



# NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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

## ***BOARD MEETING***

***August 11, 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.  
Ricardo Almaguer, D.O.  
Swadeep Nigam, MSc, MBA, Public Member  
Samir Pancholi, D.O.  
Carla Perlotto Ph.D., Public Member

Board Staff:

Sandra Reed, Executive Director  
Louis Ling, Esq., Board Counsel

Public:

Susan Fisher  
Molly Finley, D.O.  
Gideon Kwok, D.O.  
Sangeeta Wagner, 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.***

Sangeeta Wagner, D.O. made comments regarding NRS 633.651 to be amended regarding non-reporting settlement agreements and being reported on our website under disciplinary action when it is not considered discipline. Dr. Hedger stated that he would like to address this at next month's Board meeting.

**III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 9, 2020 AND JUNE 24, 2020 (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Dr. Almaguer made a motion to approve the minutes from June 9, 2020 and June 24, 2020 minutes; seconded by Dr. Perlotto. There being no discussion, the Board approved the minutes.

**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>
Alec Arturi, D.O.	Family Medicine
Blake Berman, D.O.	Neurological Surgery
Robert Bogart, D.O.	Family Medicine
Nina Bradley, D.O.	Neurology
Melissa Bruhl, D.O.	Internal Medicine
Matthew Cadelago, D.O.	Emergency Medicine
Erin Caverly, D.O.	General Surgery
Gayane Chalyan, D.O.	Internal Medicine
Wayne Daniels, D.O.	Anatomic Pathology
Alexander Dao, D.O.	Family Medicine
David Evans, D.O.	Diagnostic Radiology
Jane Fung, D.O.	Pediatrics
Grant Gerhard, D.O.	Emergency Medicine
Christle Guevarra, D.O.	Family Medicine
Daniel Hinds, D.O.	Emergency Medicine
Lydia Jenkins, D.O.	Pediatrics
Craig Johnson, D.O.	Anesthesiology
Keith Knigge, D.O.	Emergency Medicine
Cybill Navarro, D.O.	Family Medicine
Trent Peterson, D.O.	Internal Medicine
Elizabeth Pines, D.O.	Internal Medicine
Neha Sharma, D.O.	Internal Medicine
Phuc Vo, D.O.	Emergency Medicine
Wen Yuan Yu, D.O.	Internal Medicine
Michael Zielinski, D.O.	Family Medicine
<b>Physician Assistant</b>	<b>Supervising Physician</b>
Amy Adams, PA-C	Active Not-Working
Adam Harkiewicz, PA-C	Active Not-Working
Rebecca Stevens, PA-C	Collin Johnston, D.O.

***Special Licenses NRS.633.411:***

*Lillian Harry, D.O.*

*Ian Lam, D.O.*

*Jason Martinez, D.O.*

*Joseph Miller, D.O.*

*Osman Rahimi, D.O.*

*Kyaw Min Tun, D.O.*

*Lucas Vandermyde, D.O.*

*McKenzie Wilson, D.O.*

*David Zachariash, D.O.*

*UNLV SOM Emergency Medicine*

*Southern Hills Family Medicine*

*UNLV SOM Emergency Medicine*

*UNLV SOM Emergency*

*UNLV SOM Internal Medicine*

*UNLV SOM Internal Medicine*

*Nellis AFB*

*UNRSOM Psychiatry*

*UNRSOM Family Medicine*

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

- V. +CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE FOR GIDEON KWOK, 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. Kwok if he would like to go into a closed session. Dr. Kwok opted for an open session. Dr. Hedger asked Dr. Kwok about the malpractice claims against him and indicated his concern about issues related to physicians managing Medi Spas, including specific concerns with Dr. Kwok's use of and supervision of physician assistants. Dr. Kwok explained the circumstances of the malpractice claims and his supervision of mid-level workers, such as physician assistants. Dr. Hedger made a motion to approve the application on Gideon Kwok, D.O., and, seconded by Mr. Nigam. There being some discussion, the Board approved the motion.

- VI. +CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE FOR MOLLY FINLEY, 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. Finley if she would like to go into a closed session. Dr. Finley opted for an open session. Dr. Hedger asked Dr. Finley to explain the issues involving her two DUI arrests in 2013. Dr. Finley explained the reason for the arrests; and, she continues to currently attend Alcohol Anonymous meetings. She added she has been sober for many years since the incidents. Dr. Hedger made a motion to approve the application on Molly Finley, D.O., and, seconded by Dr. Almaguer. There being some discussion, the Board approved the motion.

- VII. CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF BOARD PURCHASE OF A PORTABLE OSTEOPATHIC MANIPULATION TABLE FOR THE BOARD OFFICE (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Dr. Hedger explained the importance of having an osteopathic manipulation table for the office. There was a motion by Dr. Almaguer to approve the purchase of a table for a price range between \$190 to \$250; and, seconded by Dr. Perlotto. There being some discussion, the Board approved the motion.

- VIII. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO GRANT THE ISSUANCE OF A MERIT INCREASE TO STAFF, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Ms. Reed indicated the merit increase for Nevada State workers was reinstated after a proposed bill to remove merit increases failed during the special session. She requested for Board staff to also receive the 3% increase for staff members, since state workers had been

approved to do so. There was a motion by Dr. Almaguer to approve the 3% merit increase; and, seconded by Dr. Perlotto. There being some discussion, the Board approved the motion.

**IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a. Financial Statements
- b. Licensing
- c. Staff – Nikki Montano, administrative assistant, is on maternity leave until October 12, 2020.

**X. LEGAL REPORT (Discussion/For Possible Action) by Louis Ling, Board Counsel and/or Justin Taruc, Deputy Attorney General**  
No Comments.

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

Ms. Fisher stated that the Legislature made it clear that State employees will receive the three percent (3%) merit increase, which was therefore, retained in the budget for FY 2021. Several bill draft requests (BDR) have been introduced; and, Ms. Fisher forwarded to Ms. Reed, those BDRs of importance to the Board.

**XII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION/UPCOMING AGENDA**

No Comments.

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

Dr. Hedger asked Mr. Ling about the type and amount of information requested per a public records request, and what was the time frame. Mr. Ling stated legally Board staff needs to comply with the public records request in a timely manner, typically, five business days to provide the information requested. However, under the public records act, the Board is not required to interpret or explain the information; only to provide the requested records.

**XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comments.

Dr. Hedger made a motion to adjourn; and, seconded by Dr. Perlotto. The motion was approved by the Board.

**Minutes approved by the Board at the September 8, 2020 Board Meeting.**