



# NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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

## ***BOARD MEETING***

***February 11, 2025 @ 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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A (+) plus sign preceding an agenda item signifies that if the matter is an action item, in certain situations, the option exists to declare the meeting on that agenda item to be a Closed (Executive) Session per NRS 241.030.

All information or documents supplementing agenda items that are otherwise not 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. All Board members were present.*  
Carla Perlotto, PhD  
Andrea Weed, D.O.  
Swadeep Nigam, MSc, MBA

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  
Richard Dreitzer, Board Counsel

Public:

Cassidy Wilson, McDonald Carano  
Dave Dazlich, McDonald Carano  
Todd Weiss, Deputy Attorney General

## **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 comment was received.

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

### **a. Board Minutes from January 14, 2025 (Open Session)**

Dr. Polce made a motion to approve the Board open meeting minutes from January 14, 2025; seconded by Mr. Nigam. There being no further discussion, the Board open meeting minutes from January 14, 2025, were unanimously approved by the Board.

- b. Board Closed Minutes from January 14, 2025-** Dr. Janda made a motion to approve the Board closed meeting minutes from January 14, 2025; seconded by Dr. Casse. There being no further discussion, the Board closed meeting minutes from January 14, 2025, were unanimously approved by the Board.

## **IV. CONSENT AGENDA TO GRANT LICENSURE FOR OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (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.*

### ***Osteopathic Physician Name***

*Joseph Alexander, D.O.*  
*Zachary Cantor, D.O.*  
*Stacy Gillespie Skoloda, D.O.*  
*Jack Hinkle, D.O.*  
*Kendra Madaras-Kelly, D.O.*  
*Samuel Mastel, D.O.*  
*Stephanie Sammons, D.O.*  
*Joshua Zyss, D.O.*

### ***Specialty***

*Psychiatry*  
*Internal Medicine/Infectious Disease*  
*Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation*  
*Family Medicine*  
*Emergency Medicine*  
*Family Medicine*  
*OB/GYN*  
*Family Medicine*

**Physician Assistant Name**  
Janelle Alvarez, PA-C  
Anna Cheung, PA-C  
Stephanie Melrose, PA-C  
Ian Muir, PA-C  
Tomoya Ono, PA-C  
Isabella Will, PA-C

**Supervising Physician**  
Active – Not Working  
Xenia Schneider, D.O.  
Active – Not Working  
Nasim McDermott, D.O.  
Active – Not Working  
Active – Not Working

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

**V. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION/ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE COMMENTS ON FSMB'S DRAFT REPORT ON REENTRY TO PRACTICE (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President**

No comments were received.

**VI. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION/ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE COMMENTS ON FSMB'S DRAFT REPORT ON PROFESSIONALISM IN THE CONTEXT OF ASSESSMENT AND LICENSURE (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President**

No comments were received.

**VII. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION/ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY FSMB'S HOUSE OF DELEGATES (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President**

No submission or comments were received.

**VIII. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DISCIPLINARY MATRIX PERTAINING TO LICENSEES AND LICENSE APPLICANTS (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President**

Dr. Perlotto requested that this agenda item be moved to the next Board meeting on March 11, 2025.

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

**a. Financial Statements**

Executive Director DiMaggio stated that licensing numbers continue to steadily increase. Compact (IMLCC) Licenses are about 25% of our total licenses.

**b. Comments**

Executive Director DiMaggio pointed out that in the Board members' Teams folder, in the Miscellaneous file, there is a copy of Senator Donate 's Senate Bill 124. Senator Donate sent an email to Mr. DiMaggio stating that even though he knows that this bill deals primarily with the Board of Medical Examiners, he said that if the Board of Osteopathic Medicine is interested in giving Executive Director DiMaggio feedback, he would be willing to consider it, given national attention on this policy matter. He

then invited Executive Director DiMaggio to contact him if we'd like to coordinate a meeting.

This bill would be something that will be discussed in the Board's Legislative Committee. It is BDR 54-38, and it is Senate Bill 124. Executive Director DiMaggio also put a Bill Tracker in the Miscellaneous which was provided to him by Cassidy Wilson about a week ago. Ms. Wilson noted in her email on the Bill Tracker that most of the bills listed there do not even have language drafted yet. Also, there is a copy of AB 56 that was just discussed by Mr. Dazlich, along with a summary of the Assembly Committee's comments and questions. Executive Director DiMaggio asked Mr. Dazlich if the Board stood our ground on the existing language of AB 56, could the Legislature say, "Well, you guys didn't amend the CME portion of the bill so we are not going to pass that section, but we'll pass the other sections of the bill. It sounds like that is probably not going to happen so the Board will either have to amend the CME portion of that bill (dealing with the deletion of certain required CME hours) or the bill is dead. Executive Director DiMaggio has not seen the language of BDR 806. At the Assembly Committee hearing, Assemblywoman Brittney Miller wanted the DO Board to provide supplemental response as to why the DO Board would want to eliminate the CME hours requirement for certain specific CMEs. Executive Director DiMaggio thought Ms. Sarah Bradley did a fair job of explaining that those specific CME hours requirements were creating burdens on the physicians who are already overburdened. Ms. Bradley added that they were moving toward to an encouragement model and that the statute already has 3 specific CME areas that mention that the Board is encouraging licensees to take courses in Pediatric Oncology, Geriatrics and Gerontology and one other area. What they have done at the Nevada Board of Medical Examiners is they have added a provision that if a licensee takes one of those "encouraged" CMEs, the licensee will receive double the CME credit for up to 4 hours. Ms. Bradley stated that such would create an incentive for licensees to take those courses. Ms. Bradley mention that there are licensees, such as radiologists and pathologists that do not even have contact with the public, yet they are required to take these certain required CME courses. Dr. Perlotto stated that, considering the Assembly Committee's comments, the Board should remove the portion of the bill deleting those certain specific CME hours requirements and pursue getting the rest of what the Board wants in that bill. Dr. Weed stated that in July of 2023 she surrendered her license in the state of Michigan for the CME requirements. It just became too difficult.

Lastly, the Board will need to schedule a Legislative Committee meeting in the near future. The agenda for that meeting is subject to the requirements of Nevada's Open Meeting Law.

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

Mr. Dreitzer stated, in terms of what has been happening during the past month, he has been fixing the small 'tweaks' needed to the Disciplinary Matrix and that he has been gearing up for the Eslinger matter. The wishes of the Board were conveyed to opposing counsel for the Eslinger matter following last month's Board meeting, and it appears that there will be a hearing on this matter. Besides preparing for this hearing, Mr. Dreitzer has been doing a lot of travelling on bar-related issues. He went on to say that he appreciated the board's indulgence.

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

Mr. Dazlich updated the Board regarding concerns about certain provisions of AB 56, which was heard in the Assembly's Commerce and Labor Committee earlier this week where Deputy Director Sarah Bradley of the Board of Medical Examiners made a presentation to the Committee. The bill deals with some of the deletion of certain CME hour requirements and is also aimed at updating some of the renewal fees with some uniformity across the boards. This has been an ongoing debate in the Legislature during previous sessions, whether there should be additional hours required for cultural competency. There had previously been some compromise legislation on that matter. The chair of the Committee asked that the bill be worked on and potentially amended going forward.

Ms. Wilson has been working on a bill with Assemblywoman Tracy Brown-May specifically around the CME uniformity and renewal fee requirements. The bill is still in BDR form (BDR 806) and Ms. Wilson does not anticipate any kind of opposition to that BDR. Additionally, as mentioned previously, Ms. Wilson continues to work with the Governor's office and B&I Director Sanchez on the large boards and commissions bill, SB 78, dealing with the combination of several of the boards. There have been no updates at this point since the last meeting. Dr. Perlotto inquired about the status of SB78. Mr. Dazlich felt that there may be potential opposition from a number of the boards coalescing. Several of the boards have asked to be amended out. It is definitely possible that this bill does not move forward. They do see strong opposition. It is also possible that certain other boards may get amendments to the bill that exempt them out and that a more pared down version of this bill moves forward.

Mr. Dazlich stated that he believes, currently, everyone is treating the bill as one that needs to continue to be worked on as it moves forward. He is aware that the Contractors Board managed to be exempted. Dr. Perlotto wanted to know as to when the next meeting on SB78 will be. Mr. Dazlich stated he does not believe there is no hearing scheduled. It is currently being worked on. Dr. Perlotto inquired if there will be a way to add exhibits to attach to that bill (SB78). Mr. Dazlich stated that there will be. Once a committee hearing has been scheduled, that will come up in testimony. Those we can work with; we can present them directly to the sponsor. Dr. Perlotto wanted to know that once a meeting has been scheduled with a particular committee can those exhibits be added and then stay with the bill for the next meeting, or do they have to be added in each meeting. Mr. Dazlich believes that they will need to be added to each meeting and will be attached to that hearing so that anyone tracking it through the state website will be able to see that along with all the submitted testimony. Dr. Perlotto added that there is a link in the meetings to add exhibits if people would want to do so. Mr. Dazlich confirmed that there is. Dr. Perlotto also asked what happens with the funds that each of the boards have. Mr. Dazlich stated that he believes they are working out the details on a board-by-board basis. He said that some boards have maintained a good and positive fund balance, whereas others have not. Executive Director DiMaggio asked if Ms. Cassidy or Mr. Dazlich could keep him apprised of all the hearings that are on the bills that may have relevance to the Board, such as SB 78, AB 56, and BDR 806. Mr. Dazlich confirmed that they will keep him up to date on all the bills mentioned.

Mr. Dazlich mentioned that there would be significant challenges to passage of AB 56 if the insistence is to move AB 56 forward as it is currently drafted. Dr. Polce stated that he finds these conversations 'shocking'; that to get a license and to squabble over getting requiring certain CMEs and other related matter is an access to care issue which adds to a lot of irritation and burnout, which we do not need. Any attempt to remove 'all of these hoops to jump through' would be a relief to the 150 percent of the doctors he has spoken to. Dr. Polce concluded that 'all these hoops,' are unnecessary hurdles to jump through and is a source of major irritation. Anything that can be done to remove it, he would be willing to testify. Mr. Dazlich emphasized that this has been a hot button issue with some of the Members of this committee and he would

caution that the board is going to receive some heated pushback from some of the Committee members. Dr. Perlotto stated that she is not surprised, especially given the current political situation in our country at the moment. Dr. Polce added that these issues are not personal. He said it is coming across like it is some sort of personal attack, but it is not.

Dr. Janda asked if they are working towards aligning the osteopathic CME requirements so that they mirror their allopathic colleagues' requirements in terms of completing 40 CME hours every two years. Mr. Dazlich stated that both AB 56 and BDR 806 do address those concerns and have not received any pushback from anyone on the Committee or the legislators involved in that particular piece. Dr. Janda stated that he is a program director of a neurology residency and also a professor of neurology. He said that the medical students are concerned about the different types of CME requirements and how it is becoming more arduous on an annualized basis, which is frustrating in becoming a physician in this state. Mr. Nigam stated that board members should go and testify whether the Board is for these issues or against the issue as our elected representatives in the state are unaware of our position on these matters. Dr. Perlotto agreed and stated that you don't have to show up in person, you can submit something in writing. There's a link with each of those Committee meetings that you can send something if you want. You can appear in person or there are places that you can attend virtually so you don't have to go all the way to Carson City to testify. Mr. Dazlich agreed and stated that you can call in, you can dial in on Zoom; and, if you are in the Las Vegas area, you can go to the Grand Sawyer building, and there's a remote option there as well.

Mr. Dazlich went on to say that if people are showing up for both AB 56 and BDR 806, there is the possibility that the negative attitude from one will wind up tainting the other. Mr. Dazlich urges caution about being overly enthusiastic on AB 56 moving forward as currently written. Dr. Perlotto mentioned that you can track all these bills. If anybody is interested in wanting to track all of them, you can just go online to the Nevada Legislature's website where you can sign up; you can follow ten bills for free. They will send you all the updates and let you know when meetings are happening. Mr. Dazlich confirmed that they will be providing reminders and updates to Mr. DiMaggio as these bills are assigned and have committee hearings.

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

Dr. Perlotto placed agenda item VIII regarding the Disciplinary Matrix on next month's agenda to receive any feedback.

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

- a. Next Board Meeting date: March 11, 2025-*** Dr. Perlotto reminded Board members that the next Board meeting is *March 11, 2025*

Dr. Perlotto also reminded Board members that election of officers occurs every two years in March. Election of Board officers will be conducted at the next Board meeting if anybody has an interest in running for office.

## ***XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT***

No public comments were received.

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

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

**Minutes approved by the Board at the March 11, 2025 Board Meeting.**