which had been resolved. Dr. Hedger made a motion to grant licensure for Japa Volchok, D.O.; seconded by Dr. Almaguer. There being some discussion, the Board approved licensure for Dr. Volchok.

**IX. CONSIDERATION/ACTION RELATING TO PUBLICATION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR NON-REPORTING AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE CAUSES WHICH MAY INCLUDE POTENTIAL STATUTORY OR REGULATORY REVISIONS OF POLICY CHANGES, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Ms. Reed explained a request was made by one of the licensees, asking to remove the "disciplinary" title labeled for non-reporting settlement agreements. She suggested the Board may want to consider moving the non-reporting actions from the disciplinary actions on the Board website, and be placed under a new category, such as "Administrative Fines." The non-reporting actions are not reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, and are only charged administrative fines, due to not reporting in the statutory timeframe, actions involving the licensees. Dr. Hedger made a motion to create a new category for settlement agreements that were not disciplinary actions; seconded by Mr. Nigam. There being some discussion, the motion was approved.

**X. CONSIDERATION/ACTION REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH NRS 622.234, INCLUDING POTENTIAL POLICY RELATED THERETO, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Mr. Ling explained that chapter NRS 622, which was effective on January 1, 2020, involves all licensing Boards to ensure an anti-embezzlement system. The statute requires two Board members of a Board to review all expenditures within a given time frame, at least quarterly, and sign an attestation to such review. The Board shall create a policy to address how the requirement will be satisfied. Staff would create a policy and present it to the Board for approval at the next Board meeting. Mr. Nigam volunteered to review the expenditures.

**XI. CONSIDERATION/ACTION REGARDING POTENTIAL POSITION THE BOARD MIGHT ASSERT TO FSMB REGARDING FEDERAL BILLS ALLOWING TEMPORARY RECIPROCITY DURING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Ms. Reed stated the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) sent an email to the Board requesting State Board input on two federal bills temporarily allowing reciprocity in licensing during the COVID emergency. One bill states telemedicine may be practiced in any State without a license in that particular state. The Board would be unable to track who would be practicing telemedicine in Nevada. The other bill has more restrictions, requiring the provider to notify the Board about the desire to practice telemedicine and submit further information. The Board would have more control over the provider if any issues arose from such a practice. Dr. Milne stated the state does not currently need additional physicians to treat COVID-19 patients. A motion was made by Dr. Hedger for the Board to notify FSMB to oppose the bills; seconded by Dr. Mausling. There being some discussion, the motion approved by the Board to oppose the bills. Ms. Fisher suggested she would like to contact the State congressmen regarding the Board's opinion of the two bills.

**XII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a. Financial Statements – Ms. Reed explained the financial statements and indicated one of the expenses for computer services should have been calculated in FY 2019-2020. After this is corrected with the accountants, she would send updated financial statements to the Board members.
- b. Licensing – Ms. Reed explained the licensee status for new applicants.
- c. Complaints – Ms. Reed requested Board members to provide a status after one month or so, of complaint reviews after they have been assigned.

**XIII. LEGAL REPORT (Discussion/For Possible Action) by Louis Ling, Board Counsel and/or Justin Taruc, Deputy Attorney General**  
There was nothing to report.

**XIV. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (Discussion/For Possible Action) by Susan Fisher, Board Government Affairs/Lobbyist.**

Ms. Fisher stated that several current bill draft requests (BDR) have been sent to Ms. Reed and Mr. Ling for review. One BDR addresses amending the requirement of fingerprints for licensing active military, veterans, and their spouses.

**XV. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION/UPCOMING AGENDA**  
No Comments.

**XVI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT on Board Business, Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**  
There was nothing to report

**XVII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comments.

Dr. Hedger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Mausling and approved by the Board.

**Minutes approved by the Board at the October 13, 2020 Board Meeting.**