



# NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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

## ***REGULAR BOARD MEETING***

***MARCH 8, 2016 @ 5:30 PM***

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

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

**\*\*\* OPEN 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.  
C. Dean Milne, 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

Public:

Denise Selleck  
Pashtana Vsufzy  
Susan Fisher  
Mary Mercer, D.O.

***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 FEBRUARY 9, 2016, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President***

A motion was made by Dr. Cavenagh to approve the open minutes from 02/09/16, seconded by Dr. Milne; 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>Osteopathic Physician Name</b>	<b>Specialty</b>
Jeromy Butler, D.O.	Orthopedic Surgery
Jeffrey Chen, D.O.	Internal Medicine
David de Vinck, D.O.	Dermatopathology
Michele Fowler, D.O. - Endorsement	Emergency Medicine
Anderson Hu, D.O.	Anesthesiology
John Kim, D.O.	Family Medicine
Joseph Lo, D.O.	Emergency Medicine
Frank Paul, D.O. – Endorsement	Emergency Medicine
Michael Peterson, D.O.	Dermatology
Sean Tierney, D.O.	Emergency Medicine

<b>Physician Assistant</b>	<b>Supervising Physician</b>
Jenna Doud, PA-C	Thomas Zyniewicz, D.O.
Simja Yoel Levy, PA-C	Leo Capobianco, D.O.
Glynis Weaver, PA-C	John DiMuro, D.O.

**Special Licenses NRS.633.411:**

Jeremy Curtis, D.O.	Kingman/Sunrise
Earl Han, D.O.	UMC – Orthopedics
Travis Rump, D.O.	UMC - Orthopedics

A motion was made by Dr. Milne to approve the above licensees, seconded by Dr. Cavenagh, there being no discussion; the license was approved by the Board.

**V. +FULL LICENSURE FOR OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN MARY MERCER, D.O., (personal appearance), (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**

Dr. Hedger asked if Dr. Mercer would like to go into a closed session. She opted to go into a closed session. A motion was made to go back into open session. Dr. Hedger made a motion to grant licensure to Dr. Mercer, seconded by Dr. Milne, there being no discussion; the motion was approved.

**VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING NRS 629.076 AND POTENTIAL OPTIONS TO ADDRESS CONCERNS ABOUT CERTIFICATIONS THAT DO NOT SATISFY NRS 629.076, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Mr. Ling explained NRS 629.076 and the three Attorney General Opinions which further clarify the statute. Mr. Ling cautioned Dr. Pancholi on the record regarding his ethical obligation to abstain from voting on or advocate for the passage or failure of any action that might be taken by the Board regarding this agenda item because of Dr. Pancholi's direct business interest in the outcome of any such action. Mr. Ling explained that Dr. Pancholi could "otherwise participate" in the consideration of the matter, meaning that he could provide factual information uniquely within his purview. Dr. Pancholi stated his concerns regarding some Boards not being recognized by the AOA or ABMS and the reasoning behind this. After his lengthy explanation, a motion was made by Dr. Hedger to table the item, seconded by Dr. Cavenagh, and approved by the Board.

**VII. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT REGULATORY LANGUAGE ADDRESSING THE USE OF OPIOID ANALGESICS IN THE USE OF CHRONIC OR INTRACTABLE PAIN, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Mr. Ling stated that the Board started this project about a year ago to discuss a possible regulation for prescribing opioids for chronic pain. Mr. Ling explained that the most common type of investigation and prosecution seen by the Board involved primary care providers who attempt to treat chronic pain and who do not do so up to the standard of care for pain management practitioners. A revised draft was presented to the Board to approve or disapprove. Dr. Cavenagh and Mr. Edwards expressed support for the revised draft. There was discussion regarding some of the contents of the regulation. Dr. Hedger made a motion to table this regulation seconded by Dr. Milne, and approved by the Board to table this item for the future.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a. Financial
- b. Licensing
- c. IMLCC Grant. Barbara Longo stated she applied for a \$5000 grant and the Board was awarded the grant. This grant will be used when we are ready to move forward with the licensing piece of the IMLCC. It will go towards the IT improvements. There are currently six additional states reviewing the IMLCC with their legislatures.
- d. Update on CME Audit – there seems to be a huge confusion on the three year cycle that the AOA files and confusion of the categories required. The audit is now complete.

**IX. LEGAL REPORT (Discussion/Action) by Louis Ling, Board Counsel and/or Sophia Long, Deputy Attorney General**  
No Comments.

**X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION/UPCOMING AGENDA**  
No Comments.

**XI. PRESIDENT Report on Board Business, Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**  
No Comments.

**XII. PUBLIC COMMENT**  
Ms. Selleck made comments regarding NRS 629.076.

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

**Approved at April 12, 2016 Board meeting.**