



# NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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

## *TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING*

*MARCH 24, 2017 @ 9:00 AM*

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.  
C. Dean Milne, D.O.  
Samir Pancholi, D.O.  
Ricardo Almaguer, D.O.  
Nicole Cavenagh, Ph.D., Public Member  
S. Paul Edwards, Esq., Public Member

Board Staff:

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

Public:

Weldon Havins, M.D., J.D.  
Rudy Manthei, 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***

Dr. Havins stated that he would contact Dr. Joe Hardy and propose that each of the two medical Boards maintain their own statutes and regulations to license physician assistants (PA). Additionally, a PA would be licensed under only one Board, but be able to work under either board, to avoid duplication of license/renewal fees. The PA license would be recognized by the Board through a simple reciprocity.

**III. DISCUSSION/ACTION 2017 LEGISLATION AB 284 AND SB 210, and such other bills as may require the Board's review and position that may have been introduced after the posting of the Agenda, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Mr. Ling stated that due to the Board's opposition to SB210 (Anesthesiology Assistant), there will be an amendment to remove the Board of Osteopathic Medicine Statute (NRS 633) from the bill. Mr. Ling explained the purpose of SB284, which allows the licensing of physician assistants by only the Board of Medical Examiners (BME). Mr. Ling drafted an amendment to replace the bill to allow both the BME or Board of Osteopathic Medicine (BOM) to continue to license PAs. Only one Board license would be required for a PA to work under either (or both) Boards. License reciprocity will be accepted by each Board. A notification process will be implemented to inform the Boards who the PA is working under. Rather than paying for two license fees and renewals, a PA would only pay for one license under either Board, and be able to work under both Boards. The amendment will provide for a PA to sit on each Board and be given voting rights. Mr. Ling requested for the Board to approve the amendment, adding that it is important to present the amendment since the bill is scheduled to be heard in Committee on March 27, 2016. A motion was made by Dr. Cavenagh to approve the amended bill (SB284) with the provision that the PA not have any voting rights; and, seconded by Dr. Milne. There was some discussion, and the bill was approved by the Board with the provision that the PA not have voting rights, but open to revision if needed.

Mr. Ling explained SB260, which addresses physician collaborating with pharmacists in drug therapy. The bill was heard in Committee and is in the process of renegotiations. A motion was made by Dr. Hedger to approve the bill to ensure participation in the negotiating work group; and, seconded by Mr. Edwards. There was some discussion, and approved by the Board.

Mr. Ling explained SB372, which creates a licensed "collaborative physician." A collaborative physician is described as a person who has not yet attained or completed the medical schooling requirements, a residency, or passed the exams necessary to begin a residency. They would be under the direct supervision of an osteopathic or medical physician, and would be viewed on the level of a physician assistant. A motion was made by Dr. Milne to approve the bill; and, seconded by Dr. Hedger. There being some discussion, it was approved by the Board.

Mr. Ling explained AB129, which states that ophthalmologists/optometrists cannot make an assessment of the eye health and visual status of a patient based solely on the automated testing device that generates refracted error of the eyes. Dr. Manthei made comments opposing the bill. A motion was made by Dr. Pancholi to oppose the bill; and, seconded by Dr. Milne. There was no discussion, and approved by the Board.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comments.

**Approved at 04/11/17 Board meeting.**