



# NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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

## BOARD MEETING

November 9, 2021 @ 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 Governor Sisolak's Directive 44, beginning June 1, 2021, Board meetings will return to holding meetings at physical locations.**

### \*\*\* 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.  
Paul Mausling, D.O.  
C. Dean Milne, D.O.  
Carla Perlotto, Ph.D., Public Member*

*Board Staff:*

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

*Public:*

*Susan Fisher, Amber Carter*

**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 OCTOBER 12, 2021 (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Dr. Milne made a motion to approve the minutes from October 12, 2021; 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**

*Juan Borja, D.O.*

*Sean Kandel, D.O.*

*Mark Merlin, D.O.*

*Quynhvy Ta, D.O.*

**Specialty**

*Family Medicine*

*Internal Medicine*

*Emergency Medicine*

*Emergency Medicine*

**Physician Assistant**

*J Brian Allen, PA-C*

*Norman Dockins, PA-C*

*Rebecca Goodspeed, PA-C*

*Taylor Stinnett, PA-C*

**Supervising Physician**

*Daniel Jones, D.O.*

*Carlo Ponti, D.O.*

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*Eric Wikler, D.O.*

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

**V. CONSIDERATION/ACTION REGARDING A POLICY ADDRESSING OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS WHO ENGAGE IN DISINFORMATION, MISINFORMATION, OR USE OF INFORMATION THAT MAY NOT OR IS NOT MEDICALLY VALID, (Discussion/For Possible Action)** Swadeep Nigam, MSc, MBA, Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. Nigam, Dr. Perlotto, and Ms. Reed worked with Mr. Ling to draft a policy addressing misinformation and disinformation by the Board's licensees for Board to review. The Board discussed the relevance of the policy. Dr. Hedger indicated much of what is written in the policy is addressed in current statutes. Dr. Perlotto indicated it would be helpful to have a policy in unison with various state and national entities to address the misinformation problem. After much discussion, Dr. Hedger made a motion to not approve the policy at this time, as it may be revisited at a later time with physician involvement; seconded by Dr. Almaguer. The motion passed, with Dr. Perlotto opposed.

**VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a. *Financial Statements* – Ms. Reed noted financials are higher than last year, as new licensees numbers continue to increase.
- b. *Licensing* – See above.

**VII. LEGAL REPORT (Discussion/For Possible Action)** by Louis Ling, Board Counsel

Mr. Ling reported that the lawsuit from a former employee appears to be finished. The State Supreme Court dismissed the case, and the plaintiff did not seek rehearing or reconsideration by the deadline. Ms. Reed noted that DAG Justin Taruc is moving to a new position within the State and will no longer be working with the Board. There will soon be a new DAG assigned.

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

Ms. Fisher noted a special session will start on Friday regarding redistricting, although it has not officially been called yet. The special session is estimated to last through the weekend. Dr. Milne raised a question as to how the number of board members is determined, since the number of licensees for our Board has increased. Ms. Fisher will research how the number of Board members is determined.

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

No items.

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

No report.

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comments.

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

**Minutes approved at the December 14 2021 meeting.**