



# NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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

## BOARD MEETING

March 8, 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#*

**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.  
Ricardo Almaguer, D.O.  
Paul Mausling, D.O.  
Carla Perlotto, PhD  
Swadeep Nigam, MSc, MBA, Public Member*

*Board Staff:*

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

*Public:*

*Susan Fisher  
Chricy Harris, Esq.  
Crane Pomerantz, Esq.  
Amber Carter  
Jeff Kaye, 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 MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

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

Dr. Almaguer made a motion to approve the minutes from February 8, 2022; seconded by Mr. Nigam. 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.*

**Osteopathic Physician Name**

*Willie Bruce, D.O.*

*Whitney Call, D.O.*

*Mohamad Fayad, D.O.*

*Samir Hage, D.O.*

*Michael Kidon, D.O.*

*Joshua Moore, D.O.*

*William Naylor, D.O.*

*Madhish Patel, D.O.*

*Alfred Paz, D.O.*

*Sabrina Sokolovsky, D.O.*

*Samantha Sorgentoni, D.O.*

*Jonathan Theriot, D.O.*

*Alysha Vartevan, D.O.*

*Victor Yoon, D.O.*

**Specialty**

*Emergency Medicine*

*Dermatology*

*Neurology, Vascular & Interventional*

*OB/GYN*

*Emergency Medicine*

*Internal Medicine*

*Orthopedic Surgery*

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*Internal Medicine*

*Emergency Medicine*

*Psychiatry*

*Internal Medicine*

*Diagnostic Radiology*

*General Surgery*

**Physician Assistant**

*Nathaniel Dabu, PA-C*

*Samantha Delgado, PA-C*

*Ariel Ikesakes, PA-C*

*Yana Jacks, PA-C*

*Alisha Plummer, PA-C*

*Aaron Storey, PA-C*

**Supervising Physician**

*Michael Allen, D.O.*

*Allan MacIntyre, D.O.*

*Sangeeta Wagner, D.O.*

*Allan MacIntyre, D.O.*

*Robert Lifferth, D.O.*

*Richard Winkelmann, D.O.*

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

**V. +CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER REGARDING DANA FORTE, 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 the Board of Pharmacy investigated and imposed discipline against Dr. Forte. The Board's proposed settlement agreement and order (SAO) parallels the actions taken by the Pharmacy Board, including two years of probation. Mr. Ling noted after signing the agreement, Dr. Forte requested she still be able to supervise APRNs while on probation. Dr. Milne, the Investing Board Member, agreed. Mr. Ling added if the SAO is approved, the language related to Dr. Forte supervising APRNs will need to be stricken. Mr. Pomerantz appeared on behalf of Dr. Forte. He answered questions from the Board regarding Dr. Forte's

supervision and mentorship of APRNs. Dr. Hedger made a motion to accept the SAO between the Board and Dr. Dana Forte, D.O. as written after striking the language regarding APRN supervision. The motion was seconded by Dr. Almaguer; and there being no opposition, the motion passed.

**VI. CONSIDERATION/PROVIDE COMMENTS/APPROVAL OF FSMB DRAFT REPORT ON DIVERSITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION IN MEDICAL REGULATION AND PATIENT CARE, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O.**

Ms. Reed explained a working group of the FSMB sent the draft report on diversity and equity to licensing boards requesting feedback about the report. The report will be published as part of an FSMB policy. The Board discussed the report, and indicated it may be used as reference and not a mandate. Dr. Hedger made a motion to accept the FSMB draft report on diversity, equity, and inclusion as written; seconded by Dr. Perlotto. There being no opposition, the motion passed.

**VII. CONSIDERATION/PROVIDE COMMENTS/APPROVAL OF IDEAS TO EXPEND BOARD FUNDS, INCLUDING PROVIDING FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR LICENSING APPLICANTS, (Discussion/For Possible Action) Carla Perlotto, PhD**

Dr. Perlotto proposed waiving the initial licensing fee for applicants who are applying for their first state license. Mr. Ling noted if the Board would like to move forward with this, a written policy would need to be drafted and addressed at the April Board meeting. The policy could be reevaluated periodically; but, if the Board decided to waive initial license fees a permanent policy, the regulations would need to be changed. Dr. Perlotto, Mr. Ling, and Ms. Reed will draft a policy for the Board to review.

**VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a. *Financial Statements* – Ms. Reed that she is working with the bookkeeper to update how dual licensed PAs are input into the licensing system and QuickBooks.
- b. *Licensing* – Updated numbers sheet provided to the Board
- c. *Comments* - None

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

Mr. Ling had nothing to report.

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

Ms. Fisher had nothing to report.

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

No items.

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

Dr. Hedger had nothing to report.

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comments.

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

**Minutes approved at the April 12, 2022 Board Meeting.**