



## NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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

### BOARD MEETING

January 10, 2023 @ 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#*

### \*\*\* MINUTES \*\*\*

**I. CALL TO ORDER (Discussion/ For Possible Action) Paul Mausling, D.O., President**  
*Roll call to determine presence of a quorum.*

Board Members present:

*Paul Mausling, D.O.*

*C. Dean Mile, D.O.*

*Swadeep Nigam, MSc, MBA, Public Member*

*Paul Janda, D.O.*

*Samir Pancholi, D.O.*

*Jaldeep Daulat, D.O.*

*Carla Perlotto, PhD*

Board Staff present:

*Frank DiMaggio, Executive Director*

*Carolyn Klein, Administrative Assistant*

*Richard Dreitzer, Esq., Board Counsel*

Public:

*Senator Fabian Donate*

*Anthony Anguilla-Valles, D.O*

*Domonique Katona*

**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 DECEMBER 13, 2022**

*(Discussion/For Possible Action) Paul Mausling, D.O., President*

Mr. Nigam made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 13, 2022; seconded by Dr. Janda. 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) Paul Mausling, 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><i>Osteopathic Physician Name</i></b>	<b><i>Specialty</i></b>
<i>Rose Lee, D.O.</i>	<i>Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Nina Maouelainin, D.O.</i>	<i>Pulmonology</i>
<i>Andrew Nguyen, D.O.</i>	<i>Emergency Medicine</i>
<i>Tyler Owens, D.O.</i>	<i>Anesthesiology</i>
<i>Suneal Peddada, D.O.</i>	<i>Anesthesiology</i>
<i>Tina Tran, D.O.</i>	<i>Emergency Medicine</i>
<i>Christopher Williams, D.O.</i>	<i>Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Chelsey Wongjirad, D.O.</i>	<i>General Surgery</i>
<i>Dale Yingling, D.O.</i>	<i>OB/GYN</i>

<b><i>Physician Assistant Name</i></b>	<b><i>Supervising Physician</i></b>
<i>Paige Cejka, PA-C</i>	<i>Active-Not Working</i>
<i>Charlene Huang, PA-C</i>	<i>Active-Not Working</i>
<i>Simon Hwang, PA-C</i>	<i>Active-Not Working</i>
<i>Rachelle Kim, PA-C</i>	<i>Active-Not Working</i>
<i>Vicky Szeto, PA-C</i>	<i>Active-Not Working</i>
<i>Patrick Yudez, PA-C</i>	<i>Active-Not Working</i>

Dr. Milne made a motion to approve the licenses for the applicants as written above; seconded by Dr. Perlotto. There being no discussion, the Board approved licensure for the applicants as written above.

**V. DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE NEVADA LEGISLATIVE BILLS PERTAINING TO HEALTHCARE (Discussion) Paul Mausling, D.O.**

- a. Senator Fabian Donate- present*
- b. Senator Edgar Flores- not present*

Dr. Mausling introduced Senator Donate. Senator Donate represents Nevada district ten, which is part of central Las Vegas. Senator Donate thanked the Board for inviting him to the meeting and stated that he did not have committee counsel with him and he was at the Board meeting in his own capacity as a legislator. He said that there may be some specifics that he would not be able to answer and the bill draft is not in its final form. One of the bills Senator Donate is proposing deals with healthcare licensure as there is a critical shortage of healthcare providers throughout the state of Nevada. The original intent was to focus on international medical graduates and part of the proposed legislation has come from legislation enacted by other states, Colorado being one of them. Senator Donate referred to House Bill 22-1050 section 5 that was passed in Colorado. This is the section he will focus on when drafting his bill which will incorporate those persons who have practiced medicine in other countries and to make it a little easier for them to practice medicine in this state. He recognizes there will be a discussion of quality measures, making sure they are adequately trained, and passing the exams here in the United States. Senator Donate meet with Governor Sisolak's administration and they mentioned to him that Nevada has

at least fifteen physicians that are migrants who are here in the United States legally and have medical backgrounds. Due to Nevada's licensure requirements, they have not able to practice medicine here. In addition to the international medical graduates proposal, Senator Donate requested the Board to look at the model Associate Physician Act proposed by the American Legislative Exchange Council. This model act establishes a new mid-level position for those persons who have already graduated medical school but find themselves not matching into a residency program. Other states, such as Missouri, have passed legislation establishing licensure for a mid-level professional allowing these students to practice medicine under the supervision of a full license practitioner. Senator Donate stated he didn't want the Board to engage in legislation of the proposed bills as that is what the legislative session is reserved for.

Senator Donate introduced Anthony Anguilla-Valles, who is a law student at UNLV School of Law and an osteopathic medical graduate, to speak about his personal experiences. Anthony Anguilla-Valles introduced himself and stated that he is an osteopathic doctor by training and graduated from Touro University in California. Mr. Anguilla-Valles said that he wanted to share his story because it slightly unique and he would be somebody who would be affected by the Senator's proposed bill. Mr. Anguilla-Valles' experience was that he did not match right out of medical school into the residency program he applied for and so he eventually matched into a family medicine residency. This did not turn out to be a good fit for him so he left that program in good standing and moved to a non-medical career. As it presently stands, he said that he cannot practice medicine other than perhaps in a small number of jurisdictions, Missouri being one of them and the first of its kind in the United States. Other states have followed suite in various forms with mid-level licensure. Missouri is the state they are looking to for their model because they similarly mirror Nevada's access issues. Nevada has seventeen counties that are labeled as health care professional shortage areas. This proposed legislation for medical mid-level professional licensure would create a new mid-level position requiring oversight from a licensed physician and would also require the mid-level associate physician to practice in medically underserved rural or urban areas. Mr. Anguilla-Valles said that one of the most obvious questions is why you would put someone with less training in an underserved area; however, this not a question of the quality of care- rather it's the question of is there going to be any care.

Dr. Milne asked where are the medical professional shortages and what are they? Senator Donate spoke about his personal experiences as a health care administrator on the east side of Las Vegas. The Senator said that there is a large Latino population and he would argue that is a definite healthcare provider shortage for those person who speak and understand the Spanish language. He added that parts of Nevada, including the rural areas, are experiencing healthcare provider shortages also. Dr. Milne mentioned that there was an issue with the J1 visa program back in the nineteen eighties. Dr. Milne stated that between Touro, UNLV, UNR, and Roseman University, there are 310 medical students graduating per year. Dr. Milne does not see the healthcare professional shortage. He stated that there are 853 post-graduate training slots open in Southern Nevada and he believes there are many Spanish speaking medical graduates, and he is against this bill.

Mr. Nigam stated that there is a lot of misinformation about foreign medical doctors. He pointed out that the State has no role in designating any medically underserved area; rather, it is the federal government, namely the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) that designates the medically underserved areas in the country. Mr. Nigam wanted to know if the bill will focus on all medical professions or just physicians, and if the standards would be lower for the foreign medical doctors to pass COMLEX and/or USMLE. Mr. Nigam also mentioned that it is an immigration issue as well and that it is a challenge to bring foreign doctors here. Senator Donate wanted to clarify that a bill in California sets up a structure to train and mentor folks so they can pass the exams that are required in our country. Senator Donate stated for this bill he is only focusing on physicians and he stressed that the Board should look at the quality of care that needs

to be delivered. He believes that we are a better society when we have persons with diverse backgrounds serving the community. Mr. Nigam asked if the bill would waive the residency requirement. Senator Donate stated that is what he is wanting feedback on from the Board.

Dr. Pancholi wanted to comment on the associate physician bill. Dr. Pancholi would prefer to receive medical services from a Physician Assistant (PA) over a medical student, given the difference in education, knowledge, and training. The impact of residency is impactful in creating someone who is clinically ready to practice medicine. Having someone not complete that path is very detrimental. Dr. Janda stated he writes board exam questions and knows that the ability to pass board exams is now easier, and the ability to obtain residency is easier. In terms of the diversity aspects, the residents and medical schools are doing a good job of including doctors with diverse backgrounds. Dr. Perlotto spoke on how last year Touro had 55 students matched. Dr. Perlotto has seen individuals who have practiced as physicians in other countries who will do the PA program at Touro University in order to still practice medicine. Senator Donate ended the discussion with thanking the board and letting the board know that he values their feedback.

## **VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a. *Financial Statements*- Executive Director Frank DiMaggio clarified that revenue posted for the DO, PA and special license seems high in light of the fact that the Board has waived license fees. Per the accountant/bookkeeper, \$24,000.00 of the DO fees was deferred revenue from last year. Since we are waiving the initial licensing fees, the full amount gets posted as if we had not waived those fees and then we have to do journal entries to journal off the waived portion. The journal entries are not always completed by the time that the report is done.
- b. *Licensing*- Executive Director Frank DiMaggio stated that the renewal period ended on December 31, 2022. There are 143 DO, 58 of whom still need to submit proof of CME completion for 2022, 47 PA and 17 Inactive who have not yet renewed their licenses. Dr. Milne asked if the board is still doing CME audits for one-third of licensees, or if the Board is now auditing up to 10% as voted on at the last Board meeting. Mr. DiMaggio stated that the Board's decision at the last Board meeting to change the auditing statute needs to be presented as a bill to the Nevada legislature for consideration. Dr. Milne also wanted to know if there was a cut off for license renewals. Mr. DiMaggio explained that we send out certified letters to those licensees who have not yet renewed and give them fifteen more days to comply.
- c. *Comments*- Executive Director Frank DiMaggio explained that he is still working on getting audio/visual set up in the conference room. There are two vendors that have given price quotes. The approved Nevada state vendor can provide the same brand of equipment and the commercial vendor has various brands of equipment. Both vendors have similar prices, but the approved Nevada state vendor's prices do not include labor and installation.

## **VII. LEGAL REPORT (Discussion/For Possible Action) by Richard Dreitzer (Fennemore Craig, LLC) Board Counsel**

Mr. Dreitzer said there was nothing new to report. He said he is dealing with Board issues as they come up.

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

Ms. Fisher was not present at this meeting so there was no legislative update given by her.

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

No items were brought up for future discussion on the upcoming agenda.

**X. *PRESIDENT'S REPORT on Board Business, Paul Mausling, D.O., President***

No comments.

**XI. *PUBLIC COMMENT***

No comments.

**XII. *ADJOURNMENT (For Possible Action) Paul Mausling, D.O., President***

Dr. Milne made a motion to adjourn; motion was seconded by Dr. Perlotto. There being no discussion, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.

**Minutes approved by the Board at the February 14, 2023 Board Meeting.**