

### NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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

### **BOARD MEETING**

July 8, 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 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 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

Clayton Bailey, Complaint Specialist/Investigator

### Public:

Cassidy Wilson, McDonald Carano

Joseph Ostunio, Deputy Attorney General

Bridget Kelly, Esq.

Yama Babary, D.O.

Ashwitha Francis, M.D.

Darren Rahaman, M.D.

Kate Galluzzi, D.O.

Nicol Joseph, D.O

Mike Srulevich, 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 Minutes from June 10, 2025

Dr. Janda made a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes from June 10, 2025; seconded by Mr. Nigam. There being no further discussion, the Board meeting minutes from June 10, 2025, were unanimously approved by the Board.

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

### Osteopathic Physician Name

Ajit Amesur, D.O.

Aric Felton, D.O.

Andrea Franklin, D.O.

Zachary Higginbotham, D.O.

Brent Hunter, D.O.

Tiffany Javier, D.O.

Mitra Jefic, D.O.

Milla Sejic, D.O.

Meagan Kline, D.O.

Kevin Kuuskvere, D.O.

Nolan Lassiter, D.O.

Janet Lee, D.O.

### **Specialty**

Orthopedic Surgery

Neurology

Radiology

Internal Medicine and Pediatrics

Emergency Medicine

Internal Medicine

Emergency Medicine

OB/GYN

Emergency Medicine

Emergency Medicine

Internal Medicine

Hao Luong, D.O. David Oraee, D.O. Henry Matthew Santos, D.O. Elen Sarkisvan, D.O. Kinza Sultan, D.O. Ilva Yegudkin, D.O. Brian Zernich, D.O.

Physician Assistant Name

Chelsev Blythe, PA-C Daniela Caudriller, PA-C Akram Esmaeili Roudbordeh, PA-C Adam Lambert, PA-C Jason Myers, PA-C

Special License NRS 633.401 Hayder Allkhenfr, D.O. Sharif Afifi, D.O. Aneega Ahmed, D.O. Muneeba Ahmed, D.O. Claire Anderson, D.O. Maria Patricia Ascano, D.O. Victoria Babtkis, D.O. Jeffrey Bednar, D.O. Allison Best. D.O. Justin Best. D.O. Brian Bever, D.O. Elias Bittar, D.O. Beau Blazek, D.O. Carter Bohaboj, D.O. Dina Brothers, D.O. Maria Cavataio, D.O. Priam Chaganlal, D.O. Grace Cheetany, D.O. Jiahui Chen. D.O. Christina Cosner, D.O.

Jazmine David, D.O. Mia Celeste De Leon, D.O.

Nithya Devanthan, D.O. Manraj Dhillon, D.O. Jessica Done, D.O. Benjamin Elgan, D.O.

Dominic Fiore, D.O. Hannah Forrestal, D.O.

Eric Gentle, D.O.

Namrita George, D.O. Bryn Gornick, D.O. Garrett Hagler, D.O. Vanessa Hamika, D.O.

Claire Hartwell, D.O. Spencer Hayes, D.O.

Tomas Herbert, D.O. Charles Hirschi, D.O. Family Medicine Family Medicine Addiction Medicine Internal Medicine Internal Medicine Internal Medicine Radiology

Supervising Physician

Active – Not Working Active - Not Working Active – Not Working Active – Not Working Active – Not Working

Southern Hills – Transitional UNLVSOM – Internal Medicine

VHS – Psychiatry UNR – Pediatrics UNR - Family Medicine VHS – Family Medicine

Southern Hills – Family Medicine Mountain View – Anesthesiology UNLVSOM – Internal Medicine UNLVSOM – Internal Medicine

VHS – Transitional

Mountain View – Emergency Medicine

Mountain View – Surgery

Southern Hills – Family Medicine UNR – Hospice & Palliative Medicine

Mountain View - OBGYN

Mountain View – Internal Medicine Mountain View – Emergency Medicine Mountain View – Internal Medicine

*Nellis – Family Medicine* UNLVSOM - Surgery VHS – Family Medicine

Mountain View - Internal Medicine Mountain View – Internal Medicine

Valley - Family Medicine *Mountain View – PM&R* 

Mountain View - Anesthesiology

*UNR* – *Psychiatry* 

Dignity Health St. Rose – Internal Medicine

*UNLVSOM* – *Internal Medicine* 

Mountain View – Surgery Nellis – Family Medicine Southern Hills – Neurology *UNLVSOM – OB/GYN* 

VHS - Surgery

UNR - Family Medicine UNLVSOM - Surgery

Zachary Hollendonner, D.O. Mountain View – Surgery Dignity Health St. Rose – Internal Medicine Lyly Huynh, D.O. Daniel Jones, D.O. Mountain View – Internal Medicine James Kal, D.O. Mountain View - Internal Medicine Jeemin Kang, D.O. Valley – Internal Medicine Priscilla Kim, D.O. Dignity Health St. Rose – Internal Medicine Ryan Knowlton, D.O. UNLVSOM – Emergency Medicine Greggory Kobelski, D.O. UNR - Family Medicine Victoria Koehler, D.O. UNLVSOM – Pulmonary & Critical Care Maximalian Konrad, D.O. *UNLVSOM – Emergency Medicine* Mountain View – Internal Medicine Bryce Krason, D.O. Evelyn Kue, D.O. UNLVSOM – Internal Medicine Arash Latifi, D.O. Mountain View – Internal Medicine Jen-Chieh Lee, D.O. VHS – Surgery Emily Leiderman, D.O. *VHS – Psychiatry* Alissa Leyman, D.O. Nellis – Family Medicine Kelise Little, D.O. VHS – Family Medicine Aaron Ly, D.O. Valley – Internal Medicine UNR – Psychiatry Lacev McCormick, D.O. Sebastian Meis Manahan, D.O. Mountain View – Emergency Medicine Guadalupe Mercado, D.O. VHS – Transitional David Neff, D.O. Mountain View – Emergency Medicine Andy Ngo, D.O. VHS – Psychiatry Timothy Nguyen, D.O. Valley – Internal Medicine Chandelle Nichols. D.O. Mountain View – Internal Medicine *VHS – Psychiatry* Eric Ninh. D.O. Miwa O'Connor, D.O. VHS – Family Medicine Evangelina Olivera, DO. Nellis – Family Medicine Luisa Ortega, D.O. *UNLVSOM* – *Psychiatry* Emma Parent, D.O. Mountain View – Surgery Mark Perkins, D.O. *Mountain View – PM&R* Cardon Porter, D.O. Mountain View – Emergency Medicine Taylor Purcell, D.O. UNLVSOM – Emergency Medicine Nabeel Oureshi, D.O. UNLVSOM – Rural Family Medicine Richard Joshua Ramoso, D.O. Valley – Family Medicine Valley – Internal Medicine Christina Ricci, D.O. James Robb, D.O. UNLVSOM - Emergency Medicine Travis Rushton, D.O. Mountain View – Transitional Joshua Sagisi, D.O. Valley – Family Medicine Sonam Sakya, D.O. Southern Hills – Family Medicine Brett Schonewolf, D.O. UNR - Family Medicine Simranjit Shergill, D.O. Mountain View – Internal Medicine Don Stephens, D.O. UNLVSOM – Internal Medicine Dahlia Stopka, D.O. UNLVSOM – Emergency Medicine Brian Sumpter, D.O. Mountain View – Emergency Medicine Matthew Tan, D.O. VHS – Transitional Taylor Tischhauser, D.O. Mountain View – Emergency Medicine Anh-Tuan Tong, D.O. Nellis – Family Medicine Bria Trent, D.O. Mountain View - OBGYN Ching-Hsuan Tso, D.O. VHS – Family Medicine Elaine Patricia Tupas, D.O. Mountain View – Internal Medicine Samuel Weeks, D.O. *UNLVSOM* – Surgery Chandler Williams, D.O. VHS - Psychiatry

VHS – Family Medicine Southern Hills – Psychiatry

Dr. Janda 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. +CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE FOR YAMA BABARY, 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 may pertain and concern this applicant's character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or similar items) Carla Perlotto, President

Dr. Perlotto explained to Dr. Babary that he has the option to go into closed session. Dr. Babary chose to stay in an open session.

Dr. Perlotto stated that the Board received an Affidavit of Moral and Professional Character form ("the Affidavit") from a certain provider and there was a question as to how long the provider has known Dr. Babary. Dr. Babary explained that he emailed the wrong version of the Affidavit to the three providers which were prefilled with his name and years that he has known the providers. Once Dr. Babary emailed the Affidavit to the providers, he stated that he did not handle the Affidavits after that. Dr. Babary did state that the reason the wrong Affidavit was given was because he Googled "NV State Osteopathic Board Affidavit of Character" and the link came up with the version of the form in 2018 not the revised version from 2023. Dr. Babary did not know that he needed a physician that has known him longer than three years to complete one of the Affidavits. If he had known that, Dr. Babary said he would have had a physician from his residency program in Las Vegas to complete the Affidavit. Dr. Babary stated that he went to the mail store to meet with the physicians who were going to complete the Affidavit in front of the notary. The completed and signed Affidavits were then given to the notary public to be notarized and to be immediately mailed out to the Board.

Dr. Perlotto stated that one of the concerns was on one of the Affidavits the number of years known was changed from one to four and it wasn't clear where in the process that had happened. Dr. Babary stated that the only time he touched the Affidavits was when he emailed the unsigned Affidavits to the physicians and then when mailing them to the Board. The Board received a letter from Brenda Wolf, who is the program coordinator in Pennsylvania stating that she possibly crossed out the one and added the four in the years known blank on the Affidavit in question.

Dr. Galluzzi asked to speak on behalf of Dr. Babary. Dr. Galluzzi stated that she takes full responsibility because she failed to look at the document to make sure there were no issues. Dr. Galluzzi believes what happened is Ms. Wolf crossed out the one and put a four because Dr. Babary is a PGY 4 resident and those are the only residents in the program. Dr. Galluzzi stated that she knows Dr. Babary to be very ethical, moral, upstanding, and compassionate physician and does not want to see anything getting in the way of his career.

Dr. Perlotto asked if any of the Board members had any questions. Dr. Polce stated that he has no issues, and he appreciates the comments made on behalf of Dr. Babary. Dr. Janda stated as an attorney and program director he can relate to what has been mentioned and does not have any objective or material concerns in this matter. Dr. Casse stated that she agrees with Dr. Polce and Dr. Janda.

Dr. Weed made a motion to approve Dr. Babary's application for a Nevada osteopathic physician's license; seconded by Dr. Polce. There being no further discussion, the Board unanimously approved Dr. Babary application for Nevada osteopathic licensure.

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

Ms. Cassidy Wilson of McDonald Carano provided the Board with the latest legislative updates as follows:

Ms. Wilson stated that Legislative session adjourned earlier in June and some key dates will be coming up. Those dates are July 1<sup>st</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, January 1, 2026, July 1, 2026, and January of 2027 and that is when some of the laws will go into effect. In Nevada, there are some laws that can go into effect upon passage or approval and some of the bills have a later effective date. On July 1, 2025, 192 bills became law and were effective. Most of those have to do with appropriations and fundings for different agencies. Ms. Wilson mentioned that, instead of DHHS, we now have Nevada Health Authority, which is splitting up Nevada's largest agency into two separate entities. Stacy Weeks and Richard Whitley will be the head of Nevada Health Authority.

Dr. Perlotto wanted to know if the Board has received a summary of what happened during the Legislative session. Per Executive Director, Frank DiMaggio, the end of session 2025 report is in the Board materials.

VII. REVIEW/DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION/ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF HEARING OFFICER ALLISON'S FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS SET FORTH IN THE AMENDED ORDER NUNC PRO TUNC, WITH OR WITHOUT MODIFICATION, OR OTHER POSSIBLE ACTION PURSUANT TO NRS 622A.300(5) REGARDING ROBERT ESLINGER, D.O. (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President

Dr. Perlotto stated that due to not having Mr. Dreitzer available she would like to move this item to the next meeting in September 2025. Per Executive Director DiMaggio, this item will be moved to the September 9, 2025 agenda.

VIII. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION/ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF CONTRACT OR CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR LEGAL SERVICES FROM FENNEMORE CRAIG, P.C. (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President Executive Director DiMaggio stated that Mr. Dreitzer is still offering a reduced rate for his legal services and the contract for legal services will be for a period of 18 months. The current contract ends August 30, 2025, and the new contract would be effective from September 1, 2025, to February 28, 2027, in the amount not to exceed \$95,000.00.

Dr. McDermott made a motion to approve the contract for legal services with Fennemore Craig, P.C for 18 months at the rate not to exceed \$95,000.00; seconded by Dr. Janda. There being no further discussion, the Board unanimously approved the contract for legal services with Fennemore Craig, P.C. for 18 months beginning on September 1, 2025, at the rate not to exceed \$95,000.00.

IX. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION OF APPROVING BOARD MEMBERS AND/OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR BOARD STAFF DESIGNEE TO ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL REGULATORY AUTHORITIES (IAMRA) 2025 CONFERENCE HELD SEPTEMBER 3 – 6, 2025 (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President

Dr. Perlotto stated that she will be going with Carrie Klein and Mr. Swadeep Nigam to the 2025 IAMRA Conference in September and requested any other Board members who would like to attend to let Executive Director DiMaggio know as soon as possible.

### X. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION/ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE CHANGES IN LICENSING PROCEDURES AS A RESULT OF THE PASSAGE OF AB 56

(Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President

Executive Director DiMaggio stated that due to the passage and signing of AB 56 which will take effect January 1, 2026, there is a provision in the bill, namely section 6.7 and paragraph 3, that will allow the Board to temporarily suspend a license or declare the license void if information submitted by the applicant was false, fraudulent or intended to deceive the Board. With these new provisions in AB 56, Executive Director DiMaggio proposed that the Board consider allowing Board licensing staff to approve licenses without the FBI and DPS fingerprint reports which is the biggest reason for delays in licensing; and that if the FBI/DPS report comes back with something reported on it that the applicant failed to report, the Board can then temporarily suspend or declare the license void pursuant to the provisions of AB 56.

Dr. Polce made a motion to allow Board staff to issue full licenses without having receipt of the FBI/DPS fingerprint reports and then resort to the provisions of AB 56 to temporarily suspend or declare the license void if there was false or erroneous information provided by the license applicant; seconded by Dr. Casse. There being no further discussion, the Board unanimously approved allowing Board staff to issue full licenses to applicants without having receipt of the FBI/DPS fingerprint reports and then resort to the provisions of AB 56 to temporarily suspend or declare the license void if there was false or erroneous information provided by the license applicant.

## XI. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES TO NEVADA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (NAC) CHAPTER 633 (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President

a. Request for Authorization to Proceed with the Regulatory Adoption Process on Proposed New (Additions) to NAC Chapter 633 to include and deal with changes required by Section 5 of AB 483 regarding establishment of a process for prioritizing the review of an application for initial licensure as a provider of health care under the Board's jurisdiction if the applicant demonstrates that he or she will provide health care primarily in a historically underserved community.

Dr. Perlotto stated that this agenda item is regarding the adoption of a regulation regarding an initial license application from an applicant who can show that the applicant will be primarily providing services in a historically underserved community as a result of the passage of AB 483. Dr. Perlotto asked Executive Director DiMaggio if he could find out what parts of Nevada are considered historically underserved or if Nevada as a whole is a historically underserved community. Per Executive Director DiMaggio, the law cited in AB 483 was 26 USC Section 42 and it defines a qualified census tract (QCT) as any census tract designated by the Secretary of HUD for the most recent year for which the census data is available on a household income in such tract either in which 50% or more of the households have an income which is less than 60% of the area median gross income for such year or which has a poverty rate of at least 25%. When Executive Director DiMaggio went onto the HUD website and tried to look at the data for the Las Vegas Metro area and Reno Metro area, it only provided tract numbers and not maps of the underserved communities. Executive Director DiMaggio stated that he will contact someone from the Treasurer's office or someone from HUD to see if he can get maps or further information before this is implemented. Dr. Perlotto thinks the Board needs to do more research on this because we already do so much to prioritize license applications and how will the

applicants show proof and what it means. Executive Director DiMaggio stated that this agenda item is only requesting the Board to authorize us to proceed with adopting regulations to implement AB 483 and that he has already been in contact with Mr. Dreitzer to begin the process. AB 483 also applies to Boards created under NRS chapters 630, 631, and 632.

Dr. Perlotto made a motion to move forward with the adoption of the regulatory process for AB 483; seconded by Dr. Janda. There being no further discussion, the Board unanimously approved to move forward with the adoption of the regulatory process for AB 483.

b. Request for Authorization to Proceed with the Regulatory Adoption Process on Proposed Amendments to NAC 633.250; NAC 633.285; and NAC 633.335 to include and deal with changes required by AB 56 pertaining to licensing renewal periods for certain licensees, required continuing medical education for certain licensees, and licensing and renewal fees for certain applicants/licensees.

Dr. Perlotto stated that the provisions of AB 56 pertaining to the Board will bring us in line with the M.D. Board and, as a result, soon licenses will be renewed biennially instead of annually and there will be a reduction in the number of CME hours required. A draft version of the newly proposed Renewal and CME for currently licensed NV D.O. physicians was shared on the screen. This chart shows a timeline of when current D.O.s will need to renew their license and the number of CME hours required as a result of the passage of AB 56. The Board will also provide charts with timelines for PAs and AAs so they will also know the license renewal timelines and CME hour requirements for their respective licenses. Dr. Weed stated that the chart is confusing for the CME cycles. Dr. Perlotto mentioned that the wording can be changed from CME cycle to license cycle and that it might make it clearer. Dr. Perlotto stated that we will continue to work on the charts before we post them or send them out.

Executive Director DiMaggio stated that this item b is on the agenda because the Board will need to amend or add new provisions to existing regulations to comply with AB 56. Dr. Polce wanted to know the timeline and when the Board staff will start working on this. Per Executive Director DiMaggio, he has already started working on this and has a first draft.

Dr. Perlotto made a motion to proceed with the regulatory process to adopt or modify the NAC 633 to meet the requirements of AB 56 as it pertains to the Board; seconded by Dr. Janda. There being no further discussion, the Board unanimously approved to proceed with the regulatory process to adopt or modify the NAC 633 to meet the requirements of AB 56.

### XII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT by Frank DiMaggio

- a. Financial Statements- Executive Director DiMaggio stated that financial statements are in the Board materials. We are consistently on the uptick in terms of licensing and licenses being issued.
- b. Legislation Updates- Executive Director DiMaggio stated that he has covered Legislation in the previous agenda items and he doesn't have anything further.
- c. Comments- Executive Director DiMaggio stated that he added information in the AI folder in the Board materials. This information is from the Office of Chief Information Officer and is on the responsible and ethical use of artificial intelligence (AI) in Nevada State Government Executive Branch. Executive Director DiMaggio informed the Board that if the Board is going to make moves toward using AI in some capacity, we would have to comply with this State of Nevada policy.

Executive Director DiMaggio stated that FSMB sent draft recommendations on assessment and supervision of internationally trained physicians (ITPs). Since the Board does not license ITPs, Executive Director DiMaggio wanted to mention it to the Board but did not feel the need to add it as an agenda item. Executive Director DiMaggio does strongly encourage any Board member who has an interest in commenting on the draft recommendations to send him an email as soon as possible because he will need to email FSMB by July 11<sup>th</sup>.

Executive Director DiMaggio welcomed both Mr. Nigam and Dr. McDermott back to the Board as they were recently reappointed to the Board by the Governor.

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

Nothing reported.

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

No items were mentioned for future discussion.

- XV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT on Board Business, Carla Perlotto, President
  - a. Next Board Meeting date: September 9, 2025 (No Board meeting in August 2025)

    Dr. Perlotto congratulated Mr. Nigam and Dr. McDermott on their re-appointments to the Board and stated that the next Board meeting will be September 9, 2025 and she will have an update report on the 2025 IAMRA Conference.

### 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 voted to adjourn the meeting.

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