



# NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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

## ***BOARD MEETING***

***July 9, 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 agenda 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.*

Carla Perlotto, PhD

Andrea Weed, D.O

Swadeep Nigam, MSc, MBA

Paul Janda, D.O.

Nasim McDermott, D.O.

Dean Polce, D.O.

Board Staff present:

Frank DiMaggio, Executive Director  
Carolyn Klein, Administrative Assistant  
Richard Dreitzer, Esq., Board Counsel

Public:

Cassidy Wilson, McDonald Carano  
Lindsay Knox, McDonald Carano  
Amanda Lipinski, CE Broker  
Marcia Mann, CE Broker  
Jerry Cattalane, Jr., 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.*

No public comments were received.

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

- a. *Board Open Minutes from June 11, 2024-* Dr. Janda made a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes from June 11, 2024; seconded by Mr. Nigam. Dr. Polce abstained as he did not attend that meeting. There being no further discussion, the Board meeting minutes from June 11, 2024, were unanimously approved by the Board.

## **IV. CONSENT AGENDA TO GRANT LICENSURE FOR OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, AND SPECIAL LICENSES, 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.*

<b><i>Osteopathic Physician Name</i></b>	<b><i>Specialty</i></b>
<i>Stacey Ammerman, D.O.</i>	<i>OB/GYN</i>
<i>Tyler Bean, D.O.</i>	<i>Emergency Medicine</i>
<i>John Botts, D.O.</i>	<i>Radiology, Diagnostic</i>
<i>Jerry Cattalane, Jr., D.O.</i>	<i>Emergency Medicine</i>
<i>Faisal Choudhury, D.O.</i>	<i>Neurology</i>
<i>Kimberly DiManna, D.O.</i>	<i>Neurology</i>
<i>Delaney Fisher, D.O.</i>	<i>Emergency Medicine &amp; Pediatrics</i>
<i>Donald Furman, D.O.</i>	<i>General Surgery</i>
<i>Shannon Gallagher, D.O.</i>	<i>Pediatrics</i>
<i>Joel Gardner, D.O.</i>	<i>Anesthesiology</i>
<i>Monique Germain, D.O.</i>	<i>Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Leah Goedecke, D.O.</i>	<i>Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine &amp; OMM</i>
<i>Michelle Gordon, D.O.</i>	<i>General Surgery</i>
<i>Hyunwoong Kang, D.O.</i>	<i>Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Li Long, D.O.</i>	<i>Family Medicine</i>
<i>Curtis Marino, D.O.</i>	<i>Emergency Medicine</i>

Anthony Nguyen, D.O.  
Janet Oh, D.O.  
Sanjay Patel, D.O.  
Austin Reed, D.O.  
Colton Rishor-Olney, D.O.  
Brian Roberts, D.O.  
Adam Russon, D.O.  
Adam Ryave, D.O.  
Andrewston Ting, D.O.  
Hang Tran, D.O.  
Charlie Wu, D.O.  
Sayyada Zaidi, D.O.

Pediatrics  
Anesthesiology  
Family Medicine  
Gastroenterology  
Emergency Medicine  
Emergency Medicine  
Urology  
Family Medicine  
Anesthesiology  
Family Medicine  
Family Medicine  
Family Medicine

**Physician Assistant Name**

Alyssa Nishihira, PA-C  
Nicholas Settles, PA-C  
Sandra Shirley, PA-C

**Supervising Physician**

William Clearfield, D.O.  
Active-Not Working  
Justin Heath, D.O.

**Effective 07/01/2024**

**Special Licenses NRS.633.411**

David Abram, D.O.  
Anastasia Abrams, D.O.  
Austin Anderson, D.O.  
Devon Anderson, D.O.  
Leo Andrada, D.O.  
Umar Ansari, D.O.  
Daniel Argyle, D.O.  
Humza Asif, D.O.  
Paulina Awuah-Saadiq, D.O.  
Anisa Azad, D.O.  
Austin Bailey, D.O.  
Dustin Banaghan, D.O.  
Jayden Bearnson, D.O.  
Cobi Bissell, D.O.  
Jeffrey Brieger, D.O.  
Jeffrey Chung Chan, D.O.  
Henry Charoen, D.O.  
Jennifer Choi, D.O.  
Zachary Chua, D.O.  
Angelica Co, D.O.  
Chad Cole, D.O.  
Adriel De Leon, D.O.  
Shaun Deveshwar, D.O.  
Woodly Dominique, D.O.  
Nathan Epstein, D.O.  
Jacob Evertte, D.O.  
Gianni Fiore, D.O.  
Holly Furlong, D.O.  
Ingrid Gau, D.O.  
Laney Grant, D.O.  
Walter Grenell, D.O.  
Emily Heinsen, D.O.  
Erica Herrera, D.O.

VHS – Psychiatry  
Southern Hills – Neurology  
Mountain View – Transitional  
VHS – Transitional  
UNLVSOM – Emergency Medicine  
Southern Hills – Psychiatry  
Mountain View – Emergency Medicine  
Dignity Health St. Rose – Internal Medicine  
Dignity Health St. Rose – Internal Medicine  
Southern Hills – Transitional  
UNR – Internal Medicine  
VHS – Internal Medicine  
Southern Hills – Family Medicine  
UNLVSOM - Emergency Medicine  
VHS – Emergency Medicine  
VHS – Emergency Medicine  
VHS – Family Medicine  
Mountain View – Internal Medicine  
VHS – Internal Medicine  
VHS – Family Medicine  
UNR – Family Medicine  
Mountain View – Internal Medicine  
Southern Hills – Transitional  
VHS – Internal Medicine  
Mountain View – Emergency Medicine  
Mountain View – Internal Medicine  
Mountain View – PM & R  
UNR – Family Medicine  
Southern Hills – Family Medicine  
VHS – Family Medicine  
UNR – Hospice & Palliative Care  
Dignity Health St. Rose – Internal Medicine  
UNLVSOM – Internal Medicine

<i>Elijah Hibbs, D.O.</i>	<i>Nells – Family Medicine</i>
<i>Peter Hong, D.O.</i>	<i>UNR – Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Hibah Ilyas, D.O.</i>	<i>VHS – Psychiatry</i>
<i>Niamatullah Ismail, D.O.</i>	<i>Mountain View – Transitional</i>
<i>Daniel Janiak, D.O.</i>	<i>UNLVSOM – Rural Family Medicine</i>
<i>Tyler Johnson, D.O.</i>	<i>Mountain View – Emergency Medicine</i>
<i>Shireen Kazalbasch, D.O.</i>	<i>UNLVSOM – Psychiatry</i>
<i>Payal Khengar, D.O.</i>	<i>VHS – Psychiatry</i>
<i>Alexander Khuu, D.O.</i>	<i>Mountain View – Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Elizabeth Kim, D.O.</i>	<i>UNLVSOM – General Surgery</i>
<i>Michelle Kleitsch, D.O.</i>	<i>Mountain View – OB/GYN</i>
<i>Adam Knyaz, D.O.</i>	<i>VHS – General Surgery</i>
<i>Michael Krupp, D.O.</i>	<i>VHS – Psychiatry</i>
<i>Viktoria Krutikova, D.O.</i>	<i>VHS – Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Erica Lee, D.O.</i>	<i>UNLVSOM – Emergency Medicine</i>
<i>Rickey Lee, D.O.</i>	<i>Valley – Family Medicine</i>
<i>Liezel Lenhart, D.O.</i>	<i>Mountain View – General Surgery</i>
<i>Aaron Levin-Fay, D.O.</i>	<i>Mountain View – Transitional</i>
<i>William Libling, D.O.</i>	<i>Mountain View – Transitional</i>
<i>Davin Liimakka, D.O.</i>	<i>VHS – Emergency Medicine</i>
<i>Steve Lu, D.O.</i>	<i>Valley – Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Alexander Makabeh, D.O.</i>	<i>VHS – Psychiatry</i>
<i>Sara Malik, D.O.</i>	<i>VHS – Emergency Medicine</i>
<i>Gillian Mathews, D.O.</i>	<i>VHS – Transitional</i>
<i>Alexander Matyga, D.O.</i>	<i>VHS – Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Ginger McNamara, D.O.</i>	<i>UNR – Pediatrics</i>
<i>Muhammad Memom, D.O.</i>	<i>VHS – Psychiatry</i>
<i>Laura Mendoza, D.O.</i>	<i>Mountain View – OB/GYN</i>
<i>Vanessa Milan, D.O.</i>	<i>Mountain View – Transitional</i>
<i>Dion Mohager, D.O.</i>	<i>VHS – Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Madisyn Moak, D.O.</i>	<i>UNR – Family Medicine</i>
<i>Hayden Moses, D.O.</i>	<i>VHS – Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Mirko Mostaghimi, D.O.</i>	<i>Valley – Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Sahar Nadeem, D.O.</i>	<i>Mountain View – Anesthesiology</i>
<i>Willow Nelson, D.O.</i>	<i>UNLVSOM – Emergency Medicine</i>
<i>Amanda Nguyen, D.O.</i>	<i>Mountain View – General Surgery</i>
<i>Eric Nguyen, D.O.</i>	<i>Southern Hills – Transitional</i>
<i>Niki Nguyen, D.O.</i>	<i>UNLVSOM - Pediatrics</i>
<i>Jose Padilla, D.O.</i>	<i>Valley – Family Medicine</i>
<i>Manjari Pagalavn, D.O.</i>	<i>Mountain View – Anesthesiology</i>
<i>Rakhi Patel, D.O.</i>	<i>UNLVSOM – Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Gabrielle Peterson, D.O.</i>	<i>Mountain View – OB/GYN</i>
<i>Tuong Pham, D.O.</i>	<i>Dignity Health St. Rose – Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Sofia Rahmanzai, D.O.</i>	<i>Valley – Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Kyle Rankin, D.O.</i>	<i>UNLVSOM – Emergency Medicine</i>
<i>Lauren Renfroe, D.O.</i>	<i>Mountain View – Transitional</i>
<i>Daniela Rodriguez, D.O.</i>	<i>VHS – Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Marla Sai, D.O.</i>	<i>Valley – Neurology</i>
<i>Zachary Seikel, D.O.</i>	<i>VHS – Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Shubman Sidhu, D.O.</i>	<i>VHS – Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Austin Situ, D.O.</i>	<i>Valley – Internal Medicine</i>
<i>Aasna Shah, D.O.</i>	<i>UNLVSOM – Pediatrics</i>
<i>Matthew Starr, D.O.</i>	<i>UNLVSOM – Emergency Medicine</i>

*Sarah Bethany Tang, D.O.*  
*Gabriel Van Dyke, D.O.*  
*Terilyn Viray, D.O.*  
*William Webb, D.O.*  
*Menka Webster, D.O.*  
*Jacob Wood, D.O.*  
*Cameron Yen, D.O.*

*Valley – Internal Medicine*  
*Valley – Family Medicine*  
*VHS – Family Medicine*  
*Mountain View – Radiology, Diagnostic*  
*UNR – Family Medicine*  
*Mountain View – Internal Medicine*  
*Valley – Neurology*

***Restoration of License***

*Gregory Goetz, D.O.*  
*Joseph Harmon, D.O.*  
*Kevin Mailland, D.O.*

***Specialty***

*Anesthesiology*  
*Pediatric Neurology*  
*Family Medicine*

Mr. Nigam made a motion to approve the licenses for the applicants as written above: seconded by Dr. Janda. There being no discussion, the Board unanimously approved licensure for the applicants as written above.

**V. *DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CME SERVICES/CONTRACT WITH CE BROKER, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President***

***a. Amanda Lipinski, Account Executive, CE Broker***

Ms. Amanda Lipinski from CE Broker stated that CE Broker is a continuing education and compliance software solution that would be at no cost to the Board, and they uniquely bring together Board staff as well as licensees and education providers all in one ecosystem. According to Ms. Lipinski, CE Broker started about 20 years ago with the Florida Department of Health and since then they have grown to over 250 Boards nationwide, over 350 professions, 5,000,000 licensed professionals, and over 10,000 education providers. Ms. Lipinski stated that CE Broker has an API that would integrate with the Thentia licensing system to check compliance at renewal. When a licensee renews through the system it will ping CE Broker to see if they have added their CE and completed everything on their end. If the licensee has not completed all the required CE hours, then the system can prevent the licensee from renewing. CE Broker has an easy-to-use UI and robust array of free tools that allows for tracking and reporting to CE Broker. Dr. Perlotto wanted to know if CE Broker is similar to a repository for licensees to link their CME with our licensing system, Thentia, so the Board knows what CMEs the licensees have done or not done over the course of the licensure period. Per Ms. Lipinski, that is correct. Every licensee will get a basic account that will allow them to check their compliance status, take courses, upload CE and track their own record as well as respond to audits and different communications from the Board. CE Broker does offer voluntary paid accounts that licensees can opt into. One of them is the professional account and Ms. Lipinski stated that they see licensees who are licensed in multiple states opt for this account. CE Broker also has the concierge account which gives the licensee a white glove experience.

Ms. Marcia Mann from CE Broker stated that there are three different account options for licensees that choose to utilize CE Broker. The basic account will tell licensees whether they have completed their CME requirements or not, but it will not show them the percentage completed like the professional account will show. According to Ms. Mann, when a licensee logs onto CE Broker, they will be able to see all the CME courses that have been reported in their course history. This is reported by an educational provider or the licensed professional themselves. If they are licensed in more than one state, the licensees can add their additional license into the system. This will let licensees switch back and forth and have one log in and password. If the licensee clicks

on what's missing, and it will take them to the licensee's transcript and it will be customized based on what the Boards requirements are. This is where information can be added for each subject area, and it will be broken down for them with the required hours and tell them if they've met that requirement or not. The licensee can also search the website to find approved continuing education courses. If the licensee self-reports the course, the system will ask the licensee for the name of the course, name of the provider, how many hours they completed, was it approved, and there will be some sort of attestation statement the licensee will have to attest to and the licensee will need to upload the document.

Dr. Perlotto wanted to know whether a licensee could choose to input their CME using the current Thentia system without using CE Broker. Ms. Mann stated that the best practice would be to have licensees use one platform. If you have the licensees putting in their CME hours in multiple places, it can be really confusing for the licensees and for Board staff that are trying to audit. Ms. Lipinski stated that CE Broker also has audit capabilities and best practice would be to have licensees input their CME hours into CE Broker. That way when Board staff is checking on CME compliance, the Board staff can look at the transcripts in CE Broker and see very quickly what came from a third-party provider and can look at the self-reported CME. When Board staff is getting ready to do their CME audit, they will log into their own portal and see every licensee's transcript.

Dr. Perlotto wanted to know if CE Broker requires the licensee to state what type of class it was, virtual or live in-person. According to Ms. Mann, CE Broker will ask that question if it is made a requirement by the Board.

Dr. Weed wanted to know if she only signed up for the free account would she have to put in all her CME credits and answer all the questions. Ms. Mann stated that Dr. Weed would have to answer any question the Board wants to have built in; but it could be as simple as the name of the course, name of the provider, and how it was approved. Dr. Weed stated that would be an issue if you are taking CME courses that are 0.25 credits and then you do them in blocks of 10,20 or 50 and the completion certificate document doesn't separate out the courses. Ms. Mann stated when CE Broker is setting up the self-reporting it can be set up to require the licensee to list the name of the educational provider, how many hours were completed, and then upload the document. Dr. Weed also wanted to know what CE Broker does with the information on the licensee? According to Ms. Mann, the only information CE Broker needs is the public-facing information and they don't share any information with outside parties.

Dr. Janda wanted to know if CE Broker was able to extract data from the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) because that is an association to which he must report CME credits. Ms. Mann stated that CE Broker is in the early stages of some sort of integration between CE Broker and the AOA.

Executive Director DiMaggio wanted to know if there was a cost to have the API integration with Thentia. Ms. Lipinski stated that the licensing vendor could charge the Board for the integration, but CE Broker does not charge the Board for anything. Executive Director DiMaggio wanted to know if CE Broker system would cover the Physician Assistants and Anesthesiologist Assistants CME requirements. According to Ms. Lipinski, it will cover all professions licensed under the Board.

Dr. Weed also wanted to know if the Board was taking a vote tonight or is this informational regarding CE Broker. Dr. Perlotto stated that tonight's presentation by CE Broker is just informational; that before the Board could move forward with a decision about CE Broker, the Board would need to know the cost Thentia will charge us to integrate with CE Broker and then the Board can make a decision regarding this matter at a future Board meeting.

**VI. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ISSUES CONCERNING THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) BY LICENSEES (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President**

Dr. Perlotto stated that this item is informational and does not require any vote or action and that Executive Director Frank DiMaggio has put some articles together for the Board to review regarding this issue. Executive Director DiMaggio stated that since we are an agency of the State of Nevada, we will need to know the policies, procedures and what exactly is happening in the AI space regarding the State of Nevada. Executive Director DiMaggio attended a meeting recently at the Grant Sawyer building where there were different representatives reporting on AI. At that meeting, Chief State Information Officer, Timothy Galluzzi, reported that the State is evaluating and doing some testing regarding the use of AI, but they don't want to jump into anything without having enough test data. The State wants to make sure that all State systems won't be compromised in any way using AI. There is a committee set up with the Nevada Legislature which is the Standing Committee on Commerce and Labor. As far as healthcare use of AI, Executive Director DiMaggio did include in the Board materials an article from Becker's Healthcare Review called Responsible AI. Mr. DiMaggio stated that, as a Board, we must be aware of healthcare providers using AI and how to deal with complaints regarding whether the use of AI was appropriate.

**VII. CONSIDERATION/POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF A HEARING OFFICER IN BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE'S CASE NUMBER AD2112003 IN THE MATTER OF ROBERT ESLINGER, D.O. (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President**

Executive Director DiMaggio stated that this case was heard by the Board and a settlement agreement was reached in March of 2022. The Board filed a formal complaint for disciplinary action against Dr. Eslinger, based on review of ten patient records and corresponding treatment of various forms of cancer. In the agreement with the Board, Dr. Eslinger voluntarily surrendered his Nevada DO license effective July 13, 2022. Dr. Eslinger was a homeopathic physician as well as a licensed osteopathic physician through this Board. Some of the defenses that were raised back in 2022 were that what Dr. Eslinger did as a homeopathic physician was within his standard of care for that profession, even though it may not have been with the osteopathic profession. Mont Tanner, who is the attorney representing Dr. Eslinger, has filed a request to modify the settlement agreement. That request was filed with the Board on April 10, 2024, and Mr. Tanner cites various reasons why he wants the Board to consider modifying the settlement agreement with one of them being a change in the law. Executive Director DiMaggio spoke with Mr. Dreitzer, Board counsel, and their thought was to take the Board out the position of having to rule on the request filed by Mr. Tanner on behalf of Dr. Eslinger and to hire or retain the services of Jill Greiner, Esq. Executive Director DiMaggio did reach out to Ms. Greiner to see if she would be interested in hearing this matter and she indicated she would and that her rate is \$200.00 per hour.

Mr. Nigam wanted to know if there were any specific modifications being requested. Mr. Dreitzer stated that the law, when the settlement agreement was entered, changed with a subsequent bill that was signed into law. With that change, it is alleged that the Board should basically rescind the discipline in that matter to account for the fact that the law is now different. Mr. Dreitzer stated that there is a difference of opinion as to the impact of this new law and he is hoping that the hearing officer can give some context in a way that both sides can understand. Mr. Nigam wanted to know if Dr. Eslinger wanted his license back. Mr. Dreitzer stated that he believes Dr. Eslinger doesn't intend to practice medicine in Nevada, but that ultimately Dr. Eslinger wants to get his Nevada osteopathic license reinstated.

Dr. Weed made a motion to hire Ms. Jill Greiner as a hearing officer at the rate of \$200.00 per hour; seconded by Mr. Nigam. There being no further discussion, the Board unanimously approved hiring Ms. Greiner as hearing officer at the rate of \$200.00 per hour in this matter.

**VIII. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AUTHORITY TO HIRE AN ADDITIONAL STAFF MEMBER AND SALARY RANGE FOR SAID POSITION (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President**

Executive Director DiMaggio stated that in the budget that the Board approved at the last Board meeting, under the hourly payroll, there was a number totaling \$243,200 for the fiscal year 2025. That figure included the raises for all the staff that the Board approved in terms of cost of living and merit. It also included one additional position which was budgeted for a total of \$45,000.00 maximum. If the Board approves hiring an additional staff member, Executive Director DiMaggio will advertise the position with a hourly salary range of \$35,000.00 to \$45,000.00 per year with the actual salary to be based on the selected person's qualifications and experience.

Dr. Janda made a motion to approve hiring an additional staff member with an hourly salary up to \$45,000.00 per year; seconded by Mr. Nigam. There being no further discussion, the Board unanimously approved to hiring an additional staff member with an hourly salary up to \$45,000.00 per year.

**IX. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF TWO BOARD MEMBERS TO THE BOARD'S LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President**

Dr. Perlotto stated that the Board created a legislative committee of the Board that started March 14, 2023. Dr. Perlotto stated that she would like to stay on that committee and asked if there were two other Board members who would like to volunteer. She said it would require a couple of extra meetings and that the committee reviews potential bills.

Dr. Polce stated that he would like to volunteer.

Dr. McDermott also stated that she would like to volunteer.

Dr. Janda stated he would be interested but would only be available after next April.

Dr. Weed made a motion to appoint Dr. McDermott and Dr. Polce to the Board's legislative committee; seconded by Dr. Janda. There being no further discussion, the Board unanimously approved appointments of Dr. McDermott and Dr. Polce to the Board's legislative committee.

**X. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AMENDMENT TO BOARD'S MISSION STATEMENT (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President**

Dr. Perlotto stated that the Board's current mission statement reads as follows: The Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine's mission is to protect and safeguard the public by licensing and disciplining well educated and competent Doctors of Osteopathy and Physician Assistants. Mr. Nigam stated that he would like to drop the words "well-educated and competent" from that mission statement. Executive Director DiMaggio suggested that the Board would want to wait to add the Anesthesiologist Assistant to the mission statement until after the regulations have been adopted.

Dr. Perlotto made a motion to change the mission statement to read as the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine's mission is to protect and safeguard the public by licensing and disciplining Doctor of Osteopathy and Physician Assistants and that when the Anesthesiologist



Assistant regulations have been approved and adopted, to add Anesthesiologist Assistant to the Board's mission statement; seconded by Mr. Nigam; and approved by vote of the Board.

Dr. Weed mentioned that the AOA does not refer to the osteopathic physicians as doctors of Osteopathy, but they do refer to DOs as Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine and she thinks we need to get the word "Osteopathy" out of the mission statement. Mr. Nigam stated that we should go back and change the mission statement accordingly. Executive Director DiMaggio asked Mr. Dreitzer if the Board can go back and make an amendment to the mission statement since the meeting is still going on. Mr. Dreitzer stated that from a parliamentary standpoint, he agrees, and it makes perfect sense to allow an amendment to the mission statement.

Dr. Perlotto then amended her motion for the mission statement to read the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine's mission is to protect and safeguard the public by licensing and disciplining Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and Physician Assistants and that when the Anesthesiologist Assistant regulations have been approved and adopted, to add Anesthesiologist Assistant to the Board's mission statement; seconded by Mr. Nigam. There being no further discussion, the Board approved to so amend the Board's mission statement.

**XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** by Frank DiMaggio

a. *Financial Statements*- Executive Director Frank DiMaggio stated that the financial statements are in the Board materials and well as the licensing status report current as of July 2, 2024. He stated that we continue to grow in terms of total numbers of licensees and we are anticipating some growth when we add the Anesthesiologist Assistants.

b. *Comments*

i. *Attendance at FSMB Symposium on Alternate Licensing Models*- Executive Director DiMaggio stated that he and Dr. Perlotto recently attended the FSMB Symposium in Washington DC and was pleased to be welcomed by Dr. Humayun Chaudhry, President and CEO of FSMB. They chatted about alternate licensing models in terms of DOs and found out that throughout the world there are no other DOs similar to the DOs licensed in the US. There are osteopathic practitioners, but they are not schooled as the DO physicians in the US are. Dr. Perlotto stated that what makes it more confusing is those non-US practitioners often carry the DO title after their name, and they go to a school where they get degrees as a doctor of osteopathy, but they are not physicians. Executive Director DiMaggio stated that we have a physician shortage problem in the US, but there is no alternative licensing available for DOs. Executive Director DiMaggio stated that one other interesting comment made at the Symposium was that there is not a physician shortage but rather a physician distribution problem, especially in underserved areas. Mr. Nigam stated that the Virginia State Legislature just approved international medical graduates to work under certain guidelines. Dr. Perlotto stated that FSMB's goal is to come up with general guidelines to help the States that are moving forward with additional pathways to medical licensure. Dr. Perlotto thinks it would be great to have an agency that can evaluate foreign schools and foreign residencies because there are some great institutions outside of the US border. Executive Director DiMaggio stated that IAMRA, which the Board recently joined, has a such program, but it is voluntary, and that hopefully IAMRA can work it to where it will be mandatory.

ii. *Public Hearings scheduled for July 26, 2024, on R001-24 and R062-24*- Executive Director DiMaggio stated that we have two Public Hearings scheduled for July 26, 2024. Once hearing is for R001-24 which is regarding

Anesthesiologist Assistants regulations and the other hearing is for R062-24 which is the deletion of ten existing regulations from NAC 633. One of the major issues concerning R001-24 is there is no provision for license renewal fees for the Anesthesiologist Assistants and that issue will have to go back to legislature for them to amend it. Mr. DiMaggio stated that any Board member is welcome to attend those Public Hearings if they wish, and that the Board will be given an update at its September 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

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

Mr. Dreitzer stated that he has finalized settlement documents for two matters involving reciprocal discipline pertaining to out of State licensees. There are two notices of intent to act upon hearings that are set for hearing on July 26, 2024, and we may not be able to get the license renewal fee issue resolved regarding Anesthesiologist Assistants in our proposed regulations but will certainly get it on for the next legislative session. Mr. Dreitzer informed the Board that he has met with Cassidy Wilson and a representative from the Association of Nurse Anesthetists regarding the interplay between nurse anesthetists and Anesthesiologist Assistants and how the new regulations the Board is adopting will affect them. Mr. Dreitzer mentioned that there is a matter he is working on concerning Dr. Tang. Mr. Dreitzer has met with the attorney for Dr. Tang and he will proceed to monitor the progress of those discussions.

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

Ms. Cassidy Wilson stated that she has been meeting with stakeholders regarding their concerns about the proposed Anesthesiologist Assistant regulations. She will also be speaking with the sponsor from the 2023 legislative session on the Anesthesiologist Assistant legislation regarding renewal fees and seeing if there might need to be a clean-up bill to include the renewal fees. Ms. Wilson has also been working with Executive Director DiMaggio on any potential 2025 legislation issues and potential bills. Ms. Wilson asked if the Board could invite her and Lindsay Knox to the Legislative Committee meetings. Dr. Perlotto stated that we will invite both Ms. Wilson and Ms. Knox to the committee meetings.

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

No Items for future discussion.

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

- a. Next Board Meeting date: September 10, 2024 (No Board Meeting in August.)-Dr. Perlotto reminded everyone that there is no August Board meeting, and the next Board meeting will be September 10, 2024.

**XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were received.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT (For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President**

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

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