



NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

****PUBLIC NOTICE****

BOARD MEETING

April 12, 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

Board Staff:

Sandra Reed, Executive Director

Louis Ling, Esq., Board Counsel

Public:

Susan Fisher

Chricy Harris, Esq.

Courtney Vignau

Jeff Kaye, D.O.

Robert Merrill, D.O.

Chanden Alexander, Esq.

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.*

Dr. Kaye made a statement on behalf of the Nevada Osteopathic Medical Association in support of the proposed policy to waive initial licensing fees for the next fiscal year.

III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 8, 2022

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

Dr. Pancholi made a motion to approve the minutes from March 8, 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, AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (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	Specialty
<i>Franklin Alconcel, Jr., D.O.</i>	<i>Emergency Medicine</i>
<i>Katherine Alconcel, D.O.</i>	<i>Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Sara Alleyasin, D.O.</i>	<i>Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Krupesh Bhakta, D.O.</i>	<i>Neurology</i>
<i>Heather Blondin, D.O.</i>	<i>Psychiatry</i>
<i>Jesse Broyles, D.O.</i>	<i>Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Dustin Bui, D.O.</i>	<i>Psychiatry</i>
<i>Jacob Burns, D.O.</i>	<i>Radiology</i>
<i>Mark Chang, D.O.</i>	<i>Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Timothy Ebright, D.O.</i>	<i>Psychiatry</i>
<i>Sohei Fukuda, D.O.</i>	<i>Family Medicine</i>
<i>William Gallentine, D.O.</i>	<i>Pediatrics</i>
<i>Alejandro Gonzalez, D.O.</i>	<i>Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Brendan Knowles, D.O.</i>	<i>Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Paige Kozłowski, D.O.</i>	<i>Internal Medicine</i>
<i>So Lee, D.O.</i>	<i>Family Medicine</i>
<i>Taylor MacDonald, D.O.</i>	<i>Radiology</i>
<i>Christopher Micallef, D.O.</i>	<i>Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery</i>
<i>Ami Murphy, D.O.</i>	<i>Pathology, Forensic</i>
<i>Samantha Nguyen, D.O.</i>	<i>Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Chau Pham, D.O.</i>	<i>Psychiatry, Child & Adolescent</i>
<i>Donald Pham, D.O.</i>	<i>Family Medicine</i>
<i>Jeffrey Ruff, Jr., D.O.</i>	<i>Neurology</i>
<i>Paul Smithedajkul, D.O.</i>	<i>Psychiatry</i>
<i>Allen Sung, D.O.</i>	<i>Psychiatry</i>
<i>Pauline Emmanuelle Terbio, D.O.</i>	<i>Emergency Medicine</i>
<i>Thomas Thomas, D.O.</i>	<i>Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Bertha Tsai-Tulagan, D.O.</i>	<i>Pediatrics</i>
<i>Geoffrey Tsoi, D.O.</i>	<i>Family Medicine/OMT</i>
<i>Neilmegh Varada, D.O.</i>	<i>Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Darrell Vydra, Jr., D.O.</i>	<i>Pain Management</i>
<i>Darla Zarndt, D.O.</i>	<i>Family Medicine</i>
Physician Assistant	Supervising Physician
<i>Jacqueline Arellano, PA-C</i>	<i>Lamont Tyler, D.O.</i>

Dilpreet Bal, PA-C
Tracy Birkner, PA-C
Stefanie Caley, PA-C
Lisa Cavin, PA-C
April Encarnacion, PA-C
Russell McLeod, PA-C
Tonya Saiki, PA-C

Sangeeta Wagner, D.O.
Kevin Brown, D.O.
Active-Not Working
Kevin Brown, D.O.
Michael Allen, D.O.
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Dr. Perlotto made a motion to approve the licensees as written; seconded by Dr. Mausling. 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 noted this matter stemmed from a disciplinary action in Utah from January 2022. Dr. Merrill agreed to surrender his Utah license. The proposed settlement agreement gives Dr. Merrill the option to either surrender his Nevada license or limit his practice to not seeing patients in person. Dr. Merrill made a statement to the Board regarding the allegations against him and answered questions from board members. Dr. Hedger made a motion to approve the settlement agreement and order as written and signed; seconded by Dr. Milne. The Board voted unanimously to oppose the motion, and the settlement agreement was not approved. Mr. Ling will work with Mr. Nigam, the Investigating Board Member, to draft a new settlement agreement for future board consideration.

VI. +CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER REGARDING JOHN GARRISON, 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 presented the facts of this case. While Dr. Garrison was working as an adjunct professor at Touro, he violated the school's sexual misconduct policy. Dr. Garrison has admitted to the conduct and agreed to the requirements in the proposed settlement agreement. Chanden Alexander, Dr. Garrison's attorney, stated that Dr. Garrison is currently in private practice and is not seeking to return to academic instruction. Mr. Alexander agreed on behalf of his client to amend the agreement to prevent Dr. Garrison from supervising any students or others working in health care. Dr. Hedger made a motion to approve the settlement agreement with the amendment that Dr. Garrison would not be supervising any student in the medical field; seconded by Dr. Milne. There being no opposition and one abstention, the motion was approved.

VII. CONSIDERATION/PROVIDE COMMENTS/APPROVAL OF DRAFT POLICY TO EXPEND BOARD FUNDS, INCLUDING PROVIDING FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR LICENSING APPLICANTS, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, PhD

Dr. Perlotto presented the draft policy which would provide any applicant seeking their first license in Nevada to have the initial licensing fee waived. The hope is this policy will create a welcoming environment and encourage physicians to practice in this state. Dr. Almaguer made a motion to approve the policy; seconded by Dr. Mausling. There being no opposition, the motion passed.

VIII. CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR BOARD OFFICE LEASE AMENDMENT, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O.

Ms. Reed explained the current office lease is ending soon and proposed approving an amendment to the lease for another seven years at the current location. Ms. Reed indicated the new proposed lease fees are slightly lower than the current lease, and the office will be fitted with a new carpet and fresh paint. Ms. Reed also negotiated the lease terms to be in line with the fiscal year moving forward. Dr. Hedger made a motion to approve the proposed board office lease; seconded by Dr. Perlotto. There being no opposition, the motion passed.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. *Financial Statements* – Ms. Reed noted the usual financial documents are provided.
- b. *Licensing* – Incoming resident applications are moving ahead, and approved residents will be listed on next month's agenda. Dr. Perlotto noted that Touro will have the highest number of graduates staying in the state for their residency. Dr. Hedger also commended Dr. Milne on all his work with the residents and hospitals.
- c. *Comments* – Ms. Reed announced that she will be retiring at the end of September. Mr. Ling advised adding an agenda item for the next meeting regarding the process for selecting a successor to the Executive Director position.

- X. LEGAL REPORT (Discussion/For Possible Action) by Louis Ling, Board Counsel and/or Chricy Harris, Deputy Attorney General**
Mr. Ling had nothing to report.

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

Ms. Fisher noted the week of April 18 she would be attending the Governor's Health Care Provider Summit in Las Vegas. Some health boards were invited to participate. The summit discussions include gaps in health care, patient access issues and identifying funding options. Ms. Fisher will provide a report of the summit at next month's meeting. She also applauded the board for passing the policy to waive initial licensing fees for first time applicants in Nevada. She indicated she would share the policy with various legislative committees and the Governor's office. Ms. Fisher would also draft a press release for review.

XII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION/UPCOMING AGENDA

No items.

- XIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT on Board Business, Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**
Dr. Hedger had nothing to report.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments.

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

Minutes approved by the Board on May 10 2022