



# NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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

## **BOARD MEETING**

**January 11, 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: 1-866-854-6779; 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.  
Ricardo Almaguer, D.O.  
Samir Pancholi, D.O.  
Paul Mausling, D.O.  
C. Dean Milne, D.O.  
Swadeep Nigam, MSc, MBA, Public Member*

**Board Staff:**

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

**Public:**

*Susan Fisher  
Amanda Carter  
Chricy Harris*

**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 DECEMBER 14, 2021**

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

Mr. Nigam made a motion to approve the minutes from December 14, 2021; seconded by Dr. Almaguer. 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.*

<b>Osteopathic Physician Name</b>	<b>Specialty</b>
<i>John Caraway, D.O.</i>	<i>Family Medicine</i>
<i>Yitin Chen, D.O.</i>	<i>Family Medicine</i>
<i>Stephen Daquino, D.O.</i>	<i>Family Medicine</i>
<i>Amy DePue, D.O.</i>	<i>Family Medicine</i>
<i>Amishi Dharia, D.O.</i>	<i>Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation</i>
<i>Charles Egan, D.O.</i>	<i>Radiology</i>
<i>Karyn Liebsch, D.O.</i>	<i>Emergency Medicine</i>
<i>Robert Myers, D.O.</i>	<i>Neurology</i>
<i>Andrew Novick, D.O.</i>	<i>Neurology</i>
<i>Cherisa Sandrow, D.O.</i>	<i>Family Medicine</i>
<i>Andrea Wiens, D.O.</i>	<i>Pathology-Anatomic</i>

<b>Physician Assistant</b>	<b>Supervising Physician</b>
<i>Darin Dutson, PA-C</i>	<i>Active-Not Working</i>
<i>Brennon Flannery, PA-C</i>	<i>Craig Parson, D.O.</i>
<i>Morgan Steiner, PA-C</i>	<i>Rajiv Amesur, D.O.</i>
<i>Tiffany Turner, PA-C</i>	<i>Edward Ofori, D.O.</i>

Dr. Hedger noted Anum Hoodbhoy, PA-C was removed from the consent agenda as new information obtained by the Board must be considered. Dr. Almaguer made a motion to approve the licensees as written (removing PA Hoodbhoy); seconded by Mr. Nigam. There being no discussion, the Board approved licensure.

**V. +CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER REGARDING MINESH AMIN, 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 to the Board the reason and terms of the Settlement Agreement and Order (SAO) for Minesh Amin, D.O. He indicated the SAO resulted from a Nevada Board of Pharmacy Board Stipulated Order being issued to Dr. Amin, due to him admitting to certain legal violations in September 2021. Several terms of the SAO include: 1) payment of a fine and legal costs; 2) Dr. Amin's license will be on probation for two years; 3) obtain approval by the Investigative Board Member to practice as a solo physician in a practice; and, 4) will be assigned a practice monitor to oversee Dr. Amin's practice while under probation. Dr. Hedger made a motion to accept the SAO for Dr. Amin, as written, and seconded by Mr. Nigam. There being no opposition, the motion was approved by the Board.

**VI. CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS FOR LICENSING DATA BASE SERVICES, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Dr. Hedger noted the licensing data base proposals were reviewed at the previous meeting. He added Thentia was the unanimous choice of the Board staff, and more economically attractive than the other proposal. He added that Ms. Reed sent the Board a summary outlining the comparisons between both company proposals. Dr. Hedger made a motion to approve the Thentia proposal for licensing database services; seconded by Dr. Mausling. There being no opposition, the motion was approved by the Board.

**VII. CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL TO FORM A COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS A POLICY REGARDING MISINFORMATION OF COVID 19, (Discussion/For Possible Action)**

*Swadeep Nigam, MSc, MBA, Secretary/Treasurer*

Mr. Nigam proposed forming a committee, that included a physician, to draft a policy regarding misinformation of Covid 19. After the Board discussed the matter, Mr. Nigam decided to withdraw the item.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a. *Financial Statements* – Ms. Reed noted the financial reports were re-tooled to be easier to read; also, the budget would be spread out equally over the twelve month fiscal year..
- b. *Licensing* – About 100 licensees remain to renew their licenses. Certified reminder letters were mailed to them on January 10, 2022.

**IX. LEGAL REPORT (Discussion/For Possible Action) by Louis Ling, Board Counsel**

Mr. Ling had nothing to report. He introduced Chricy Harris, the Board's new Deputy Attorney General representative. Ms. Harris made a comment, noting she was excited to be working with the Board.

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

Ms. Fisher updated the Board on the interim legislative committees. The Commerce and Labor Interim Committee held their first meeting recently. This Committee typically addresses bills related to our Board. Per the Committee's request, Ms. Reed will present to the Committee as will four other Boards, on February 1 on board best practices and other Board updates. Ms. Fisher and Mr. Ling are working with Ms. Reed on the presentation.

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

Dr. Milne questioned whether the Board could add Board members as licensee numbers continue to grow. Ling explained there is no formula connecting the number of Board members with the number of licensees. The legislature has not added members to boards in many years. Ms. Reed noted currently the number and type of board members is set by statute, and would need to be revised through the legislature. Dr. Milne decided to address the matter at a future date.

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

Dr. Hedger asked if anyone was confirmed to attend the upcoming FSMB meeting as the voting representative. Dr. Almaguer confirmed he will be attending.

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comments.

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

**Minutes approved by the Board on February 08, 2022**