



NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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

BOARD MEETING

March 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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***** 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 comments were received.

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

a. *Board Minutes from February 11, 2025.*

Mr. Nigam made a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes from February 11, 2025; seconded by Dr. Janda. There being no further discussion, the Board meeting minutes from February 11, 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

Kamyar Afshar, D.O.
Dawn Brown, D.O.
Nicholas Ciurczak, D.O.
Nicole Clifton, D.O.
Alexander Finkelstein, D.O.
Matthew House, D.O.
Dwyer Roche, D.O.
Rakhi Sinha, D.O.
Robert Tidwell, D.O.
Linda Wang, D.O.

Specialty

Pulmonary Disease
General Surgery
Internal Medicine
Family Medicine
Pathology
Psychiatry
Emergency Medicine
Family Medicine
Emergency Medicine
Internal Medicine

Physician Assistant Name

Supervising Physician

Andrea Brown, PA-C
Nelson Duran, PA-C
Angela Manthei, PA-C
Jade Odynski, PA-C
Anthony Padilla, PA-C
Sara Reber, PA-C
Jorge Rivera, PA-C

Nathan Giles, D.O.
Active – Not Working
Steven Nishiyama, D.O.
Active – Not Working
Lloyd Del Mundo, D.O.
Active – Not Working
Active – Not Working

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

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

Dave Dazlich of McDonald Carano stated what they are mainly focused on now is BDR 806, which has been discussed previously and is still in drafting. This is the bill that looks at the biennial standard when it comes to required hours of CME. It's been addressed initially in another bill, AB 56, which per discussion with the Legislative Committee is not going forward. There are two amendments to BDR 806 that we have submitted. The first is to possibly allow for temporary licenses and the second deals with that tying in with the fingerprinting. It aligns with the Board of Medical Examiners standards to grant temporary licensure for applicants while waiting for the return of those fingerprint reports. Dr. Polce questioned if there are any pushbacks on any of the items. Mr. Dazlich stated, as of now, there are no pushbacks at this time, and it is still in BDR form. The final language of the bill has not been released yet. Once that is released, then we will get some more in-depth questions from other members of the Legislative Committee that will be reviewing this. Cassidy Wilson stated that BDR 806 is the board's bill for this session, and she does have a meeting with Assemblymember Brown-May, who is the primary sponsor of this bill through the HHS Committee, next week on March 19th to discuss the changes and when we will be seeing the language of the BDR. As mentioned in previous meetings, the Legislative Counsel Bureau is behind on drafting bills, and we should see this language in the next couple of weeks. Hopefully, there will be a confirmed date from her and a discussion of the potential amendments on March 19th. Ms. Wilson will update Executive Director Frank DiMaggio after that meeting.

Moving on to SB 78, that is the larger board bill coming out of Business and Industry (B&I). There is a proposed amendment that changes the makeup of the board going forward, merging the Nevada Board of Medical Examiners with this Board; the proposed amendment changes the number of Board members on the merged Board to 3 DOs and 3 MDs. Discussions are ongoing with B&I. Executive Director DiMaggio participated with Ms. Wilson in one of those discussions a couple weeks ago that was certainly a heated discussion. Several of the other boards have been giving their feedback as well. After that B&I phone call, we were told to expect amendments. However, those have not been forthcoming. We may be seeing those this week. Obviously, it is a very dynamic bill and is working its way through the legislative process. We will have to see what the final introduced version looks like after the amendments are put into place. The Board's Legislative Committee met last week where we discussed BDR 806; SB 78, the Board's bill; and AB 56 that is currently in a holding pattern. It looks like AB 56 will not be going anywhere after the discussions with the Nevada Legislative Committee. AB 56 had a very troubled introduction and does not seem like it has the "legs" to move forward.

VI. +DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF CHANGE REQUEST CONTRACT WITH THENTIA USA, INC CONCERNING IMLCC API INTEGRATION (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President

Executive Director DiMaggio stated he had requested Thentia to make some changes to its Cloud software to enable us to integrate with the IMLCC so that we could do initial licenses and renewal licenses through an API integration. According to the Change Request, the cost will be 160 hours at \$225 per hour, which totals \$36,000. We currently have two licensing specialists that are inputting the data manually. This API integration would do away with that. Nikki and Carrie are the two licensing specialists for the Board and together they spend approximately 10 hours per week inputting data for initial licenses and renewals. That total is not ten hours each, but rather ten hours total for both of them. That is an average because there are sometimes, depending on the licensing cycle, whether we're in renewal season or not, that time spent could go down. If somebody calculated it, it would pay for itself in about two years. So, unless we make any modifications to Thentia will be doing, it should be just a one-time charge of \$36,000. Having said that, when we go to the next item on the agenda, you will see another Thentia contract issue. Just recently we have found out that the State amended or revised its State Administrative Manual, a certain portion of which is applicable to the Boards. One of the changes they made was in October of 2024. One of the changes was regarding the Boards entering into contracts with third parties such as Thentia and other groups. Boards are now required to go through the request for proposal (RFP) processes, which is time consuming. There is an alternative to the RFP process; namely, if there's a third-party vendor who partners with Thentia, you do not have to get state approval because they're already pre-approved by the State. There are three of state-approved vendors with Thentia: Carahsoft, SHI and Insight. Board members will hear more about that on agenda item seven, but there is a probability that even though Thentia Change Request totals \$36,000, if we through Insight, there will be a 2.5 percent administrative fee. If the Board is interested in approving the Change Request for the \$36,000, I would like the motion to include, if the Board is required to use Insight, up to a 2.6 percent administrative fee to be approved also by the Board pertaining to this Change Request. The additional fees will be approximately \$750. Dr. Polce inquired whether this way would save 10-man hours a week, Executive Director Mr. DiMaggio stated that it would do so. Dr Perlotto commented that manually inputting the information by hand can leave room for error. Executive Director DiMaggio agreed.

Dr. Polce made a motion to approve the Change Request contract including a potential administrative fee from Insight up to 2.6 per cent to facilitate the processing of the said Change Request contract: seconded by Dr. McDermott. There being no further discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Change Request contract with Thentia USA, Inc., regarding IMLCC API Integration for a total of \$36,000 plus a possible 2.6 per cent fee from Insight.

VII. +DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF REVISED CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH INSIGHT/THENTIA USA, INC (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President

The Board has already approved the Thentia renewal contract before we engaged with Insight. By engaging with Insight, there will be an additional administrative fee imposed by Insight.. For example, if you look at Thentia renewal contract Addendum A, the first-year cost of renewal is \$22,000; with Insight, the cost will now be \$22,564.10. All those numbers will increase by approximately 2.5 percent. The board has already approved the base amount for the entire five-year contract renewal term. Note that the last two years of the renewal period are optional. The Board is not required to renew the contract for years four and five. Years one, two and three of the renewal contract would be what the Board is obligated for. Crystal McBride from Insight

was invited to join the Board meeting for a brief conversation. However, she was unable to do so due to the time change as she is in the Central Time zone. She was to describe what services Insight provides for that 2.5 percent fee. As I understand it, they handle all the contract administrative work that would be required which I would be doing.

The Board would not be obliged to use them after the third year of the renewal period. The Board could enter into a contract with a different vendor altogether if the Board saw fit. Dr. Perlotto asked if the Board continued with Thentia for years four and five of the contract renewal period, whether the Board would have to pay that 2.5 percent fee. Mr. DiMaggio responded that if the Board extended the contract renewal to years four and five, the Board would have to pay the 2.5 per cent fee.

Dr. Perlotto made a motion to approve payment of the addition of up to 2.6 percent administrative fee imposed by Insight regarding the Thentia renewal contract; seconded by Mr. Nigam. There being no further discussion, the Board unanimously approved payment of the addition of up to 2.6 percent administrative fee imposed by Insight regarding the Thentia renewal contract.

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

No public comments were received.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT by Frank DiMaggio

- a. *Financial Statements*- Executive Director DiMaggio stated that things are going well, financially. The License Status Report numbers are consistently increasing. There was a slight dip in DO licenses because there were some DO licenses who did not renew their licenses. Otherwise, licensing numbers were up overall. Also, there was a steady increase in the number of Compact licenses issued. On the License Status Report, there are 463 Compact licenses out of a total of 1,900 D.O. licenses. This is approximately one fifth of our total D.O. licenses issued. This would relate back to using that API integration because Compact licenses are increasing, and Compact is adding more and more states to the Compact. There are up to 41 states plus Washington, D.C., and Guam that are currently Compact members. The most recent additions were Missouri and Florida. Florida is a big addition because the Board has received numerous Compact applications that would try to use Florida for their state of principal licensure. Florida just started accepting Compact license applications in December. B&I has been requesting financial information and other information, such as copies of all contracts and other things that Mr. DiMaggio has been discussing with Dr. Perlotto in the interim. Mr. DiMaggio continues to comply with B&I requests, including the most recent one today. B&I wanted copies of all Board contracts. Mr. DiMaggio forwarded that information to B&I before tonight's Board meeting.
- b. *Comments*-No comments were made
- c. *Legislative Update*-On March 3rd, a meeting of the Board's Legislative Committee took place. Executive Director DiMaggio, Legislative Committee Board member, Mr. Dazlich, and Ms. Wilson discussed several pending bills. Mr. DiMaggio advised the Board about the Legislative Committee's actions at the March 3, 2025 meeting:

AB 170, Associate Physicians. After some discussion and questions, the Committee decided to continue discussion of this bill at a future Committee meeting.

AB 264, judicial review for licenses denied due to having a criminal history or bad character report. On that bill, the Committee voted to stay neutral.

SB 34, the PA Compact. The Committee voted to support that bill.

SB 78, B&I board mergers. The Committee decided to continue discussion of this bill to a future Committee meeting.

SB 124, Senator Donate 's IMG bill. This bill does not apply to the D O board. It applies to the M.D. Board. The Committee voted to take no position and had no comments regarding this bill.

SB 129, licensure by endorsement. The Committee decided to continue discussion of that bill at a future Committee meeting.

There will be another Legislative Committee meeting scheduled in the near future once we have enough bills to discuss. Executive Director DiMaggio submitted to Ms. Wilson some proposed language to add to BDR 806 to help get licenses issued while the fingerprint report is pending. Mr. Dazlich said that there was an amendment that Ms. Wilson was going to discuss with Assemblymember Brown-May, which will be based on an email Executive Director DiMaggio sent recently to Ms. Wilson, which highlighted some language that, if passed, would help the Board issue licenses just pending receipt of the criminal history report. Basically, the language provides that if the Board does issue a license, but the Board receives information that would concern the Board about the accuracy of the information that was provided by the applicant, the Board can temporarily suspend the license, review it as a committee or as a whole, declare the license void, and/or refer it to the Attorney General for possible criminal prosecution. If the license is temporarily suspended, the Board can later return the license to active status, subject to certain terms and conditions. Such language, if passed, would help speed up the licensing process. Executive Director DiMaggio welcomed any questions from Board members.

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

Mr. Dreitzer reported he has been working on the hearing regarding Dr. Eslinger's case. He is still confident in the Board's position on this, and it appears the Board will be heading to a hearing in the very near future. Mr. Dreitzer has also been keeping close tabs with regard to SB 78. He is hearing reports that there is not a lot of confidence that SB 78 will pass. There are certain problems with what has been incorporated into that bill so they may have to fight another day on that. Mr. Dreitzer has had a couple of meetings with Executive Director DiMaggio and Dr. Perlotto to talk about all the dictates that have come down from B&I and what our position is going to be as to those. The Board has taken a 'wait and see' approach at this time. There is some ambiguity with regard to whose authority that we fall under; is the Board under B&I or not. Hopefully that will all be sorted out in the near future. Also, we had a meeting the other day with Dr. Polce regarding the application of the Disciplinary Matrix to two of his cases. Mr. Dreitzer welcomed all questions anyone may have. Dr. Perlotto stated that it is good to see that the Matrix is being used by Board members and that she has used it herself. Executive Director DiMaggio stated that just for the Board members information, he put a file entitled "Disciplinary Matrix" in each of their Team's folder. When a case assignment comes, Board members will then have handy access to the Matrix, the two appendices, and the IBM Disposition form in their Team 's folder. Mr. Nigam asked if all the D.O.s and licensees will be informed about the Matrix. Mr. Dreitzer stated that one of the reasons we put the Matrix into place was to give licensees confidence that matters will be administered in a consistent way. Executive Director DiMaggio stated that he would put the Disciplinary Matrix on the Board's website.

XI. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION/UPCOMING AGENDA

No items were brought up for discussion.

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

a. Next Board Meeting date: April 8, 2025

XIII. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS, Conducted in March in odd years (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President

Dr. Perlotto gave Mr. Dreitzer the floor to conduct the election of Board officers.

There are three Board positions to fill for a two-year term beginning April 1, 2025: Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President and President.

Secretary/Treasurer – Dr. Perlotto nominated Mr. Swadeep Nigam; seconded by Dr. Weed. There being no other nominations, the Board unanimously re-elected Mr. Nigam as the Board's Secretary/Treasurer.

Vice President – Dr. Perlotto nominated Dr. Andrea Weed; seconded by Mr. Nigam. There being no other nominations, the Board unanimously elected Dr. Weed as the Board's Vice President.

President – Mr. Nigam nominated Dr. Carla Perlotto; seconded by Dr. McDermott. There being no other nominations, the Board unanimously elected Dr. Perlotto as the Board's President.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

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

Dr. Janda 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 April 8, 2025 Board Meeting.