



# NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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

## **BOARD MEETING**

**May 10, 2022 @ 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: 1-866-705-2554; Meeting Code: 226691#***

***Note: Revised meeting call in number and code above***

## **\*\*\* 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.*

*C. Dean Milne, D.O.*

*Paul Mausling, D.O.*

*Samir Pancholi, D.O.*

*Carla Perlotto, PhD*

*Swadeep Nigam, MSc, MBA, Public Member*

*Board Staff:*

*Sandra Reed, Executive Director*

*Louis Ling, Esq., Board Counsel*

*Public:*

*Susan Fisher*

**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 APRIL 12, 2022 (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Mr. Nigam made a motion to approve the minutes from April 12, 2022; 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.*

**Osteopathic Physician Name**

*Daryl Callahan, D.O.*

*Matthew Gray, D.O.*

*Marie Hewett, D.O.*

*David Ho, D.O.*

*Ngoc-Tram Huynh, D.O.*

*Chad Jensen, D.O.*

*Seema Khurana, D.O.*

*Christopher King, D.O.*

*Nathan Lowe, D.O.*

*Natalia McGrew, D.O.*

*Qazi Mohsin, D.O.*

*Cheryl Niblo, D.O.*

*Kushal Patel, D.O.*

*Leonard Scarpinato, D.O.*

*Jessica Tullington, D.O.*

*Eric Tung, D.O.*

*Hunter Vincent, D.O.*

*Stephanie Yagi, D.O.*

*Inna Yaskin, D.O.*

**Specialty**

*Family Medicine*

*Anesthesiology*

*Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation*

*Radiology, Diagnostic*

*Family Medicine*

*Anesthesiology*

*Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation*

*Internal Medicine*

*Family Medicine*

*Family Medicine*

*Internal Medicine*

*Pathology, Forensic*

*Internal Medicine*

*Internal Medicine*

*General Surgery*

*Psychiatry*

*Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation*

*Pathology, Anatomic/Clinical*

*Internal Medicine*

**Physician Assistant**

*Erika Arizabal, PA-C*

*Janice Jaene Bautista, PA-C*

*Lena Burk, PA-C*

*Steven Evans, PA-C*

*Maria Vera Leon, PA-C*

*Starlita Moss, PA-C*

*Nicole Nelson, PA-C*

*Sandy Peng, PA-C*

*Taylor Scott, PA-C*

*Nyat Tewolde, PA-C*

*Christy Waters, PA-C*

**Supervising Physician**

*Active-Not Working*

*Charles Weintz, D.O.*

*Active-Not Working*

*Jawad Jilani, D.O.*

*Trent Leavitt, DO*

*Travis Snyder, D.O.*

*Jawad Jilani, D.O.*

*Active-Not Working*

*Michael Allen, D.O.*

*Michael Lemon, D.O.*

*Active-Not Working*

**Effective 07/01/2022**

**Special Licenses NRS.633.411:**

*Dana De Kruffy, D.O.*

*UNLV – General Surgery*

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

**V. +CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER REGARDING ROBERT MERRILL, 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 had been revised based on the Board's discussion at last month's meeting. The revised agreement mirrors the agreement Dr. Merrill made with the Utah Board. Dr. Pancholi noted language on page 5, line 10 that should have been removed when the agreement was revised. Mr. Ling stated the Board could choose to pass a motion to approve the agreement upon removal of that language and having the agreement signed again by Dr. Merrill and the Investigating Board Member. Dr. Hedger made a motion to approve the settlement agreement and order with removal of the language on page 5, line 10; seconded by Dr. Perlotto. The Board voted unanimously to approve, and the motion passed.

**VI. CONSIDERATION/ APPROVAL OF PROCESS TO HIRE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Ms. Reed proposed advertising for the availability of the Executive Director (ED) position through other state boards via the administrative collaborative, Administrators in Medicine (AIM) and FSMB through their newsletter. Another venue to advertise for the ED position, if needed, would be through the state job website. Ms. Reed would review applicants and provide a short list for interviews and final selection. A committee will be formed by volunteers who will be part of the interview and selection process. The selected applicant would likely start in early September. Dr. Hedger made a motion to proceed with hiring process as outlined by Ms. Reed; seconded by Dr. Perlotto. The Board voted unanimously to approve, and the motion passed. Ms. Reed will send an email to all board members asking for volunteers to serve on the hiring committee.

**VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a. *Financial Statements* – Ms. Reed noted the quarterly financial statement is included with the usual monthly statements.
- b. *Licensing* – Ms. Reed noted currently licensing numbers, which should increase with the start of the waived initial licensing fee in July. Dr. Perlotto suggested sending the press release announcing the waiver of initial fees to residency programs and osteopathic medical schools to notify them about the temporary waived initial licensing fee policy. Ms. Reed will work on forwarding the press release to such locations.
- c. *Comments* – Gov. Sisolak will be ending the COVID -19 state of emergency on May 20. Ms. Reed noted that the emergency license waivers will end on that date as well. Staff will notify the individuals under the license waivers about the expiration of the COVID emergency and offer options to apply for licensure with the Board.

**VIII. LEGAL REPORT (Discussion/For Possible Action) by Louis Ling, Board Counsel and/or Chricy Harris, Deputy Attorney General**

Mr. Ling had nothing to report.

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

Ms. Fisher indicated she sent the press release on the waived initial licensing fee policy to the Governor's office, various state departments and key committees. She added the feedback on the policy has been positive. Ms. Fisher attended the Governor's Health Care Provider Summit in April, and the policy was mentioned there as well. The Governor's Office will be

reviewing licensing board operations and processes. Ms. Fisher requested that the Board be included in those discussions.

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

No items.

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

Dr. Hedger requested comments on the FSMB annual meeting from those who attended in April. Dr. Perlotto noted the several primary discussions were about misinformation/disinformation, healthcare provider burnout, and diversity and inclusion. Mr. Nigam agreed, and noted the sessions were informative.

**XII. *PUBLIC COMMENT***

No Comments.

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

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