



NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

****PUBLIC NOTICE****

BOARD MEETING

October 12, 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 Governor Sisolak's Directive 44, beginning June 1, 2021, Board meetings will return to holding meetings at physical locations.

*** 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.

Samir Pancholi, D.O.

Ricardo Almaguer, 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

Jason Watkins

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 SEPTEMBER 14, 2021, AND AUGUST 20, 2021 (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President

Mr. Nigam made a motion to approve the minutes from September 14, and August 20, 2021; seconded by Dr. Pancholi. 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

Zachary Baselle, D.O.

Patrick Hsu, D.O.

Khawer Khadimally, D.O.

Adam Larsen, D.O.

Marc Lewandoski, D.O.

Jaclyn Matsuura, D.O.

Susan Meller, D.O.

Specialty

Emergency Medicine

Emergency Medicine

Internal Medicine

Internal Medicine

Family Medicine

Emergency Medicine

Internal Medicine

Physician Assistant

Mandy Coulese, PA-C

Dennis Fajardo, PA-C

Katherine Mauldin, PA-C

Christopher Mercer, PA-C

Regina Pedersen, PA-C

Supervising Physician

Drew Blumberg, D.O.

Active-Not Working

Denis Patterson, D.O.

Active-Not Working

Active-Not Working

Ms. Reed noted Johol Chan, D.O. requested to hold his application for approval until the December meeting, to be approved for licensure beginning January 1, 2022. Dr. Pancholi made a motion to approve the licensees as written (removing Dr. Chan); seconded by Mr. Nigam. There being no discussion, the Board approved licensure.

V. CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF FY 2020-2021 AUDIT AS REQUIRED PER NRS 218G.400, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President

Jason Watkins, audit preparer from Watkins Jackson, noted the audit was straightforward with no significant items of interest or suggested changes. Mr. Nigam made a motion to approve the audit for fiscal year 2020-2021; seconded by De. Perlotto. There being no opposition, the Board approved the motion.

VI. CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR LEGISLATIVE/GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS SERVICES, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President

Ms. Reed noted per state requirements at least three organizations were contacted for proposals. Two of the organizations declined to submit a proposal, and only the current organization, McDonald Carano, provided a proposal. Ms. Reed explained the current proposal is similar to the current contract, except for a slight increase in fees (from \$2000.00 to \$2500.00 for months out of Legislative session; and, from \$2500.00 to \$3000.00 for months during the Legislative session). Dr. Hedger made a motion to accept contract as written for next two years; seconded by Mr. Nigam. The Board approved the contract with McDonald Carano.

VII. CONSIDERATION/ACTION REGARDING COMLEX LEVEL 2 PE EXAM REQUIREMENTS, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, PhD.

Dr. Perlotto mentioned her concern about COMLEX Level 2 PE exam requirement and whether the Board's statutory requirements would impact future applicants, as NBOME has decided to not offer the exam during the Covid-19 pandemic. Mr. Ling explained that current NRS requirements are not impacted as they refer to complying with NBOME requirements. Since NBOME has suspended the exam, the exam will not be part of the current requirements and will not prevent future applicants from being licensed. Graduating medical students from class of 2021 may have taken the exam. However, few, if any graduates from the class of 2022, and most likely class of 2023, will have taken the exam. No action was needed, as a current statute sufficiently covers this issue.

VIII. CONSIDERATION/ACTION REGARDING UPDATED REVISED POLICY FOR PROSPECTIVE CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDITS, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President

Ms. Reed noted the revised policy moves the CME audit period to occur during the renewal period, ending on December 31 of each year. This was revised from auditing licensees after the renewal period. The new policy aligns with the statute. Dr. Perlotto made a motion to accept the updated revised CME policy in text and flow chart format; seconded by Mr. Nigam. There being no opposition, the Board approved the motion.

IX. CONSIDERATION/ACTION REGARDING IBM COMPLAINT REVIEW PROCESS, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Samir Pancholi, D.O.

Dr. Pancholi suggested implementing a current complaint review process for Investigative Board Members (IBM). Mr. Ling suggested developing a check list for complaints, which would include possible options on how to address them. Dr. Hedger suggested reviewing examples from other boards. Dr. Pancholi volunteered to work with Mr. Ling, Ms. Reed, and Mr. Bailey, Board investigator, to develop and update IBM complaint review documentation. Mr. Ling noted developing a complaint review process for IBMs may take several months to complete.

X. CONSIDERATION/ACTION REGARDING A POLICY ADDRESSING POSSIBLE MISINFORMATION OF COVID 19 BY PROVIDERS, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Swadeep Nigam, MSc, MBA, Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. Nigam noted misinformation of COVID-19 treatment has become a nationally reported topic, with medical boards, organizations, local governments, and several state boards implementing policies to address misinformation, including, disciplinary action taken against physicians for pushing misinformation about COVID-19. After much discussion with varying viewpoints on the matter, the Board agreed an official statement or policy should be approved. Ms. Reed noted to address all viewpoints, having a broad policy in place. Mr. Nigam will work with Mr. Ling and Ms. Reed to draft a policy for the Board to discuss at the November meeting.

XI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. *Financial Statements* – Ms. Reed noted the financials beginning in September will indicate the budget numbers will be spread evenly among all months.
- b. *Licensing* – Renewal season in progress. Licensees are using and returning the CME audit form created for this renewal season.

XII. LEGAL REPORT (Discussion/For Possible Action) by Louis Ling, Board Counsel and/or Justin Taruc, Deputy Attorney General
No reports from Mr. Ling.

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

Ms. Fisher noted a couple legislator changes/updates.

XIV. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION/UPCOMING AGENDA

No items.

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

No report.

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments.

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

Minutes approved by the Board on November 9, 2021.