



NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

****PUBLIC NOTICE****

BOARD MEETING ***May 13, 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. A quorum was present.
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
Carrie Klein, Licensing Specialist Assistant
Michelle Oberson, Administrative Assistant

Public:

Cassidy Wilson, McDonald Carano
Todd Weiss, Deputy Attorney General
Richard Dreitzer, Board Counsel
Farhad Amiri, D.O.
Aaron Fricke, Esq.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTNOTE: *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. Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes from April 3, 2025

Dr. Janda made a motion to approve the Legislative Committee meeting minutes from April 3, 2025; seconded by Mr. Nigam. There being no further discussion, the Legislative Committee meeting minutes from April 3, 2025, were unanimously approved by the Board.

b. Board Minutes from April 8, 2025

Dr. Janda made a motion to approve the Board meeting minutes from April 8, 2025; seconded by Mr. Nigam. There being no further discussion, the Board meeting minutes from April 8, 2025, were unanimously approved by the Board.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA TO GRANT LICENSURE FOR OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, A SPECIAL EVENT LICENSE, RESTORATION OF LICENSE, AND 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

James Betoni, D.O.
William Cates, D.O.
Cristiana Cavallari, D.O.
Keelan Connelly, D.O.
Matthew Cox, D.O.

Specialty

OB/GYN
Anesthesiology
Internal Medicine
Emergency Medicine
Emergency Medicine

Adrian Davoodian, D.O.

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Travis Hammond, D.O.

Anesthesiology

Jonathan Hansen, D.O.

Internal Medicine

Reed Hansen, D.O.

Internal Medicine

Jackson Hoekstra, D.O.

Internal Medicine

Roger Kasendorf, D.O.

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Haeseung Kim, D.O.

Internal Medicine

Christopher Konkel, D.O.

Anesthesiology

David Lim, D.O.

Rheumatology

Melanie Madriaga, D.O.

Family Medicine

Etan Marks, D.O.

Hematopathology

Kristen Meacham, D.O.

Emergency Medicine

Jennifer Onaga, D.O.

Psychiatry

Jenmarie Remo, D.O.

Family Medicine

Dunal Riveland, D.O.

Family Medicine

Kenneth Rodrigues, D.O.

Internal Medicine

Banita Sehgal, D.O.

Internal Medicine

Adam Shafi, D.O.

Psychiatry

Aaron Singh, D.O.

Internal Medicine

Clayton Starnes, D.O.

Emergency Medicine

Matthew Swartz, D.O.

Family Medicine

Thanapath Thantacheva, D.O.

Physical Medicine/Rehabilitation

Scott Turnbull, D.O.

Internal Medicine

Dax Veloria, D.O.

Family Medicine

Tahne Vongsavath, D.O.

Internal Medicine

Tyler Voss-Hamrick, D.O.

Psychiatry

Christopher Weatherly, D.O.

Family Medicine

Physician Assistant Name

Supervising Physician

McKell Prince, PA-C

Randall Yee, D.O.

Special Event License NRS 633.419

Specialty

Misha Briere, D.O.

Internal Medicine

Restoration of License

Specialty

Michele Neil, D.O.

Internal Medicine

Effective 07/01/2025

Special License NRS 633.411

Muneeba Ahmed, D.O.

UNR – Pediatrics

Jazmine David, D.O.

UNLVSOM – General Surgery

Hannah Forrestal, D.O.

UNR – Psychiatry

Vanessa Hamika, D.O.

Southern Hills – Neurology

Claire Hartwell, D.O.

UNLVSOM – OB/GYN

Charles Hirschi, D.O.

UNLVSOM – General Surgery

Gregory Kobellski, D.O.

UNR – Family Medicine

Brett Schonewolf, D.O.

UNR – Family Medicine

Samuel Weeks, D.O.

UNLVSOM – General Surgery

Melanie Madriaga, D.O., has not completed the application process and has been removed from the agenda for this Board meeting.

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

V. *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:

AB 56, which contains licensing language, fingerprinting provisions and CME requirements requested by this Board, was heard last Thursday in the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee. Ms. Wilson explained that Dave Dazlich of McDonald Carano worked with Sarah Bradley of the Nevada Board of Medical Examiners on presenting the bill. There were no questions, no support, and no opposition from the Senate Committee members. The bill went into a work session last Wednesday. Once it goes to work session, it will go to the Senate floor for a floor vote and then it will go to the Governor's desk for signature.

SB 78 is the Board and Commissions bill. Ms. Wilson stated that this bill currently remains in the Finance Committee because there is a large fiscal note attached to it. The Ways and Means and Joint Committees on Finance met, and they did not fund the 55 positions requested by the Nevada Department of Business and Industry (B&I). However, the Committee did fund nine (9) positions for B&I. At the moment, there is no movement on the bill, and it is unclear if it will move forward.

Ms. Wilson also stated there is another Boards and Commissions bill that is coming up, and they are working with leadership on that bill. Currently, there is a \$190 million deficit in the General Fund, \$160 million in the Education Fund. The State will be making cuts, and there could be a potential special session late this Summer or early this Fall.

VI. *+CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER REGARDING FARHAD AMIRI, D.O., (Board may move to go into closed session pursuant to NRS 241.030 because the discussion will have to do with this licensee's character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or similar items) (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President*

Dr. Amiri and his attorney, Aaron Fricke, appeared remotely. Board Counsel, Richard Dreitzer, stated that Dr. Amiri had the option to go into closed session. Dr. Amiri declined to go into a closed session. Mr. Dreitzer stated that Dr. Amiri is licensed as a D.O. in the states of Nevada and Michigan. In 2023, there was a written agreement that Dr. Amiri entered into with regard to some allegations against him in the State of Michigan. The D.O. Board in Michigan filed an Administrative Complaint and eventually a Consent Order was entered in that matter in December of 2023 which required Dr. Amiri to certain things. Paragraph 6 of the proposed Settlement Agreement and Order lists those requirements, namely, probation for a minimum of one day, not to exceed one year, subject to a series of terms set forth in the Michigan agreement and payment of \$4,000.00. Mr. Dreitzer has been in discussion with Mr. Aaron Fricke, Dr. Amiri's Attorney, for some time regarding this matter.

Dr. Amiri has satisfied all of the conditions of the Michigan Consent Order and has had his osteopathic medical license restored in the State of Michigan with no restrictions. The fact that

discipline was initiated against him in a sister jurisdiction constitutes unprofessional conduct and forms the basis for discipline in this state. The proposed Settlement Agreement and Order consists of a public reprimand. Dr. Amiri will pay the Board costs and Attorney's fees in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Mr. Fricke confirmed that Dr. Amiri has successfully completed the terms of his probation in Michigan. He thanked the Board staff for their patience and allowing him to resolve these issues, fully and amicably ahead of schedule. Mr. Fricke stated that this is an unfortunate misunderstanding that Dr. Amiri resolved to the Michigan Board's satisfaction and encouraged this Board to approve the proposed Settlement Agreement and Order. Executive Director, Frank DiMaggio, asked Mr. Dreitzer whether the \$2,000.00 costs/fees are payable within 30 days to the Board. Mr. Dreitzer confirmed that it is. Under the stipulated adjudication, it says all sums shall be made by a certified cashier's check within 30 days of the effective date.

Mr. Nigam made a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Order for Dr. Amiri, seconded by Dr. Polce. Dr. McDermott, the Investigating Board Member, recused herself. There being no further discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Settlement Agreement and Order pertaining to Dr. Amiri.

VII. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION/ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF CONTRACT OR CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH NUMBERS, INC. FOR BOOKKEEPING/PAYROLL SERVICES *(Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President*

Executive Director DiMaggio stated that Carol Woods, the President of Numbers, Inc., has been the Board's accountant/bookkeeper for the last three years. She has also been providing payroll services to the Board at which time her fees increased to \$550.00 per month. However, under the newly proposed contract from Numbers, Inc., Ms. Woods proposing \$650.00 per month for the services described. The fees will be due at the beginning of each quarter. There is also an added item she needs to do, which is to produce a monthly profit and loss report for B & I (Nevada Department of Business and Industry) on their form. B & I sent the Board the form, which was then sent to Ms. Woods who completed it and returned it to Mr. DiMaggio. Mr. DiMaggio then emailed the completed form to B&I. There is also a cost share item not to exceed \$500.00 per year due to an increase in costs for the payroll portion of QuickBooks. The total cost would not exceed \$8,300.00 per year.

Mr. Nigam made a motion to approve renewal of a contract with Numbers, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$8,300.00 per year; seconded by Dr. Janda. There being no further discussion, the Board unanimously approved the renewal of a contract with Numbers, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$8,300.00 per year.

VIII. 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*

Last month, the Board approved unanimously for Dr. Perlotto to attend the 2025 IAMRA Conference. During that Board meeting, Dr. Perlotto amended the motion to also approve travel expenses and attendance at the 2025 IAMRA Conference for Executive Director DiMaggio. Unfortunately, Mr. DiMaggio cannot attend. For this Board meeting, this agenda item includes possible Board approval of a Board staff designee so if another staff member was able to go, that attendee would be able to learn about some of the Board regulation pieces.

It was recommended that Board staff member, Carrie Klein, be approved to attend said IAMRA Conference in place of Mr. DiMaggio. Executive Director DiMaggio stated that FSMB has three scholarships available for this IAMRA Conference. Mr. DiMaggio stated that he applied for the scholarship for Ms. Klein on the first day he received notice of scholarship availability. Mr. DiMaggio has not yet been notified as to whom was awarded the scholarship. If the Board was awarded the scholarship, the money would be used to pay for Conference expenses for Ms. Klein. Mr. Nigam stated that if he is still a Board member in September 2025, he also would like to attend the IAMRA Conference.

Dr. Perlotto made a motion to add Mr. Nigam and Carrie Klein as the staff designees to attend the 2025 IAMRA Conference to be held in September 2025; seconded by Dr. Polce. There being no further discussion, the Board unanimously approved to add Mr. Nigam and Carrie Klein as the staff designees to attend the 2025 IAMRA Conference to be held in September 2025.

IX. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DISCIPLINARY MATRIX PERTAINING TO LICENSEES AND LICENSE APPLICANTS

(Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, President

This agenda item was included as a status check to see if Board members had any issues with the Disciplinary Matrix previously approved by the Board. Dr. Perlotto noted that, as there have been no concerns or questions expressed by Board members, this item will be removed from future Board meeting agendas.

X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Discussion/For Possible Action) by Frank

DiMaggio, Executive Director

a. Financial Statements

Executive Director DiMaggio stated that the financial statements and status reports are in the Board Member Teams folders. The license base continues to steadily rise. Contrary to what B & I had recently said, the Board is not in the red. As evidenced by the financial statements, the Board is solidly in black. There are no further comments to be made on the Financial Statements or Licensing Status Report.

b. Discussion/ Consideration/Possible Action Regarding Pending Legislative Bills, AB 56, SB 78, and SB 294

Executive Director DiMaggio stated there is another item in the Miscellaneous and Teams Folder called "Pending Legislation". AB 56, SB 78, and SB 294 are detailed there, and those bills were previously discussed at the April 3rd Legislative Committee meeting. However, there were reprints of those three bills that changed the substance of those bills. Instead of having a separate Legislative Committee meeting, Mr. DiMaggio proposed to address the three bills in front of the board at the meeting tonight if allowed by the Board President. Dr. Perlotto agreed.

Regarding AB56, the portion pertaining to this Board begins on page 12 at the bottom of Section 6.7. There is a change on page 13, paragraph 3 of the bill which now allows for full D.O. licensure of a resident, who is enrolled in a postgraduate training program in the U.S. or Canada, if they have completed 24 months of the program and have committed in writing that he or she will complete the program. On page 14 of the bill, a provision was added in italics which does allow the Board to take some action for disciplinary purposes. If the Board finds out that information provided from either the applicant or a primary source was fraudulent, false misleading, etc., the Board does

have the authority to temporarily suspend the license or conduct a prompt review and then declare the license “void”, if necessary. A void license is reportable to NPDB (National Practitioner Data Bank). If the Board temporarily suspends the license, it is not reportable to NPDB.

Under AB 56, licensing renewal for D.O.s would change to every two years vs. once a year, and the CME requirements for D.O.s would be changed to 40 hours of CME per biennium vs. 35 hours of CME per year.

Dr. Polce made a motion to support AB 56 as currently written, seconded by Dr. Janda. There being no further discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to support AB 56 as currently written.

Regarding SB 78, as Ms. Cassidy previously stated, the draft to this bill is still in ‘skeletal’ form. B & I Director Sanchez sent out on April 30th another proposed amendment to SB 78, a copy of which is in the Board meeting packet under “Pending Legislation.” In the draft document, the proposed merger of all boards under B&I’s purview is abandoned. Said draft amendment added that the Executive Director may be removed by the Governor. Other changes in the draft document were described by Mr. DiMaggio. In the original SB78, B&I proposed a transfer of 55 existing Board positions to B & I. The Finance Committee did not approve such a transfer but did approve nine positions for B & I Staff.

Dr. Perlotto made a motion to take no position on SB 78 as currently written; seconded by Mr. Nigam. There being no further discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to take no position on SB78 as currently written.

Regarding SB 294. Executive Director DiMaggio stated that in the Board members’ packets, there are three separate items: the first reprint of the bill, a letter from Jay Coates, D.O., from the Nevada Burn and Reconstruction Center, and a copy of the relevant Nevada Board of Medical Examiners statute and regulation on the number of PAs and APRNs that are allowed to be supervised. The bill would change the current wording of paragraph 8 of NRS 633.434 to read that “The supervision of medical services by a supervising osteopathic physician, which must authorize a supervising osteopathic physician to simultaneously supervise not less than six physician assistants.” This language is contained in the first reprint of SB 294.

In summary of Dr. Coates’ letter, it states that he would like the Board to allow a total of 8 advanced practiced practitioners, which he defines as PAs and APRNs. It is suspected that he was unaware of SB 294. Dr. Coates also stated the reason why he feels his practice should have the ability to supervise a total of 8 is because of the demanding nature of their services at the Burn Center.

The last item in the Board members’ folders for SB 294 is a copy of the current versions of NRS 630.275 and NAC 630.495, which are the relevant Board of Medical Examiners statute and regulation, which provide that a physician shall not simultaneously supervise more than 3 physician assistants nor collaborate with more than 3 advanced practice registered nurses; or a supervisor collaborate with a combination of more than 3 physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses.

Paragraph 2 of NAC 630.495 (which is not in this Board’s regulation) says the physician may petition the Board for approval to supervise or collaborate with more physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses that he or she would

otherwise be allowed pursuant to subsection 1 of that regulation; and that the Board will not approve the petition unless the physician provides satisfactory proof to the Board that special circumstances regarding his or her practice exist that necessitate his or her supervision or collaboration with more PAs or APRNs than would otherwise be allowed pursuant to section one of the regulation and that the physician will be able to supervise or collaborate with that number of Physician Assistants and APRNs for which he or she is requesting approval in a satisfactory manner.

Dr. Perlotto made a motion to take no opinion on SB 294 as currently written; seconded by Mr. Nigam. There being no further discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to take no opinion on SB 294 as currently written.

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

Mr. Dreitzer stated that during the past month, he has been attempting to resolve a case that has been pending for quite a while. There's also another case in which oral argument was had recently. Mr. Dreitzer is waiting for an opinion to issue from the Hearing Officer. Another case was concerning Dr. Amiri which matter was heard earlier on tonight's agenda.

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

No items were mentioned for future discussion.

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

- a. Next Board Meeting date:* Dr. Perlotto stated that the next Board meeting will be June 10, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. She reminded Board members that there will be a Board Meeting in July, but no Board Meeting in August.

Executive Director DiMaggio also reminded Board members of the Board Meeting date change for November. That meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 12th instead of November 11th which is the Veteran's Day holiday.

XIV. *PUBLIC COMMENT*

No public comments were made.

XV. *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 approve adjourning the meeting.

Minutes approved by the Board at the June 10, 2025 Board Meeting