Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine Minutes of July 28, 2023

Board Members Present: Maroulla Gleaton, M.D., Chair; Holly Fanjoy, M.D.; Renee Fay-Leblanc, M.D.; Gregory Jamison, RPh, Public Member; Brad Waddell, M.D.; and Lynne Weinstein, Public Member

Board Members Absent: Christopher Ross, P.A., Secretary; Noah Nesin, M.D.; and Jonathan Sahrbeck

Board Staff Present: Executive Director Dennis E. Smith; Assistant Executive Director, Timothy E. Terranova; Complaint Coordinator Kelly L. McLaughlin; Investigative Secretary Faith McLaughlin; and Administrative Assistant Maureen S. Lathrop

Attorney General's Office Staff Present: Assistant Attorney General Timothy Steigelman; Assistant Attorney General Jennifer Willis; and Assistant Attorney General Lisa Wilson

In accordance with the "Board Member Remote Participation Policy" adopted by the Board on January 10, 2023, the Board Chair directed that the July 28, 2023, meeting of the Board be conducted through remote participation of all Board members pursuant to Section 2(A) of that policy. The Board posted notices of this virtual meeting on its website and on the Legislative calendar. In addition, the Board posted a copy of the agenda for the meeting on its website.

Votes were conducted by roll call with members voting "for" "against" or "abstain."

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

PURPOSE

None

RECESSES

10:33 a.m. –	10:44 a.m.	Recess

I. Call to Order

Dr. Gleaton called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

IX. Adjudicatory Hearing

Hearing Officer Rebekah J. Smith, Esq. convened the hearing at 9:07 a.m.

Dr. Nass was present and represented by Gene R. Libby, Esq. AAG Timothy Steigelman, AAG Jennifer Willis, and AAG Lisa Wilson represented Board Staff.

Hearing Officer Smith conducted a roll call vote to confirm that Board members had access to the hearing exhibits with all members voting in the affirmative.

Following witness testimony, the hearing adjourned at 4:55 p.m. and will continue on a date to be determined.

XXII. Adjournment 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen S. Lathrop Administrative Assistant

Dear Mr. Smith,

In accordance with the "Board Member Remote Participation Policy" adopted by the Board on January 10, 2023, I am directing that the July 28, 2023, meeting of the Board be conducted virtually through exclusively remote participation pursuant to Section 2(A) of that policy. In support of this directive, I have determined that, based on the following circumstances, there exists an emergency or urgent situation which, pursuant to the policy, requires the Board to meet by entirely remote methods on July 28, 2023:

- 1. The Board meeting currently scheduled for Friday, July 28, 2023, commencing at 9:00 a.m. is a specially scheduled meeting for the sole purpose of the continuation of an adjudicatory hearing. The first five days of the adjudicatory hearing were held entirely remotely on October 11, 2022, October 25, 2022, January 31, 2023, March 2, 2023, and May 30, 2023. Four of the five prior days of adjudicatory hearing occurred at specially scheduled meetings held solely for the purpose of continuing the adjudicatory hearing. Specially scheduled meetings for the purpose of continuing an adjudicatory hearing which occur in addition to the Board's normal monthly meetings, and which requires all participating Board members to attend, prove challenging to schedule.
- 2. All Board members participating in the adjudicatory hearing agreed to attend the specially scheduled July 28, 2023, meeting to continue the adjudicatory hearing with the understanding that they would not need to travel and could participate remotely. All participating Board members must attend the specially scheduled meeting for the continuation of the adjudicatory hearing to occur. At least one Board member participating in the adjudicatory hearing will be over 100 miles from Augusta on July 28, 2023, and four of the six Board members are actively practicing medicine or rendering medical services.
- 3. Therefore, I have determined that there is an emergency or urgent situation such that the July 28, 2023, Board meeting shall be held entirely remotely in order to ensure that the continuation of the adjudicatory hearing occurs.

There will be no physical location where members of the public may attend this meeting. The Board will continue to provide members of the public a meaningful opportunity to attend the meeting remotely via Zoom as it has successfully done since April of 2020. Please post this determination to the Board website and update the agenda to include the Zoom information as soon as possible.

Maroulla S. Gleaton, M.D.

Chair, Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine