

Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine 2275 Corporate Circle, Suite 210 Henderson, NV 89074

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR REGULATION WORKSHOP

The Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine conducted a public regulation workshop on

Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. located at:

The Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine's Office located at 2275 Corporate Circle, Suite 210, Henderson, Nevada 89119

Please Note:

- Persons wishing to attend this meeting in person may do so at the above-listed location.
- Agenda items, other than those items posted with a specific time, may be taken out of sequence or may be combined for consideration by the Executive Director to accommodate persons appearing at the workshop and/or to aid in the effectiveness of the meeting.
- Items may be pulled or removed from the Agenda at any time.
- Certain Agenda items, or portions thereof, may be conducted in closed session, in accordance with NRS 241.030.
- Public comment is scheduled under Agenda Item 2, at the beginning of the meeting, and again under Agenda Item 6, at the end of the meeting, and may also be called for at other times throughout the meeting by the Executive Director. When these Agenda items are called, members of the general public may bring matters not appearing on this Agenda to the attention of the Executive Director. Such matters not appearing on this Agenda may be discussed, but may not be acted on at this meeting. If the Board desires, the matters may be placed on a future Agenda for action. In consideration of others, who may also wish to provide public comment, please avoid repetition and limit your comments to no more than four (4) minutes.
- 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.

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Board Staff present:

Frank DiMaggio, Executive Director

Carolyn Klein, Administrative Assistant

Clayton Bailey, Board Investigator

Richard Dreitzer, Esq., Board Counsel

Public:

Susan Fisher, McDonald Carano

Amanda Brazeau, Nevada Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants

Victora Supple, Argentum Partners

Domonique Katona, President of the Nevada Academy of Physician Assistants

Stephanie Zunini, President of the Nevada Academy for Anesthesiologist Assistants

Executive Director DiMaggio called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comment

Members of the public are invited to provide public comment. No action will be taken regarding this comment at this workshop. Public comment may be limited to four (4) minutes at the discretion of the Executive Director.

No comments were received.

3. Presentation and Discussion of Proposed Regulations

Staff of the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine (Board) will provide background on the purpose and the need for the proposed revisions/amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 633 regarding anesthesiologist assistants, physician assistants, and osteopathic physicians.

Frank DiMaggio Executive Director stated that the Nevada Legislature passed and the Governor signed Assembly Bill 270 earlier this year. Certain provisions of this Bill affects the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, specifically sections 41 through 57 of that Bill. One of the purposes of this workshop is to receive comments regarding the proposed regulations and some amendments to the regulations set forth in NAC Chapter 633 regarding anesthesiologist assistants, osteopathic physicians and physician assistants. Another portion of the meeting workshop is to see if any members of the public have questions about the proposed new regulations or amendments to the regulations that were proposed.

4. Question & Answer Period for Proposed Regulations

Members of the public are invited to ask questions about these proposed regulations.

No questions were received.

5. <u>Public Comment for Proposed Regulations</u>

Members of the public are invited to provide public comment. No action will be taken regarding this comment at this workshop. Public comment may be limited to four (4) minutes at the discretion of the Executive Director. The following comments were received:

Stephanie Zunini stated that in section 1 of New Provision #1 of the proposed regulations there was a misspelling in that the "o" in neuroaxial needs to be removed.

Amanda Brazeau stated that in section 2 of New Provision #1 of the proposed regulations, definitions for the words "neuraxial" and "regional" should be added. She thought perhaps the Legislative Counsel Bureau could provide the definitions for those two words.

Amanda Brazeau stated that in section 1(h) of New Provision #2, "Administered" should be changed to "Re-administered" and "used" should be changed to "re-used". Richard Dreitzer, Board Counsel, stated that it would make sense to make those changes.

Amanda Brazeau stated her next comment pertains to New Provision #13, section 1. The sentence refers to a "student in an osteopathic anesthesiologist assistant training program" and Ms. Brazeau wanted to note that there is no differentiation between an osteopathic or non-osteopathic anesthesiologist assistant training program. Ms. Brazeau suggested striking out the word "osteopathic" in the first sentence of section 1. Ms. Brazeau also suggested striking out the word "only" before the words "an anesthesiologist" because students who are training can also work under a certified anesthesiologist assistant (CAA).

Rich Dreitzer stated that the first sentence of section 1 of New Provision #13 has the word "only" in it twice; that the first occurrence of "only" could be removed; that the second occurrence of "only" (before the words "medical care tasks") could remain; and that the word "osteopathic" be inserted after the words "delivery of" and before the words "of medical care". No objections were voiced regarding Mr. Dreitzer's suggestions above.

Stephanie Zunini stated that the second "only" contained in the first sentence of section 1 of New Provision #13 is appropriate because a CAA can only do things prescribed by the anesthesiologist.

Amanda Brazeau stated under provision in section 2 of New Provision #13, the words "certified anesthesiologist assistant" should be added as a qualified anesthesia provider after the words "an anesthesiologist resident".

Stephanie Zunini stated under section 4 of New Provision #14, it discusses the transfer of care. Ms. Zunini wanted to know if it would be appropriate to include anesthesiology residents and anesthesiologist fellows as well because sometimes there is a transfer of care between anesthesiology residents and anesthesiology fellows.

Domonique Katona wanted to know if she could provide the Board with written comments regarding the proposed regulations and amendments thereto due to her just receiving a copy of the proposed regulations and amendments.

Executive Director Frank DiMaggio stated that Ms. Katona could have until the end of this week.

Domonique Katona stated she will provide her comments to the Board by noon this Friday.

Domonique Katona stated that she had a question about section 2 of New Provision #11 and wanted to know if this was added and why.

Executive Director Frank DiMaggio responded to Ms. Katona stating that, as a matter of practice, the Board has been providing a copy of such letters of warning, letters of concern, and nonpunitive admonishments to the physician assistant's supervising osteopathic physician. The proposed regulation merely codifies the existing practice.

No further comments were made.

6. Public Comment

Members of the public are invited to provide public comment. No action will be taken regarding this comment at this workshop. Public comment may be limited to four (4) minutes at the discretion of the Executive Director.

Amanda Brazeau stated that she wanted to thank Mr. DiMaggio and Mr. Dreitzer for their work on the proposed anesthesiologist assistant regulations and she appreciated working with them on those regulations.

7. Adjournment (for possible action)

Executive Director DiMaggio adjourned the meeting.