



NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

****PUBLIC NOTICE****

BOARD MEETING

May 10, 2022 @ 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: 1-866-705-2554; Meeting Code: 226691#

Note: Revised meeting call in number and code above

*** 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.

Ricardo Almaguer, D.O.

C. Dean Milne, D.O.

Paul Mausling, D.O.

Samir Pancholi, D.O.

Carla Perlotto, PhD

Swadeep Nigam, MSc, MBA, Public Member

Board Staff:

Sandra Reed, Executive Director

Louis Ling, Esq., Board Counsel

Public:

Susan Fisher

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 APRIL 12, 2022 (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President

Mr. Nigam made a motion to approve the minutes from April 12, 2022; seconded by Dr. Perlotto. There being no discussion, the minutes were approved by the Board.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA TO GRANT LICENSURE FOR OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, SPECIAL EVENT 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.

Osteopathic Physician Name

Daryl Callahan, D.O.

Matthew Gray, D.O.

Marie Hewett, D.O.

David Ho, D.O.

Ngoc-Tram Huynh, D.O.

Chad Jensen, D.O.

Seema Khurana, D.O.

Christopher King, D.O.

Nathan Lowe, D.O.

Natalia McGrew, D.O.

Qazi Mohsin, D.O.

Cheryl Niblo, D.O.

Kushal Patel, D.O.

Leonard Scarpinato, D.O.

Jessica Tullington, D.O.

Eric Tung, D.O.

Hunter Vincent, D.O.

Stephanie Yagi, D.O.

Inna Yaskin, D.O.

Specialty

Family Medicine

Anesthesiology

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Radiology, Diagnostic

Family Medicine

Anesthesiology

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Internal Medicine

Family Medicine

Family Medicine

Internal Medicine

Pathology, Forensic

Internal Medicine

Internal Medicine

General Surgery

Psychiatry

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Pathology, Anatomic/Clinical

Internal Medicine

Physician Assistant

Erika Arizabal, PA-C

Janice Jaene Bautista, PA-C

Lena Burk, PA-C

Steven Evans, PA-C

Maria Vera Leon, PA-C

Starlita Moss, PA-C

Nicole Nelson, PA-C

Sandy Peng, PA-C

Taylor Scott, PA-C

Nyat Tewolde, PA-C

Christy Waters, PA-C

Supervising Physician

Active-Not Working

Charles Weintz, D.O.

Active-Not Working

Jawad Jilani, D.O.

Trent Leavitt, DO

Travis Snyder, D.O.

Jawad Jilani, D.O.

Active-Not Working

Michael Allen, D.O.

Michael Lemon, D.O.

Active-Not Working

Effective 07/01/2022

Special Licenses NRS.633.411:

Dana De Kruffy, D.O.

UNLV – General Surgery

Dr. Perlotto made a motion to approve the licensees as written; seconded by Mr. Nigam. There being no discussion, the Board approved licensure.

- V. **+CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER REGARDING ROBERT MERRILL, 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 had been revised based on the Board's vote at last month's meeting. The revised agreement mirrors the agreement Dr. Merrill made with the Utah Board. Dr. Pancholi noted language on page 5, line 10 that should have been removed when the agreement was revised. Mr. Ling stated the Board could choose to pass a motion to approve the agreement upon removal of that language and having the agreement signed again by Dr. Merrill and the Investigating Board Member. Dr. Hedger made a motion to approve the settlement agreement and order with removal of the language on page 5, line 10; seconded by Dr. Perlotto. The Board voted unanimously to approve, and the motion passed.

- VI. **CONSIDERATION/ APPROVAL OF PROCESS TO HIRE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, (Discussion/For Possible Action)** Ronald Hedger, D.O., President

Ms. Reed proposed reaching out to other state boards via the administrative collaborative, Administrators in Medicine (AIM) and FSMB through their newsletter. Additionally, if needed, can also be posted to the state job website. Ms. Reed would review applicants and provide a short list for interviews and final selection. A committee will be formed by volunteers who will be part of the interview and selection process. The selected applicant would start in early September. Dr. Hedger made a motion to proceed with hiring process as outlined by Ms. Reed; seconded by Dr. Perlotto. The Board voted unanimously to approve, and the motion passed. Ms. Reed will send an email to all board members asking for volunteers to serve on the hiring committee.

- VII. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a. *Financial Statements* – Ms. Reed noted the quarterly financial statement is included with the usual monthly statements.
- b. *Licensing* – Ms. Reed noted currently licensing numbers, which should increase with the start of the waived initial licensing fee in July. Dr. Perlotto suggested sending information to residency programs and other places to notify them about the waived initial licensing fee policy. Ms. Reed will working on sending out the press release.
- c. *Comments* – Gov. Sisolak will be ending the state of emergency on May 20. Ms. Reed noted that the emergency waivers will be ending, and staff will be contacting those individuals with information on how to apply for licensure.

- VIII. **LEGAL REPORT (Discussion/For Possible Action)** by Louis Ling, Board Counsel and/or Chricy Harris, Deputy Attorney General

Mr. Ling had nothing to report.

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

Ms. Fisher did send out press release on the waived initial licensing fee policy to various state departments and committees. The feedback has been very positive. Ms. Fisher attended the Governor's Health Care Provider Summit in April, and the policy was mentioned there as well. The Governor's Office will be looking into licensing boards and their processes. Ms. Fisher requested that the Board be included in those discussions.

- X. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION/UPCOMING AGENDA**

No items.

XI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT on Board Business, Ronald Hedger, D.O., President

Dr. Hedger requested comments on the FSMB annual meeting from those who attended last month. Dr. Perlotto noted major topics were misinformation, healthcare provider burnout, and diversity and inclusion. Mr. Nigam agreed, and noted the sessions were informative.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments.

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

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