



**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE**

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

**BOARD MEETING**

**March 10, 2020 @ 5:30 PM**

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

**Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine ~ Conference Room  
2275 Corporate Circle, Suite 210  
Henderson, NV 89074  
Public Call in Number: 1-866-854-6779; Meeting Code: 7492532#**

**\*\*\* MINUTES \*\*\***

**I. CALL TO ORDER (Discussion/ For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President, Roll call to determine presence of a quorum**

Board Members:

Ronald Hedger, D.O.  
Ricardo Almaguer, D.O.  
Paul Mausling, D.O.  
Samir Pancholi, D.O.  
Swadeep Nigam MSc, MBA, Public Member  
Carla Perlotto Ph.D., Public Member

Board Staff:

Sandra Reed, Executive Director  
Louis Ling, Esq., Board Counsel

Public:

Susan Fisher

Per Statute, the Chair or President is required before each meeting to ask if anyone from the public is listening on the telephone; and, if so, to identify himself or herself, and whether they could hear the meeting.

**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 comments.

**III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM February 11, 2020. (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Mr. Nigam made a motion to approve the minutes from February 11, 2020 minutes; seconded by Dr. Perlotto. There being no discussion, the minutes were approved by the Board.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA TO GRANT LICENSURE FOR OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS SPECIAL EVENT AND SPECIAL LICENSES (Discussion/ For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., 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>Osteopathic Physician Name</b>	<b>Specialty</b>
Matthew Albright, D.O.	Family Medicine
Collin Blattner, D.O.	Dermatology
Bradley Goad, D.O.	Internal Medicine
Lilia Gober, D.O.	Family Medicine
Tyler Hill, D.O.	Psychiatry
Karyn Ofa, D.O.	Internal Medicine
Todd Stearns, D.O.	OB/GYN
Fan Zhang, D.O.	Neurology

  

<b>Physician Assistant</b>	<b>Supervising Physician</b>
Eric Benjamin, PA-C	Brian Earley, D.O.
Sarah Green, PA-C	Judith Rosso, D.O.
Raquel Martinez, PA-C	Vincent Ho, D.O.

**Special Licenses NRS.633.411:**

David Weech, D.O. Kingman Sunrise

Dr. Perlotto made a motion to approve the licensees as written; seconded by Dr. Mausling. There being no discussion, the Board approved licensure.

**V. +CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF REVISION TO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER REGARDING MINESH AMIN, 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 will have to do with this applicant's character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or similar items). Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Mr. Ling explained the settlement agreement and order (SAO) that was negotiated with Dr. Amin. There was discussion by the Board regarding the circumstances-which related to criminal activity-that resulted in drafting the SAO for Dr. Amin. Dr. Hedger made a motion to deny the SAO as written; seconded by Mr. Nigam. The Board approved to deny the SAO, and decided the matter needed further investigation; and, then the SAO would either be presented to the Board at a later date or a hearing would be held.

**VI. +CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF REVISION TO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER REGARDING JAN LESTER PRING, 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 will have to do with this applicant's character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or similar items). Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Mr. Ling explained the settlement agreement and order (SAO) for Dr. Pring. The matter related to Dr. Pring not signing a death certificate within the 48-hour period required by law. Dr. Pring had been previously warned about this matter as it had occurred several times in previous years. Dr. Pring agreed to the terms of the SAO, which include receiving a public letter of reprimand. Mr. Nigam made a motion to approve the SAO; seconded by Dr. Mausling. The Board approved the SAO. Dr. Perlotto abstained from voting as she was the Investigative Board Member.

**VII. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING BOARD MEMBER PER DIEM ALLOWANCE WHILE CONDUCTING BOARD BUSINESS, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Ms. Reed explained that the statute allows Board members to be compensated \$150 per day for Board business actions such as attending Board meetings, related conferences, or working on investigations of a complaint longer than usual. Board members will provide criteria for compensation policy to the ED (Ms. Reed), who will write a draft policy for Board approval at the next meeting.

**VIII. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME) AUDIT POLICY FOR BOARD MEMBERS, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Samir Pancholi, D.O., Secretary/Treasurer**

Dr Pancholi suggested changing the policy of auditing the Board members annually for continuing medical education credits. Dr. Hedger stated that Board members should show that they are above board and all should be compliant with the requirements. Dr. Almaguer stated that he disagreed with Dr. Pancholi and that Board members should set the standard for other licensees. Dr. Hedger made a motion to retain the current policy as is with the Board members submitting current CME on an annual basis; seconded by Dr. Almaguer. The Board approved with Dr. Pancholi opposed.

**IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a. Financial Statements
- b. Licensing
- c. Staffing – Ms. Reed stated a new complaint specialist started on February 24, 2020. He had worked for the Board previously, but left for another job, and wanted to come back to the Board.
- d. FSMB and AIM will soon decide if they are going to cancel the annual meeting in April due to COVID-19 (caronavirus).

**X. LEGAL REPORT (Discussion/For Possible Action) by Louis Ling, Board Counsel and/or Justin Taruc, Deputy Attorney General**

Mr. Ling reported that the written order for the dismissal of Steven Ray's lawsuit was issued on March 2, 2020. If Mr. Ray is going to appeal, the Board will know by April 6, 2020.

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

Ms. Fisher stated that the legislative committee on health care met on February 19, 2020. The committee primarily discussed vaccinations and dental care. Talk continues on consolidating and overseeing licensing Boards.

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

No comments.

**XIII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT on Board Business, Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

No comments.

**XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comments.

Dr. Hedger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Perlotto and approved by the Board.

**Minutes approved at the April 14, 2020 Board Meeting.**