



# NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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

## ***REGULAR BOARD MEETING***

***FEBRUARY 9, 2016 @ 5:30 PM***

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

***Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine ~ Conference Room  
2275 Corporate Circle, Suite 210  
Henderson, NV 89074***

### **\*\*\* 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.  
Samir Pancholi, D.O.  
Paul Mausling, D.O.  
Nicole Cavenagh, Ph.D., Public Member  
S. Paul Edwards, Esq., Public Member

Board Staff:

Barbara Longo, Executive Director  
Louis Ling, Esq., Board Counsel  
Steve Ray, Chief of Enforcement

Public:

Denise Selleck  
Pashtana Vsufzy

***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 OPEN MINUTES FROM JANUARY 12, 2016,  
(Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President***

A motion was made by Dr. Cavenagh to approve the open minutes from 01/12/16, seconded by Dr. Almaguer; there being no discussion, the minutes were approved by the Board.

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

*Consent agenda to grant FULL LICENSURE to the following applicants:*

<b><i>Osteopathic Physician Name</i></b>	<b><i>Specialty</i></b>
<i>Brian Landreth, D.O. – Endorsement</i>	<i>Anesthesiology</i>
<i>Michael Vecchione, D.O.</i>	<i>Psychiatry &amp; Neurology</i>
<i>Gregory Zakas, D.O.</i>	<i>Physical Medicine &amp; Rehabilitation</i>

<b><i>Physician Assistant</i></b>	<b><i>Supervising Physician</i></b>
<i>Lynn Kato, PA-C</i>	<i>Michael Trainor, D.O.</i>
<i>Kathleen Thomas, PA-C</i>	<i>No supervising</i>
<i>Steve Xiao, PA-C</i>	<i>No supervising</i>

***Special Licenses NRS.633.411:***

<i>Elisha Bremmer, D.O.</i>	<i>Kingman/Sunrise</i>
<i>Hee Sun Choi, D.O.</i>	<i>Kingman/Sunrise</i>

***Special Licenses NRS.633.401(a):***

<i>Matthew Boyer, D.O.</i>	<i>Wyoming Athletic Trainer</i>
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A motion was made by Dr. Cavenagh to approve the above licensees, seconded by Dr. Pancholi, there being no discussion; the license was approved by the Board.

**V. + CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF NON REPORTING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER REGARDING ZACHARY LEVOKOVE, D.O., IBM RONALD HEDGER, 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). Ricardo Almaguer, D.O., Vice-President**

Ms. Longo explained that this is Dr. Levokove's second failure to report a malpractice claim within the 45 days and he also answered "no" to question 4 on the 2016 renewal application regarding malpractice. He has been fined for not reporting. A motion was made by Mr. Edwards to approve the order and settlement agreement on Dr. Levokove, seconded by Dr. Pancholi, there being no discussion; the settlement agreement was approved. The IBM was recused from voting.

**VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a. Compilation Statement
- b. Licensing
- c. Fulfillment of George Fields settlement agreement.
- d. Interstate Medical Compact Licensure now has a twelfth state (Wisconsin) and have six states that are introducing the compact to their legislature. Those include

Colorado, Arizona, Alaska, Washington, and a couple others. We are meeting again in Minneapolis in March.

- e. CME Audit. It is amazing how many people thought we were on the AOA cycle for CME's. We have approximately 30 licensees who still have not provided any CME proof and about 17 who have not responded at all and will be fined for the entire 35 CME's at \$50 a unit per the CME Audit Policy.
- f. We did get selected as the best tenant of the entire complex so they will be giving us some type of acknowledgement this week.

**VII. LEGAL REPORT (Discussion/Action) by Louis Ling, Board Counsel and/or Sophia Long, Deputy Attorney General**

Mr. Ling stated that some time ago we got sued by Mrs. Barney in relationship to a complaint she had filed regarding Dr. Royal and that lawsuit was voluntarily stayed until Ms. Barney's concerns would be addressed. We did work with and apparently satisfied Ms. Barney's counsel, and we mutually agreed to dismiss the case. The Orr case is still pending.

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

Dr. Pancholi initiated a discussion regarding his continuing concerns with AB 456 passed in the 2013 Legislature as it relates to the ability of some practitioners to advertise themselves as being "board certified" where their particular boards are not within the language of AB 456. Dr. Pancholi indicated he would like a future agenda item to discuss whether there are things that could be done by the Board to address AB 456. Discussion ensued regarding the Board's previous request for and receipt of opinions from the Attorney General that found that the law was constitutional and enforceable. Mr. Ling stated expressed concern that the matter was not agendized to continue discussion of the item, and he opined that based upon the Attorney General's opinion, there would need to be a legislative change. Dr. Pancholi stated that agenda item he would like to have is that the Board consider a regulation to promote bona fide certification programs because if not according to this language it may be viewed as anti-competitive. Dr. Hedger stated that he would be happy to put it on the next agenda for discussion.

**IX. PRESIDENT Report on Board Business, Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

No Comments.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comments.

Dr. Cavenagh made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Almaguer, and approved by the Board.

**Approved at 03/08/16 Board meeting.**