



NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

******PUBLIC NOTICE******

BOARD MEETING

December 10, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

***Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine ~ Conference Room
2275 Corporate Circle, Suite 210
Henderson, NV 89074***

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All information or documents supplementing Minutes items that are not otherwise confidential will be available in limited quantity at the board meeting office.

***** MINUTES *****

I. CALL TO ORDER (Discussion/ For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President

Roll call to determine presence of a quorum. The following were present:

Carla Perlotto, PhD

Andrea Weed, D.O.

Swadeep Nigam

Paul Janda, D.O.

Nasim McDermott, D.O.

Dean Polce, D.O.

Billie Casse, D.O.

Board Staff present:

Frank DiMaggio, Executive Director

Carrie Klein, Licensing Specialist Assistant

Michelle Oberson, Administrative Assistant

Richart Dreitzer, Board Counsel

Public:

Amanda Lipinski, CE Broker

Dave Dazlich, McDonald Carano

Todd Weiss, Deputy Attorney General

Amber Carter, Clark County Medical Association

Colin Hutzan, Thentia Vice-President, Customer Experience

Teresa Hubka, D.O., American Osteopathic Association

Kathleen Crenson, American Osteopathic Association

Raine Richards, American Osteopathic Association

Henry Lok, D.O., President of NOMA

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 public comments were made.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President

a. *Board Minutes from November 12, 2024.*

Mr. Nigam made a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes from November 12, 2024; seconded by Dr. Polce. There being no further discussion, the Board meeting minutes from November 12, 2024, were unanimously approved by the Board.

IV. CONSENT MINUTES TO GRANT LICENSURE FOR OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, AND ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS, AND TO GRANT RESTORATION OF LICENSES (Discussion/ For Possible Action)

Carla Perlotto, 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.

Effective January 1, 2025

Osteopathic Physician Name

Joel Attard, D.O.

Kimberly Chen, D.O.

Regina Conrad, D.O.

Christina Deedas, D.O.

Amado del Rosario, D.O.

Matthew Fackrell, D.O.

Denice Ichinoe, D.O.

Hazem Matta, D.O.

Sima Mirhashemi, D.O.

Luis Rodriguez, D.O.

Specialty

Family Medicine

Internal Medicine

Family Medicine

Family Medicine

Radiology, Diagnostic

Family Medicine

Family/Sports Medicine

Radiology, Interventional and Diagnostic

Internal Medicine

Internal Medicine

Jamie Thompson, D.O.
Matthew Uy, D.O.
Matthew Waldbusser, D.O.

Neurology
Pathology
Anesthesiology

Physician Assistant Name

George Khamo, PA-C
Hilary Liu, PA-C
John Marren, PA-C
Justin Spangler, PA-C
Kinslee Truax, PA-C

Supervising Physician

Jordan Larsen, D.O.
Active – Not Working
Jeff Moon, D.O.
Active – Not Working
Active – Not Working

Anesthesiologist Assistant Name

Paul Fisher, AA
Paul Orozco, AA
Stephanie Zunini, AA

Supervising Physician

Dean Polce, D.O.
Active – Not Working
Dean Polce, D.O.

Restoration of License

Specialty

Dr. Polce made a motion to approve the licenses for the applicants as written above, seconded by Dr. McDermott. There being no further discussion, the Board unanimously approved licensure for the applicants as written above.

V. +DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONTRACT RENEWAL ISSUES CONCERNING THENTIA USA, INC (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President

Colin Hutzan, Thentia Vice-President, Customer Experience - Dr. Perlotto opened up the platform to Mr. Hutzan to discuss the different updates and concerns. Mr. Hutzan did an analysis on the tickets that Thentia had from the Board in their support portal. After checking three months prior to last Board meeting that he attended in September 2024, they had 19 ticket submissions from the Board and 17 resolutions. So Thentia made a commitment at the September Board meeting to essentially show up for the Board and to resolve a lot of these issues that have been outstanding for quite some time and try to get to the root cause of them. Between that board meeting and today they have had 14 tickets submissions from the agency and 26 resolutions, including resolutions of what the Board had determined to be higher priority cases. Thentia also just finalized contracting for a change request to build the application flow for the newly regulated anesthesiologist assistant profession. Also, there are there are two other change requests from the agency that Thentia is looking at executing for the Board, one of them being an integration with CE broker and another one being an integration with IMLCC. Thentia decided to prioritize those behind the anesthesiologist assistant application change work, particularly because IMLCC has a new API coming out soon. Mr. Hutzan also mentioned that Thentia just hired a new experienced customer success manager named Mellissa Sanders, who was recently introduced to the Board staff. Ms. Sanders, along with Mr. Hutzan, are the two main people of contact for the Board particularly if there is any escalation needed. In addition, Thentia announced a new director of customer operations and customer service support, Jackie Siemon. She has been largely responsible for the increased support in terms of resolutions that Thentia has seen over the last three months. Executive Director, Frank DiMaggio, expressed the desire to continue with Thentia if the Board approves when the contract with Thentia comes up for renewal. Mr. Hutzan also added that just last summer he worked with the Thentia Board of Directors over the summer to basically restructure the business and, at the beginning of October, they hired a new CEO, Brian Utley, and a new a senior advisor named Chris Kennedy. Both of them worked together in the government sector, with an e-procurement software company for about 20 years. They

have a lot of experience in the public sector and they are greatly aligned with Mr. Hutzan in terms of doing what we say we're going to do for our customers.

Dr. Polce made a motion to continue forward with a possible contract renewal with Thentia; seconded by Mr. Nigam. There being no further discussion, the Board approved moving forward with a possible contract renewal with Thentia.

VI. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION/REVIEW FOR POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF CE BROKER'S MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT/SCOPE OF WORK, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President

Amanda Lipinski, CE Broker – Dr. Perlotto explained that moving forward the Board is anticipating whether or not if they want to approve the CE Broker Master Service Agreement/Scope of Work. Ms. Lipinski stated that they have many AOA courses approved that do report directly onto the CE broker transcript, and they are in early talks with the AOA to actually have a full integration with them. Mr. Nigam made a motion to approve moving forward with CE Broker's Master Service Agreement/Scope of Work; seconded by Dr. Janda. Dr. Weed abstained. There being no discussion, the Board approved moving forward with the CE Broker's Master Service Agreement/Scope of Work.

VII. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SELECTION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BOARD MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE FSMB 2025 ANNUAL MEETING IN SEATTLE, WA, FROM APRIL 24-26, 2025 (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President.

Dr. Perlotto voiced an interest in attending the 2025 FSMB Annual Meeting as did Mr. Nigam. Tentatively the Board members who plan on attending are Dr. Perlatto and Mr. Nigam, Executive Director, Frank DiMaggio, stated that at this annual meeting there are 3 scholarships given: One goes to a voting member, one goes to the Executive Director, and the third goes to a board member. If there is a fourth person from the Board who wants to attend the meeting, then the associated fees and costs would be paid by the Board completely. Dr. Polce made a motion to approve attendance by any Board member who wishes to attend the 2025 FSMB Annual Meeting; seconded by Dr. McDermott. There being no discussion, the Board unanimously approved attendance by any Board member who wishes to attend the 2025 FSMB Annual Meeting.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT by Frank DiMaggio

- a. *Financial Statements*- Executive Director Frank DiMaggio stated that the financial statements are in the Board member's packets and welcomed any questions.
- b. *Comments*- Executive Director DiMaggio welcomed Todd Weiss, Senior Deputy Attorney General, to the Board meeting. Mr. Weiss stated that, temporarily, he will be acting as the Board's Deputy Attorney General (DAG) until Rosalie Bordevlove returns from maternity leave.
- c. *SB 78(BDR 18-301)*- Mr. DiMaggio mentioned that the following bills will be coming up during the 2025 Legislative session: Senate Bill 78, which is the restructuring bill pertaining to the boards and commissions; Assembly Bill 56, which is the bill that changes the Board's licensing to biennial for the licensees and adds the fee structure and changes the CME requirements for physicians from 35 hours every year to 40 hours every two years; and Senate Bill 34, which is believed to be an agency sponsored bill by the Patient Protection Commission, is seeking approval for five licensing Compacts. The one that would affect us would be the Physician Assistant (PA) Licensure Compact.

There is also a bill tracker that Ms. Cassidy Wilson provided to us to help the Board keep informed of all the legislative changes. Dr. Teresa Hubka, President of the American Osteopathic Association, spoke on Senate Bill 78 as it would eliminate the separate DO and MD board and would create a new combined board to regulate both DOs and MDs. While this may seem a process that is of interest to some, the issue is that there are so many areas where Dr. Hubka thinks this could be a problem for the state of Nevada. Dr. Hubka further stated that, first and foremost, DOs and MDs while they complete similar core courses, osteopathic physicians and surgeons do train distinctly different with osteopathic practice and philosophy of whole person care. She stated that osteopathic physicians also have additional hands-on osteopathic manipulative treatment to patients and the osteopathic physician approach to whole person perspective of body, mind and spirit. This is interwoven from the beginning of the first day of osteopathic medical school. It is not a separate component or something distinctly different. The DO and MD boards are different as well as DO certification is different as is DO licensure. Nevada osteopathic physicians do a lot of their work in primary care and Nevada should not want to turn those physicians away since Nevada is suffering a physician work shortage. This State does need the DO and MD boards as separate and distinct boards, and it needs to make sure to urge legislators and other stakeholders to support and celebrate the unique distinct difference between DOs and MDs and the contributions that they both have to healthcare. This would be best for the State of Nevada according to Dr. Hubka.

Dr. Henry Lok, President of NOMA, also spoke regarding Senate Bill 78. He said that the majority of NOMA's Board is not in favor with combining the DO and MD Boards. He stated that such a combination of the two Boards will create hindrances. He also read a statement from Dr. Wolfgang Gilliar of Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine supporting maintenance of separate Boards for DOs and MDs.

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

Mr. Dreitzer stated he will be consulting with Mr. DiMaggio and Dr. Perlotto to come up with a predictable way to approach disciplinary cases that takes into account prior histories. That is, if two cases come before the Board with similar or identical facts, they will be treated the same or similarly by the Board, and that the discipline of those individuals becomes predictable. Mr. Dreitzer anticipates he will draft a Disciplinary Matrix available for the Board's consideration at its next Board meeting.

X. *LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (Discussion/For Possible Action) by Cassidy Wilson, Board Government Affairs/Lobbyist*

Dr. Perlotto stated that Ms. Wilson could not attend tonight's meeting, but Mr. Dave Dazlich, Vice President of Government Affairs will be speaking in her place. Mr. Dazlich stated they are currently tracking about 55 bills and BDRs. He said that Senate Bill 78 will be a major piece of legislation going through the process at the 2025 legislative session.

A lot of stake-holding efforts that have been going into Senate Bill 78 ahead of session, and they are trying address certain concerns. The bill will most likely be updated or amended. Currently they are waiting on some additional tweaks and amendments before it is introduced and will be tracking that bill very closely. SB34 is another bill they are also tracking which bill is from the Patient Protection Commission dealing with interstate licensing compacts. Mr.

Dazlich stated that they have state projections right now of a \$12.4 billion tax revenue over the next two fiscal years. He mentioned that Governor Lombardo's State of the State address will be on the 15th of January. Mr. Dazlich went on to say that Ms. Cassidy also sent to the Board, in addition to the report information, Senate and Assembly leadership and various committee assignments.

XI. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION/UPCOMING MINUTES

Dr. Polce stated that he would be interested in the licensing data and how long the process takes to get the individual licensed. Dr. Polce requested an agenda item for the next meeting dealing with the timelines for our licensing process. Mr. Nigam requested that we invite Senator Fabian Donate and Assemblyman Reuben D'Silva to our next Board meeting to speak about upcoming legislation affecting healthcare in Nevada.

XII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT on Board Business, Carla Perlotto, President

- a. *Next Board Meeting date: January 14, 2025-* Dr. Perlotto reminded Board members that the next Board meeting is January 14, 2025. She also mentioned working toward a Disciplinary Matrix with a facesheet for Board members.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT (For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President

Dr. Perlotto made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Dr. Polce. There being no further discussion, the Board unanimously approved adjourning the meeting.

Minutes approved by the Board at the January 14, 2025 Board Meeting.