



NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

****PUBLIC NOTICE****

BOARD MEETING

April 13, 2021 @ 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#*

*NOTE: Per Emergency Order 006 issued by Governor Sisolak on
March 22, 2020, there will be no physical location for this meeting.*

PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND THIS MEETING AT THE BOARD'S OFFICE.

***** MINUTES *****

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

Board Members:

Ricardo Almaguer, D.O.

C. Dean Milne, D.O.

Carla Perlotto, Ph.D., Public Member

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 MARCH 9, 2021

(Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President

Mr. Nigam made a motion to approve the minutes from March 9, 2021; seconded by Dr. Milne. There being no discussion, the minutes were approved by the Board.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA TO GRANT LICENSURE FOR OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS AND 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/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

Matthew Abinante, D.O.

Michael Bishop, D.O.

Vincent Boyd, D.O.

Catherine Colpitts, D.O.

Michael Dang, D.O.

James Dee, D.O.

Zhiqi Feng, D.O.

Michael Gaither, D.O.

Gina Gibson, D.O.

Daniel Hekmat, D.O.

Toni Hodges-Wills, D.O.

Collin Hu, D.O.

Megan Hubbard, D.O.

Esther Kim, D.O.

Kelvy Levit, D.O.

Alex Lin, D.O.

Wasim Mansour, D.O.

Ramandeep Mattu, D.O.

Harry Menon, D.O.

Bharat Mittal, D.O.

Jonathan Ni, D.O.

Alex Pallas, D.O.

Dominique Peppers, D.O.

Ry Ralph Reyes, D.O.

Joseph Ricioli, D.O.

Kevin Rowley, D.O.

Anaam Shaikhm, D.O.

Charles Willyard, D.O.

Rasiq Zackria, D.O.

Specialty

Family Medicine

Emergency Medicine

Emergency Medicine

Family Medicine

Neurology

Anesthesiology

Family Medicine

Internal Medicine

Internal Medicine

Internal Medicine

Obstetrics/Gynecology

Family Medicine

Internal Medicine

Family Medicine

Emergency Medicine

Emergency Medicine

Family Medicine

Psychiatry

Internal Medicine

Family Medicine

Emergency Medicine

Diagnostic Radiology

Physical Medicine/Rehabilitation

Psychiatry

Family Medicine

Pulmonary Disease

Internal Medicine

Internal Medicine

Internal Medicine

Physician Assistant

Holly Brisson, PA-C

Candice Cameron, PA-C

Kristine-Gem Estrella, PA-C

Juwaun Hinkle, PA-C

Alicia Rippere, PA-C

John Scully, PA-C

David Toone, PA-C

Supervising Physician

Daniel Moses, D.O.

Active-Not Working

Active-Not Working

Michelle Conger, D.O.

Nader Helmi, D.O.

Robert Lifferth, D.O.

Active-Not Working

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

V. +CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR FULL LICENSURE FOR OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN Dennis Concoby, D.O., with potential telephone appearance by Dr. Concoby, (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. Almaguer asked Dr. Concoby if he would prefer an open or closed session. Dr. Concoby chose a closed session. A motion was made by Mr. Nigam to go into a closed session; seconded by Dr. Milne and approved by the Board. After returning to open session, Mr. Nigam made a motion to grant licensure to Dennis Concoby, D.O., seconded by Dr. Perlotto. The motion was approved by the Board to license Dr. Concoby, with Dr. Milne opposing.

VI. CONSIDERATION/ACTION REGARDING REVISED POLICY STATEMENTS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDITS AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President

Ms. Reed noted that the Continuing Education Audit Policy was out of date. She wanted to update the policy to reflect current processes and to ensure all licensees are audited at least once every five years. Mr. Ling reviewed the updated Medical Marijuana Policy and added information on the legalization of recreational marijuana in Nevada. There was a brief discussion. Dr. Milne made a motion to approve both policies as written, seconded by Mr. Nigam. The motion was approved by the Board.

VII. CONSIDERATION/ACTION OF LEGISLATIVE BILLS, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President

Ms. Fisher updated the Board on current legislative bills. She stated Friday, April 9 was the deadline to pass bills out of committee. Ms. Fisher indicated there were several bills where she told committees Board is Neutral with Concerns, since the Board had not yet met to vote on a formal opinion of such bills. Ms. Fisher reviewed the four bills most impacting the Board:

- Senate Bill 278: requires new and renewing licensees to provide information on ownership of businesses and partnerships. Initial licenses or renewal licenses would not be issued or renewed until the requested information was provided. An amendment to the bill directs any collected business information from licensees to be sent directly to the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS). There would be a link inserted into licensee applications where they would be directed to the DHHS website to submit the information. Thereby removing the Board from any contact of such information. There are concerns about providing this information, as it is invasive. Considering the shortage of physicians in Nevada, the bill may result in a further loss of physicians.
- Senate Bill 326: allows physicians licensed in another state to practice telehealth in Nevada through a registration process with the Board. The registration would be valid for one year, and would be non-renewable. The registrant would not pay licensing fees, and would not be licensed through the normal means. However, the registrant must comply with Nevada law and regulations. The Board would be able to impose discipline. The bill requires applications to be electronic and include a welcome statement.
- Senate Bill 335: creates a Division of Occupation Licensing (Division) within the Department of Business & Industry. This would be an umbrella Board (similar to agencies in Utah & Colorado) over six licensing Boards but not including this Board. The bill also requires a 5% contribution to the Division from certain Boards' revenue.

The bill creates a voting position for a physician assistant on the medical Boards. Mr. Ling noted requiring the 5% payment may be unconstitutional--and if passed--may be subject to a court challenge.

- Senate Bill 402: requires Boards to issue licenses by endorsement, reduce fees for active military and veterans, and exempt them from certain examinations. The bill also requires the Board to submit an annual report to the Sunset Subcommittee and Governor's Office. If a Board does not submit a report, the bill authorizes the Governor to suspend the Board's authority until the report is submitted.

Dr. Milne made a motion to oppose all four bills-SB278, SB326, SB335, and SB402; seconded by Dr. Perlotto. The Board approved opposing said Bills.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Financial Statements* – Ms. Reed noted we are meeting goal of bringing in less revenue due to lower licensing fees.
- Licensing* – Currently have approximately 70 residents applying for special licenses. Continue to be busy with new applications.

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

Mr. Ling reported receiving notice from Attorney General's Office yesterday that an important procedural motion in the case against the Board involving a former employee was ruled in favor of the Board by the State Supreme Court. The procedural ruling should favor a positive outcome for the board in the ultimate final outcome before the Supreme Court. The Attorney General's Office represented the Board well on this matter.

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

No update.

XI. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION/UPCOMING AGENDA

No items.

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

No report.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments.

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

Minutes approved by the Board at the May 11, 2021 Board Meeting.