

Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure
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Minutes of January 9, 2020 Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.

Members Present: Scott Thomas, DO., Board Chair; Melissa Michaud, PA-C, Vice Chair; John Brewer, DO; James Pisini, DO; Brian Gillis, DO; Marty McIntyre, Public Member; Ryan Smith, DO.; John Gaddis, DO, Board Secretary

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General; Savannah Okoronkwo, Consumer Assistant; Det. James Gioia, Office of the Attorney General; Amanda Richards, Maine Osteopathic Association

There being no members of the public present at the start of the meeting, the Complaint Script was not read.

I. Complaints & Investigations

Complaint and investigative reviews are conducted in Public Session without the use of names, unless otherwise noted.

A. CR2019 17

Following review of the complaint, response and medical records, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Gaddis and voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant any action against the licensee. Dr. Pisini, Case Reporter, abstained.

B. CR2019 41

Following review of the complaint and response, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Pisini and voted unanimously to invite the licensee to attend an Informal Conference at a future meeting and to obtain more information. Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter, abstained.

C. IN2019 36

Following review and discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Thomas and voted unanimously to issue a Board complaint regarding the concerns brought to the Board's attention. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained.

II. Consent Agreement Compliance Update

A. Andrew Candelore, DO

Ms. McIntyre, Case Reporter, noted no new concerns; the Board reviewed the reports received pursuant to the Consent Agreement. No Board action was necessary.

B. Kevin Kenerson, D.O.

Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter, noted no new concerns and selected random patient names from the appointment calendar received in order that records can be requested for review, pursuant to the terms of the Consent Agreement (which is scheduled to end in April 2020). No Board action was necessary.

III. Minutes/Revenue & Expense Reports

A. Review of November 2019 Meeting Minutes

Following review of the draft minutes, the Board took this action:

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MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Thomas and voted unanimously to approve the November 2019 minutes noting one correction to be made. Dr. Gaddis abstained as he was not present for the November meeting.

B. Revenue & Expense Reports

The December 2019 revenue and expense reports, generated by DAFS¹, were reviewed and accepted.

IV. Other Business

A. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)

- 1) Board members noted the Federation's upcoming 108th Annual Meeting to be held in San Diego, CA from April 29th – May 2nd. Dr. Thomas, Ms. Michaud and Dr. Smith each indicated an interest in attending. Because the official notification of/information about the meeting has not yet been provided and schedules need to be checked, no decision on representation was made at the time;
- 2) Board members noted the poster hall invitation; no Board action was taken;
- 3) Board members noted the FSMB Proposed Strategic Plan; no Board action was taken.

B. Letter to HCIFS Committee re: LD558 (An Act to Amend the Continuing Education Requirements for Prescribers of Opioid Medication)

Board members reviewed the draft letter to the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services based on discussions when the Committee letter was first received. Following review, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Brewer and voted unanimously to approve a letter as drafted, confirming that the Board does not feel that it would be in the best interest of the citizens of Maine to reduce the current CME requirement related to opioid prescribing.

C. Request for Comments re: LD 1951 (An Act to Assist Persons with Disabilities Who Are Subject to Pill Count Requirements)

Board members reviewed and discussed LD1951 which could negatively impact disabled patients but also a provider's ability to confirm that their patients have been taking their medications appropriately, as prescribed. This LD will be followed but comments will not be submitted at this time.

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Brewer and voted unanimously to confirm that the Board did review this legislative bill.

D. Auricular Acupuncture Detoxification License Memo

Board members reviewed the memo and briefly discussed the content; no Board action was necessary.

E. Updated Draft of Physician Re-Entry Guideline

The Executive Secretary noted that this is a work in progress and will be brought back to either the February or March meeting for review.

V. Licensure Matters

A. Permanent Licensure Applications

Following circulation and review, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Ms. Michaud, and voted unanimously to approve the licensure applications submitted by: Robert Danbert, D.O.; David Felsted, D.O.; Giles McNeill, D.O.; Nyree Bryant, D.O.; Angela Combs, D.O.; Lisa Kaiser, D.O.; Farooq Ghouri, D.O.; Adrian Amin, D.O.

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VI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Dr. Thomas and voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary

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Minutes of February 13, 2020 Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Members Present: Scott Thomas, DO., Board Chair; Melissa Michaud, PA-C, Vice Chair; James Pisini, DO; Brian Gillis, DO. Members Excused: Marty McIntyre, Public Member; Ryan Smith, DO.; John Gaddis, DO, Board Secretary; John Brewer, D.O.

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General; Savannah Okoronkwo, Consumer Assistant; Det. James Gioia, Office of the Attorney General; Emily Bloch, Esquire; Abigail Varga, Esquire

Because those present at the start of the meeting were attorneys who regularly attend the meeting and are familiar with the Complaint Script, it was not recited.

I. Complaints & Investigations

Complaint and investigative reviews are conducted in Public Session without the use of names, unless otherwise noted.

A. CR2019 30

Following review of the complaint, response and medical records, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Thomas and voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant any action against the licensee. Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter, was not at the meeting.

B. CR2019 38

Following review of the complaint and response, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Thomas and voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant any action against the licensee. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, was not at the meeting.

C. IN2017 14

Following review and discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Michaud and voted unanimously to table any action on the investigation pending receipt of the licensee's renewal application which will be due by April 30, 2020. Dr. Gillis, Case Reporter, abstained.

D. IN2018 19

Following review and discussion of the materials gathered to date, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Pisini and voted unanimously to notify the licensee that while the Board appreciated the summary of comments he provided, that is not an acceptable response to the Board's request and that the Board now requests that he undergo a psychological evaluation, as previously recommended by the Medical Professionals Health Program, and that he either have his counselor submit his last six (6) months of records or provide the name of his counselor so that the Board can obtain the records independently. The Board would like this addressed so that the matter is back on the April 2020 agenda. Dr. Smith, Case Reporter, was not at the meeting.

E. IN2020 02

Following their review and discussion of the material received, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Gillis and voted unanimously to close the investigation, as the material, which provided no patient name or information, did not rise to a level which would merit further Board action. Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter, was not at the meeting.

F. IN2020 07

Following review of the material forwarded by Anthem regarding alleged unlicensed practice and billing, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Michaud and voted unanimously to issue a complaint based on the non-licensed practice of osteopathic medicine. The Executive Secretary was asked to subpoena patient billing records from Anthem.

II. Consent Agreement Compliance Update

A. Andrew Candelore, DO

In the absence of the Case Reporter (Ms. McIntyre), the Executive Secretary noted no new concerns; Board members reviewed reports received pursuant to the Consent Agreement. No Board action was necessary.

B. Kevin Kenerson, D.O.

In the absence of the Case Reporter (Dr. Gaddis), the Executive Secretary noted no new concerns. Dr. Gaddis, while unable to attend the meeting, reported that he had completed his review of the records requested pursuant to the terms of the Consent Agreement and that there were no issues of concern (i.e. records were appropriate, standard of care following and drug screens done when appropriate) No Board action was necessary.

III. Minutes/Revenue & Expense Reports

A. Review of December 2019 & January 2020 Meeting Minutes

Following review of the draft minutes, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Michaud and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 2019 and January 2020 meetings as written.

B. Revenue & Expense Reports

The February 2020 revenue and expense reports, generated by DAFS¹, were reviewed and accepted.

IV. Other Business

A. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)

The Board determined that Ms. Michaud will be the 2020 voting delegate at the FSMB Annual Meeting to be held in San Diego, CA in April.

B. Review of LD1660 Proposed Language

Board members reviewed the potentially final draft language in LD1660. No Board action was necessary.

¹ Division of Administrative & Financial Services

C. Review of Joint Rule Chapter 12 – Office Based Opioid Treatment

Following review, the Board took these actions:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Michaud and voted unanimously to adopt the Basis Statement for Chapter 12 as presented.

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Michaud and voted unanimously to adopt Rule Chapter 12 (joint with the Boards of Nursing and Licensure in Medicine).

D. Review of Rule Chapter 21 – Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain

Following review, the Board took these actions:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Michaud and voted unanimously to adopt the Basis Statement for Chapter 21 as presented.

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Michaud and voted unanimously to adopt Rule Chapter 21 (joint with the Boards of Medicine, Nursing & Podiatric Medicine).

V. Government Evaluation Act – Brief Overview

While not on the agenda, Dr. Thomas noted having attended the Legislature's Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee review of the Board's 'Sunset Review' report. Dr. Thomas provided the Committee with (at their request) a 15-minute overview of the report and what the Board sees as emerging issues. The Executive Secretary noted having spoken with the Committee's analyst and that the Committee may be discussing the reports again on Thursday, February 20th; the Board will be kept apprised of next review/discussion date.

VI. Licensure Matters

A. Teresa Caprio, D.O.

Following review of the Consent Agreement signed by Dr. Caprio wherein she agrees to complete her statutorily required Continuing Medical Education for the renewal period which ended on September 30, 2019, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Michaud and voted unanimously to accept the Consent Agreement as signed by the licensee allowing her until August 20, 2020 to obtain the required hours and until September 1, 2020 to provide written documentation to the Board.

B. Permanent Licensure Applications

Following circulation and review, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Michaud and voted unanimously to approve the licensure applications submitted by: David Clark, D.O.; Michael Moulton, D.O.; Curtis Ross, D.O.; Ryan Paolino, D.O.; Joel Hopper, D.O.; Jordan Faloon, D.O. and Christopher Rogers, D.O. No PA applications were presented for review.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Minutes of March 12, 2020 Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Members Present: Scott Thomas, D.O., Board Chair; James Pisini, D.O.; Brian Gillis, D.O.; John Gaddis, D.O., Board Secretary; Marty McIntyre, Public Member; John Brewer, D.O. Members Excused: Melissa Michaud, PA-C, Vice Chair and Ryan Smith, DO.

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General; Savannah Okoronkwo, Consumer Assistant; Det. James Gioia, Office of the Attorney General; Sandra Rothera, Esquire; Amanda Richards, Maine Osteopathic Association

Because those present at the start of the meeting were attorneys who regularly attend the meeting and are familiar with the Complaint Script, it was not recited.

I. Complaints & Investigations

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A. CR2019 17

Following review of the complaint, response and medical records, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Brewer and voted to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant any action against the licensee. Ms. McIntyre was opposed; Dr. Gillis, Case Reporter, abstained.

B. CR2019 42

Following review of the complaint and response, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis, seconded by Dr. Brewer and voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant any action against the licensee. Ms. Michaud, Case Reporter, was not able to attend the meeting.

II. Consent Agreement Compliance Update

A. Andrew Candelore, DO

Ms. McIntyre, Case Reporter (Ms. McIntyre), noted no new concerns; Board members reviewed reports received pursuant to the Consent Agreement. No Board action was necessary.

B. Kevin Kenerson, D.O.

Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter, noted no new concerns. Following discussion and based on the licensee's professional behavior and continuous compliance with his Consent Agreement which was due to expire just prior to the April 2020 meeting, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Dr. Thomas and voted unanimously to terminate the Consent Agreement, effective immediately. Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter, abstained.

III. Minutes/Revenue & Expense Reports

A. Review of February 2020 Meeting Minutes

Following review of the draft minutes, the Board took this action:

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MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Gillis and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 2020 meeting as written. Ms. McIntyre and Dr. Gaddis abstained from voting as they were not present for the February meeting.

B. Revenue & Expense Reports

Because the March 2020 meeting is early in the month, the revenue and expense reports, generated by DAFS¹, were not received in time for review this month.

IV. Other Business

A. National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners

Board members took note of the date of the NBOME Open House in Conshohocken NJ in April 2020.

B. American Association of Osteopathic Examiners

Dr. Thomas noted having attended the meeting and that the attempt to merge the two physician licensing boards had been discussed. Dr. Thomas noted that in addition to the AAOE, the Board is well represented by both the American Osteopathic Association and the Maine Osteopathic Association. The Executive Secretary noted that the Legislative Committee conducting the Government Evaluation Act review voted on March 11th, to pass LD2133 amended to require that each Board undergo the stakeholder process; the Board will hope to begin this process during the summer months.

C. Pandemic Planning

Though not on the agenda, the coronavirus recently termed a pandemic was discussed. Board members discussed potential licensing issues and difficulties licensees may have obtaining continuing medical education (in light of many programs potentially being cancelled). Dr. Thomas and Mrs. Strout will work with AAG Wilson to ensure that emergency licensing, if deemed necessary, is handled appropriately and as quickly as possible.

D. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)

1) Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Board members took note of the meeting highlights; no Board action necessary.

2) Advocacy News

Board members noted the advocacy news; no Board action was necessary.

3) Annual Meeting

It was noted that Ms. Michaud, who was to represent the Board at the FSMB Annual Meeting in San Diego had opted not to attend in light of the coronavirus; the Executive Secretary noted that it had been rumored that the meeting may be cancelled. Dr. Thomas will consider attending if the meeting happens.

E. Legislative Matters – Updates, No Action Needed

1. **LD1660** – Act to Improve Access to Physician Assistant Care was voted Ought to Pass with an Amendment but that the language of the Amendment was not yet available;
2. **LD1948** – An Act to Prohibit, Except in Emergency Situations, the Performance without Consent of Pelvic Examinations on Unconscious or Anesthetized Patients, was voted Ought to Pass.
3. **LD 2133** – Discussed above.
4. **LD2145** – this was a new LD which proposes to waive all financial and CME requirements for veterans applying for a Maine license. Additional information/clarification has been requested.

¹ Division of Administrative & Financial Services

V. Informal Conference – CR2019 41 – Executive Session

At this time, the Board voted (Ms. McIntyre, 2nd by Dr. Gillis) to go into Executive Session² for the Informal Conference. Once again in Public Session (Dr. Gillis, 2nd by Ms. McIntyre), the Board took this action

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Gillis and voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint filed by the Board on its own motion. Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter, did not vote.

VI. Licensure Matters

A. Permanent Licensure Applications

Following circulation and review, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Gillis and voted unanimously to approve the licensure applications submitted by: Jonathan Vitale, DO; Thomas Duff, DO; Stephany Doucette, DO; Patricia Collins, DO; Elizabeth Zamore, DO; Kaitlin Taplinger, DO; Rebecca Spar, DO; Laura Lee, DO; Christopher Foote, DO; Jessica Harness, DO; Caryl Heaton, DO; Michael Itidiare, DO; William Hoskinson, DO; Andrea Spiekhout, DO; Michael Zielinski, DO; Patrick Bagley, DO.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary

² At the request of the licensee, as allowed by law

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Minutes of April 9, 2020 Virtual Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Members Present: Scott Thomas, D.O., Board Chair; Melissa Michaud, PA-C, Vice Chair; James Pisini, D.O.; Brian Gillis, D.O.; John Gaddis, D.O., Board Secretary; Marty McIntyre, Public Member; John Brewer, D.O.; Ryan Smith, D.O.

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General; Savannah Okoronkwo, Consumer Assistant; Det. James Gioia, Office of the Attorney General; Emily Bloch, Esquire; Amanda Richards, Maine Osteopathic Association

Dr. Thomas recited a script prepared specifically for the virtual meeting, noted that all members were present, welcomed those in the virtual audience and started the meeting.

I. Complaints & Investigations

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A. IN2018 19

Following review of the materials presented, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Gaddis and voted unanimously to table any action on the matter until such time as the licensee has had the evaluation requested by both the Medical Professionals Health Program and the Board. Dr. Smith, Case Reporter, abstained.

B. CR2019 33

Following review of the complaint, response and other materials gathered, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Thomas and voted unanimously to ask the licensee to share his plans regarding renewal despite retirement or letting his license go into non-renewal. Dr. Smith, Case Reporter, abstained.

C. CR2019 43

Following review of the materials presented, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Gillis and voted to table the matter and require that the licensee undergo a mental health evaluation. Ms. Michaud was opposed; Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained.

D. CR2020 05

Following review of the complaint, response and other material gathered, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gillis, seconded by Ms. Michaud and voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant any action against the licensee. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained.

E. IN2020 16

Following review of the materials received and other investigative information, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Gillis and voted unanimously to close the investigation as it did not merit further action. Dr. Thomas, Case Reporter, abstained.

II. Consent Agreement Compliance Update

A. Andrew Candelore, DO

Ms. McIntyre, Case Reporter noted no new concerns; Board members reviewed reports received pursuant to the Consent Agreement. No Board action was necessary.

III. Other Business

A. FSMB – Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Board members reviewed the meeting highlights; no action was necessary. Also, regarding the FSMB, Dr. Thomas will represent the Board at both the virtual FSMB Annual Meeting and the American Association of Osteopathic Examiners meeting

B. Review and Discussion: Joint Rule Chapter 2 – Revisions Necessary

It was noted that with the revisions enacted (per LD1660), Chapter 2 needs to be reviewed and updated to comply. Dr. Thomas asked for volunteers to participate in a rule revisions workgroup. Ms. Michaud and Dr. Brewer will represent the Board and participate in upcoming meetings.

C. COVID-19 Related Information

1. Review and Discussion of Draft Joint Statement re: Guidance, Articles and Statements re Chloroquine, Hydroxychloroquine and Azithromycin

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Gillis and voted unanimously to adopt the language as drafted for issue as a joint osteopathic & allopathic boards statement and to delegate to the Chair to coordinate any final language changes with the allopathic board.

2. Governor's Executive Order #16

This was informational; no Board action necessary.

3. Governor's Executive Order #35

This was informational; no Board action necessary.

4. Governor's Executive Order #37

This was informational; no Board action necessary.

5. Maine Responds (Emergency Health Volunteer System)

This was informational; no Board action necessary.

6. CARES Act

Again, informational; no Board action necessary.

7. MPHP Testing Coverage Response Plan

Board members reviewed the response plan; no Board action necessary though Board members were pleased the plan was in place.

8. American Osteopathic Foundation

Board members reviewed information from the AOF regarding the ways in which they will be available to assist members.

IV. Minutes/Revenue & Expense Reports

A. Review of March 2020 Meeting Minutes

Tabled as the minutes were not finalized.

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B. Revenue & Expense Reports

Revenue & expense report not available from DAFS¹; will be reviewed at the May meeting.

IV. Licensure Matters

A. Permanent Licensure Applications

For this month, applications will be divided up and sent to various Board members for review and potential approval. Applications will then be ratified at the May meeting.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Gaddis and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary

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Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General; Savannah Okoronkwo, Consumer Assistant; Det. James Gioia, Office of the Attorney General; Emily Bloch, Esquire; Amanda Richards, Maine Osteopathic Association

Dr. Thomas recited a script prepared specifically for the virtual meeting, noted that all members were present, welcomed those in the virtual audience and started the meeting.

I. Complaints & Investigations

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A. IN2017 22

Following review of the materials presented, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud and seconded by Ms. McIntyre with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to initiate a complaint regarding unprofessional conduct and opioid prescribing for self and family. The Case Reporter, Dr. Gillis, abstained.

B. CR2019 33

Following review of the complaint, response and other materials gathered, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to dismiss the matter with a Letter of Guidance regarding the expectation of professional behavior. The Case Reporter, Dr. Smith abstained.

The Board would still like to know of the licensee's future plans regarding renewal and potential practice.

C. CR2019 45

Following review of the materials presented, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant action against the licensee. Dr. Smith, Case Reporter, abstained.

D. CR2019 46

Following review of the materials presented, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Dr. Gillis with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant action against the licensee. Dr. Smith, Case Reporter, abstained.

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E. CR2020 03

Following review of the materials presented, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Pisini, seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant action against the licensee. Dr. Gillis, Case Reporter, abstained.

F. CR2020 07

Following review of the materials received and other investigative information, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Pisini, seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to refer the matter to the Office of the Attorney General and to send a letter telling the physician to cease and desist, i.e. stop advertising and practicing as an osteopathic physician. Dr. Thomas, Case Reporter, abstained.

G. CR2020 11

Following review of the materials received and other investigative information, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote via roll call being unanimous to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant action against the licensee. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained.

H. IN2020 18

Following their review of the materials presented, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Pisini and seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to close the investigation. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained.

II. Consent Agreement Compliance Update

A. Andrew Candelore, DO

Ms. McIntyre, Case Reporter noted no new concerns; Board members reviewed reports received pursuant to the Consent Agreement. No Board action was necessary.

III. Minutes/Revenue & Expenses

A. March & April 2020 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call being in favor of the motion to approve the March and April 2020 minutes as written. 7 members were in favor, 1 abstained (Dr. Gillis as he had to step away for a short time).

B. Revenue & Expense Reports

Revenue & expense reports were reviewed and accepted (from DAFS¹).

IV. Other Business

A. Chapter 2 Workgroup Update

Board members discussed the question of Continuing Medical Education (hereafter 'CME') for physician assistants with Board members in agreement that the CME requirement should mirror those of the National Commission on the Certification of Physician Assistants (hereafter 'NCCPA') which are 100 hours every two (2) years.

¹ Division of Administrative & Financial Services

B. FSMB² Updates

Dr. Thomas noted having attended the virtual FSMB Annual Meeting and provided a brief overview of the topics discussed. No Board action was necessary.

C. COVID-19 Related Materials

Board members reviewed multiple documents related to the COVID-19 pandemic; no Board action needed.

V. Licensure Matters

A. Permanent Licensure Applications

The Board, having reviewed the applications, took the following actions:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote via roll call being unanimous to issue licenses to the following applicants: Charles Neilson, DO; Chelsea Gracia, DO; Eli Neiman, DO; Jennifer Lockhart, DO; Jessica Laviolette, DO; John Walker, DO; Joshua Brewer, DO; Michael Ellerman, DO; Peter Brooks, DO; Justin Quinlan, DO; Kyle Ettinger, DO and Timothy Cobb, DO;

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote via roll call being unanimous to table the application submitted by Barbara Steinbrecher, DO who has not practiced for approximately 6 years pending the receipt of further information and training to assist the re-entry to clinical practice process. The Board will also want to see a log of CME including AOA hours as her specialty is family practice.

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Dr. Thomas with the vote via roll call being unanimous to table the application submitted by Lewis Jassey, DO pending further investigation as discussed;

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote via roll call being unanimous to approve the application submitted by Katherine Keller, DO;

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gillis and seconded by Ms. McIntyre with the vote via roll call being unanimous to approve the application submitted by Ravi Patel, DO

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Dr. Thomas with the vote via roll call being unanimous to approve the applications submitted by: Drew Ramsay, DO; Michael Ellerman, DO; Nichols Gallagher, DO and Jessica Lucas, DO.

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud and seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote via roll call being unanimous to table further review of the following applications pending the receipt of additional information: Ayad Agha, DO; Innocent Ndzana, DO; Jonathan Marshall, DO

VI. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Gaddis and voted unanimously via roll call, to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary

² Federation of State Medical Boards

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Minutes of June 9, 2020 Virtual Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Members Present: Scott Thomas, D.O., Board Chair; Melissa Michaud, PA-C, Vice Chair; James Pisini, D.O.; Brian Gillis, D.O.; John Gaddis, D.O., Board Secretary; Marty McIntyre, Public Member; John Brewer, D.O.; Ryan Smith, D.O.

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General; Savannah Okoronkwo, Consumer Assistant; Det. James Gioia, Office of the Attorney General; Emily Bloch, Esquire; Amanda Richards, Maine Osteopathic Association

Dr. Thomas recited a script prepared specifically for the virtual meeting, noted that all members were present, welcomed those in the virtual audience and started the meeting.

I. Complaints & Investigations

Complaint and investigative reviews are conducted in Public Session without the use of names, unless otherwise noted.

A. CR2019 43

Following review of the additional materials presented, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Thomas with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant action against the licensee. The Case Reporter, Dr. Brewer, abstained.

B. IN2020 21

Following review of the investigative materials presented, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to issue a Board complaint as discussed during review. The Case Reporter, Ms. McIntyre, abstained.

II. Consent Agreement Compliance Update

A. Andrew Candelore, DO

Ms. McIntyre, Case Reporter noted no new concerns; Board members reviewed reports received pursuant to the Consent Agreement. No Board action was necessary.

III. Minutes/Revenue & Expense Reports

A. May 2020 Meeting Minutes

Review of the May 2020 minutes was tabled until the July 2020 meeting.

B. Revenue & Expense Reports

Review of the Revenue & Expense reports was also tabled as the reports were not yet available from DAFS¹

IV. Other Business

A. Review of Draft Rule Chapter 2

Board members reviewed the materials and took this action:

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MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Gillis with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to propose the rule and to proceed with the rulemaking process.

B. Review of Draft Physician/Physician Assistant Re-Entry Guidelines

Board members reviewed and discussed the draft guidelines and took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Thomas with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to accept the guidelines with the addition of language to include the appropriate PA² tests.

C. Federation of State Medical Boards

Board members reviewed and discussed the *Board of Directors Meeting Highlights*; no Board action was necessary.

V. Licensure Matters

A. Permanent Licensure Applications

Following review, the Board took these actions regarding permanent licensure applications:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to approve the applications submitted by: Brian Sweeney, DO; Daniel Martino, DO; Drew Ramsay, DO; Erich Russell, DO; Zachary West, DO; Taharka McCleave, DO; Scott Albin, DO; Ayad Agha, DO; Sara Happel, DO; Muhammad Ahsan, DO; Michael Johnson, DO; Innocent Ndzana, DO; Jennifer Couture, DO; Jeffrey Myers, DO; Jessica Lucas, DO; Michael Flamm, DO; Jonathan Marshall, DO; Samuel Ferguson, DO; Katherine Foote, DO and Julie Hoang, DO.

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous, to table action on the application submitted by Rosalyn Kim, DO pending the receipt of additional information as discussed.

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to table action on the application submitted by Michael Ligotti, DO pending the receipt of additional information as discussed.

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to table action on the application submitted by Joseph Susa, DO pending the receipt of additional information as discussed.

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Gillis with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to table action on the application submitted by Timothy Withers, DO pending the receipt of additional information as discussed.

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to table action on the application submitted by John LeBlanc, DO pending the receipt of additional information as discussed and holding an informal conference with the applicant.

MOTION TO RATIFY: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to approve the applications submitted by: John Cooper, DO; Jason Fidel, DO; Eric Shurtleff, DO; Ravi Patel, DO; and Brendan O'Donnell, DO.

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to table action on the application submitted by Lewis Jassey, DO pending the receipt of additional information as discussed.

² Physician Assistant

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Gaddis and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Minutes of July 9, 2020 Virtual Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Members Present: Scott Thomas, D.O., Board Chair; Melissa Michaud, PA-C, Vice Chair; Brian Gillis, D.O.; John Gaddis, D.O., Board Secretary; John Brewer, D.O.; Ryan Smith, D.O. Board members excused: James Pisini, DO; Marty McIntyre, Public Member;

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General; Savannah Okoronkwo, Consumer Assistant; Det. James Gioia, Office of the Attorney General; Emily Bloch, Esquire; Amanda Richards, Maine Osteopathic Association

Dr. Thomas recited a script prepared specifically for the virtual meeting, noted that all members were present with the exception of James Pisini, DO and Ms. Marty McIntyre, welcomed those in the virtual audience and started the meeting.

I. Complaints & Investigations

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A. CR2019 02

Following review of additional materials presented (as previously requested by the Board), the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis, seconded by Dr. Gillis with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to authorize a hearing with the licensee and authorizing AAG Wilson to offer a draft Consent Agreement with the specifics having been discussed. Case Reporter, Dr. Pisini, was not present.

B. CR2019 36

Following review of the materials presented, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to 1) inform the licensee that per Board vote, because he is not currently licensed, he must cease and desist practicing immediately; 2) inform him that if he wishes to pursue the reinstatement of his license, he must request reinstatement paperwork and 3) authorize a formal (adjudicatory) hearing to address the billing, coding and documentation issues of the original complaint. The Case Reporter, Dr. Brewer, abstained.

C. CR2020 12

Following review of the complaint, response and medical records, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gillis, seconded by Dr. Thomas with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant any action against the licensee. Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter, abstained.

D. CR2020 13

Following review of the complaint, response and medical records, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant any action against the licensee. Dr. Gillis, Case Reporter, abstained.

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E. IN2020 24

Following review of a 2506 report of concern regarding the health of a licensee as well as the results of the reporter's neuropsychological exams conducted in January 2020 and again in June 2020, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas to have the Case Reporter (or any other member who may be familiar with the licensee) reach out to him to discuss the possibility of permanent retirement from the practice of medicine and voluntary surrender of his Maine license.

That motion was withdrawn and following additional discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to table any action pending further information regarding his practice and the Board's request that the licensee surrender his licensure based on the findings in the report. The Board would like the information in time for the August 13 meeting.

V. A. Barbara Steinbrecher, DO Meeting (out of order from agenda)

The Board met with Dr. Steinbrecher, who applied for permanent licensure but has not practiced clinical medicine since October 2014. For this reason, the Board needs full assurance of clinical competency and asks that the applicant follow the Guidelines for Re-Entry to Practice. Following the meeting, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis, seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to table any action pending the receipt of evidence of clinical competency per the Guidelines and as discussed.

II. Consent Agreement Compliance Update

A. Andrew Candelore, DO

Ms. McIntyre, Case Reporter, was not present; Board members reviewed the report received pursuant to the Consent Agreement. No Board action was necessary.

III. Minutes/Revenue & Expense Reports

A. May 2020 Meeting Minutes

Following their review of the draft May 2020 minutes, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to approve the minutes as written.

B. Revenue & Expense Reports

Review of the Revenue & Expense reports was tabled as the reports were not yet available from DAFS¹

IV. Other Business

A. Acadia Hospital Correspondence re Helpful SAMHSA Mobile App

Board members reviewed the e-mailed information; no Board action was necessary.

V. Licensure Matters

A. Barbara Steinbrecher, DO Meeting with Board – see above – taken out of order

B. Permanent Licensure Applications

Following review, the Board took these actions regarding permanent licensure applications:

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MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis, seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to table the application submitted by Erin Chandler, DO pending the receipt of further information/clarification of certain affirmative answers on her addendum.

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis, seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to approve the applications submitted by John Haber, DO; Nurudeen Lawani, DO; Laura Groomes Lee, DO; Chelsea Martin, DO; Karanprit Singh, DO; Biana Volfinzon, DO; Michael Ligotti, DO; George Elias, DO and Jennifer Mytar-Li, DO.

C. Physician Assistant Application

Following review, the Board took this action regarding a PA application:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to approve the application submitted by Ann Catherine Boss, PA-C. Ms. Michaud abstained from the vote.

Dr. Thomas noted having attended a brief Zoom meeting with Amanda Richards, Executive Director of the Maine Osteopathic Association (MOA) and Charles Sultan, Esquire who represents the MOA to discuss immunity issues and the Emergency Medicine Act.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 1 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Minutes of August 13, 2020 Virtual Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Members Present: Marty McIntyre, Public Member; Brian Gillis, D.O.; John Brewer, D.O.; James Pisini, DO ; Ryan Smith, D.O. Board members excused: Scott Thomas, D.O., Board Chair; Melissa , PA-C, Vice Chair; John Gaddis, DO, Board Secretary

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General; Savannah Okoronkwo, Consumer Assistant; Det. James Gioia, Office of the Attorney General; Emily Bloch, Esquire; Amanda Richards, Maine Osteopathic Association; Alan Hull, PA-C; Laura Harper, PA-C; Elizabeth Campbell, Esquire

Ms. McIntyre recited the script prepared specifically for virtual meetings, noted the 5 members present with introductions, welcomed those in the virtual audience and started the meeting.

I. Complaints & Investigations

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A. IN2018 19

Following review of additional materials presented (as previously requested by the Board), Dr. Smith (Case Reporter) re-capped the case and the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Dr. Gillis with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to issue a Board complaint due to unprofessional conduct. Dr. Smith, Case Reporter, abstained.

B. CR2020 04

Following review of the complaint, response and medical records, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Pisini, seconded by Dr. Gillis with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant action against the licensee. Case Reporter, Dr. Thomas, was not present.

C. CR2020 14

Following review of the complaint, response and medical records, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote via roll call being Ms. McIntyre, Dr. Smith and Dr. Pisini in favor to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant action against the licensee. Dr. Gillis abstained. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained.

D. CR2020 15

Following review of the complaint, response and medical records, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gillis, seconded by Dr Brewer, with the vote via roll call being unanimous to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant action against the licensee. Dr. Pisini, Case Reporter, abstained.

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E. CR2020 19

Following review of the complaint , response and records, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote via roll call being unanimous to dismiss the complaint but to issue a Letter of Guidance, to be on file for five (5) years, suggesting the use of a nurse/patient educator to help female patients understand what would be taking place and/or to consider different methods that might achieve the same goal without being as intrusive to a patient. Dr. Pisini, Case Reporter, abstained.

F. IN2020 25

Following an overview of the case by the Case Reporter as well as the materials received, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to issue a complaint based on unprofessional conduct, fraud and deceit. Ms. McIntyre, Case Reporter, abstained.

G. IN2020 27

Following an overview of the case by the Case Reporter as well as a thorough review the materials received, Board members took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Pisini, seconded by Ms. McIntyre with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to issue a complaint regarding unlicensed practice (license renewal application not submitted in a timely manner) and writing prescriptions in violation of Rule Chapter 12. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained.

H. IN2020 32

Following thorough review of the investigative materials presented, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Pisini, seconded by Dr. Smith with the vote via roll call being unanimous, to issue a complaint regarding violations of Rule Chapter 21 and unprofessional conduct regarding prescribing. The Case Reporter, Dr. Thomas, was not present.

I. IN2020 24

Following an overview by the Case Reporter and review of the materials received, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote via roll call being unanimous, to issue an emergency 30 day license suspension under 5 M.R.S. § 10004, based on a provider report indicating that the licensee is in ill health which could, in turn, affect the health and safety of patients. The suspension is effective this date. Dr. Smith, Case Reporter, did not vote.

II. Consent Agreement Compliance Update

A. Andrew Candelore, DO

Ms. McIntyre, Case Reporter noted the request for termination of the Consent Agreement. Following review and discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote via roll call being unanimous not to terminate the Consent Agreement but rather to continue it for one (1) year requiring more (and timely) substantive reports from his counselor with the next quarterly report being due in November. Ms. McIntyre, Case Reporter, abstained.

III. Minutes/Revenue & Expense Reports

A. June 2020 Meeting Minutes

Following their review of the draft June 2020 minutes, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to approve the June 2020 minutes as written.

B. July 2020 Meeting Minutes

Following their review of the draft July 2020 minutes, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Dr. Gillis with the vote, via roll call being 3 members in favor (Drs. Brewer, Pisini and Gillis) and 2 members abstaining (Ms. McIntyre and Dr. Pisini) as they were not present for the July meeting.

C. Revenue & Expense Reports

Board members reviewed and accepted the July 2020 reports provided by DAFS.¹

IV. Other Business

A. Medical Professionals Health Program Annual Report

Board members reviewed the report included in their online materials and will review further online in order to save the cost of printing/ mailing it to each of them.

B. Federation of State Medical Boards

No material for review; no actions.

C. AOA/AAOE Information/Updates

Board members reviewed and discussed the information provided; no Board action necessary.

D. Sub-Committee Members Needed

Ms. McIntyre and Dr. Brewer were willing to join the other members of the Committee working on Legislative changes/updates.

E. COVID-19 Report of Non-Compliance

This matter, not on the original agenda, was reviewed as provided by the Dept. of Economic & Community Development, which provides the public with the ability to submit an online report regarding suspected non-compliance with guidelines related to the Pandemic. The reports are then referred to the appropriate agency for processing and review.

Following their review of the DECD guidelines and the reported concerns of alleged non-compliance, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to close the matter as the licensee's response indicated that appropriate precautions were, in fact, being taken and in compliance with the guidelines with appropriate social distancing in the waiting area and staff being more than the required 6' from anyone approaching the window with the window closed when no one is present.

F. Review of Revisions to Chapter 2 – Basis Statement and Comments

With the Board not scheduled to meet in September but the need to review the basis statement and response to comments needing to be reviewed in September, Board members took this action:

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MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Ms. McIntyre with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to hold at least a brief meeting in September to address this important and time-sensitive matter.

V. Licensure Matters

A. Barbara Steinbrecher, DO – Request to Withdraw Application for Permanent Licensure

Following review of Dr. Steinbrecher's request, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to accept Dr. Steinbrecher's request to withdraw her permanent licensure application.

B. Permanent Licensure Applications

Following review, the Board took these actions regarding permanent licensure applications:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Pisini, seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to approved the permanent licensure applications submitted by: Tishe Dalipi, D.O.; Russell Van Maele, D.O.; Rosalyn Schneider, D.O.; Robert Filippone, D.O.; Peffin Lee, D.O.; Lewis Jassey, D.O.; Kathleen Knipscher, D.O.; Kara Stuhr, D.O.; Erin Chandler, D.O.; Haeme Soffan, D.O.; Catherine McDermott, D.O.; Carolyn Ranten, D.O.; Edward Bender, D.O.; Mark Merlin, D.O.; Kenneth Nizza, D.O.; and, Asher Stein, D.O.

C. Physician Assistant Application

No PA applications were ready for review in August.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gillis, seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote, via roll call to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Minutes of September 10, 2020 Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Members Present: Scott Thomas, DO., Board Chair; Melissa Michaud, PA-C, Vice Chair; John Gaddis, DO, Board Secretary; James Pisini, DO; Brian Gillis, DO.; Marty McIntyre, Public Member; Ryan Smith, DO and John Brewer, DO

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General; Savannah Okoronkwo, Consumer Assistant; Det. James Gioia, Office of the Attorney General; Laura Harper, PA-C; Alan Hull, PA-C

I. Investigative Matter

A. IN2020 24

Dr. Smith, Case Reporter, provided a brief overview of the matter and reminded Board members that at the August meeting, the Board had voted to suspend the physician's license. AAG Wilson then updated the Board that since that time, she had spoken with the licensee and that he was willing to surrender his license to practice, due to the noted health concerns:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Ms. McIntyre with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to dismiss the current investigative matter. Dr. Smith, case reporter, abstained.

Following additional review and discussion, this motion was made:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis, to issue a complaint for prescribing while his license was suspended – the motion failed with no second.

Following additional review and discussion another motion was put forth:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Thomas with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to accept the licensee's request to voluntarily surrender his Maine license to practice. Pharmacies, employers, DEA¹, NPDB² and FSMB³ will be notified of the surrender. Dr. Smith, Case Reporter, abstained.

II. Review of Rule Chapter 2 – Physician Assistants

Board members reviewed the draft Basis Statement and Board Response to Comments and following discussion, took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gillis, seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to accept the draft Basis Statement and Response to Comments as drafted. The rule will be re-posted for comments.

¹ Drug Enforcement Administration

² National Practitioner Data Bank

³ Federation of State Medical Boards

III. Licensure Matters

A. License Renewal/CME Issues

Board members reviewed requests for extensions of time to obtain the required Continuing Medical Education for the following licensees and took these actions:

1. Peter Kirbach, DO

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to approve Dr. Kirbach's request for an extension of time, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An Administrative Consent Agreement⁴ will be sent to Dr. Kirbach allowing him through October 15, 2020 to obtain the statutorily required hours.

2. Peter Guay, DO

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis, seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to approve Dr. Guay's request for an extension of time, due to illness. An Administrative Consent Agreement will be sent to Dr. Guay allowing him through January 20, 2021 to obtain the statutorily required hours.

B. Permanent Licensure Applications

Following circulation and review, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Ms. Michaud and voted unanimously to approve the licensure applications submitted by: Henry Anhalt, D.O.; Allison Fluke, D.O.; John Levasseur, D.O.; William MacDonald, D.O.; James McKee, IV, D.O.; Carmel O'Donnell, D.O.; William Ruby, D.O.; Abby Sapp, D.O.; Roderick Starkie, D.O.; Rung-Chi Li, D.O., and Rebecca Williams, D.O.

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to table action on the application submitted by Linda Meehan, D.O. pending the documentation necessary per the Board's Re-Entry to Practice Guidelines policy.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary

⁴ Continuing Medical Education Consent Agreements are administrative in nature and are ***not*** reportable to the National Practitioner Databank or the Federation of State Medical Boards Databank.

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Minutes of October 8, 2020 Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Members Present: Scott Thomas, DO., Board Chair; Melissa Michaud, PA-C, Vice Chair; John Gaddis, DO, Board Secretary; James Pisini, DO; Brian Gillis, DO.; Marty McIntyre, Public Member; Ryan Smith, DO; John Brewer, DO

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General; Savannah Okoronkwo, Consumer Assistant; Det. James Gioia, Office of the Attorney General; Laura Harper, PA-C; Amanda Richards, Executive Director, Maine Osteopathic Association.

I. Complaints/Investigations

A. CR2019 02

Dr. Pisini, Case Reporter, provided a brief overview of the matter. Board members reviewed the Consent Agreement drafted by AAG Wilson based on Board guidance and signed by the licensee. Following discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to accept the Agreement as drafted and subsequently signed by the licensee. Dr. Pisini, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

B. CR2020 19

Board members reviewed feedback submitted by the complainant which was in line with the Letter of Guidance the Board had issued. No action was necessary.

C. CR2020 22

After an overview from Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, followed by review and discussion regarding the complaint, response and medical records submitted, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gillis and seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to set this complaint for hearing and bundle this complaint with the other already voted to go to an adjudicatory hearing, based on prescribing practices, recordkeeping issues, unprofessional conduct, and no apparent monitoring. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

D. CR2020 27

After an overview from Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, followed by review and discussion regarding the complaint and response, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Dr. Thomas with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to bundle this complaint and the prior one and refer them to the Office of the Attorney General regarding unlicensed practice of osteopathic medicine. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

MOTION: Made by Dr. Pisini and seconded by Dr. Thomas with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to set this complaint for hearing and bundle this complaint with the others already voted to go to an adjudicatory hearing, this one based on prescribing practices, recordkeeping issues, unprofessional conduct, and no apparent monitoring. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

E. CR2020 23

Following an overview of the complaint matter by Ms. Michaud, Case Reporter and Board discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Dr. Pisini to dismiss the complaint it did not rise to a level warranting action against the licensee but to issue a Letter of Guidance regarding the prescribing of controlled substances for chronic pain.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: Accepted by both parties to include polypharmacy in the Letter of Guidance as this could cause harm to the patient.

VOTE: The vote, via roll call, being unanimous in favor of the motion. Ms. Michaud, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

F. CR2020 30

Following an overview by Ms. Michaud, Case Reporter, and Board discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Pisini and seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant Board action. Ms. Michaud, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

G. IN2020 35

Following an overview by the Case Reporter and review of the investigative materials presented, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Pisini with the roll call being unanimous to file a complaint on the Board's own motion regarding alleged violations of Board rule Chapter 21 and unprofessional conduct related to interpersonal relationships with other professionals. The Board will obtain a PMP to review prescribing practices for other patients and will subpoena several patient records for review.

II. Minutes/Revenue & Expense Reports

A. Review of August Minutes

Following review of the August 2020 minutes, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis, seconded by [Ms. Michaud and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 2020 meeting with one correction. Dr. Thomas abstained from voting as he was not present for the August meeting.

B. Revenue & Expense Reports

Board members reviewed and accepted the September 2020 revenue and expense report, as provided by DAFS¹.

C. FY21 Funds Transfer to General Fund

Board members took note of the general fund sweep of the Board's contribution (\$1744) toward Public Law 2019, Chapter 510 – An Act to Continue the Doctors for Maine's Future Scholarship Program. It was noted that this is in addition to the approximately \$250,000 swept for the General Fund over the last several years.

III. New Business/Miscellaneous

A. COVID-19 Suspected Non-Compliance Complaint

Following review and discussion, the Board took this action:

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MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Ms. McIntyre with the vote via roll call being unanimous to dismiss the complaint and further, that it was not necessary to share the licensee's response with the complainant but to share the outcome letting her know that the Board did review the matter thoroughly and took her concerns seriously.

B. Future Processing of Complaints of COVID-19 Non-Compliance

Following discussion, the Board determined that the process currently in place of requesting a response and going from there should additional action be warranted is appropriate.

C. NBOME² COVID-19 Update

Board members reviewed the update – no action necessary.

D. FSMB Call for Amendments to Bylaws

Board members reviewed the request, taking no action at this time.

IV. Licensure Matters

A. License Renewal/CME Issues

Board members reviewed requests for extensions of time to obtain the required Continuing Medical Education for the following licensees and took these actions:

B. Jessica Bell, DO – Continuing Medical Education Shortage

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Dr. Thomas with the vote via roll call being unanimous to offer the licensee an administrative (non-reportable) Consent Agreement allowing her 6 months to obtain the statutorily required hours.

C. Robert Blaik, D.O. – License Reinstatement Application

Following review of the application and discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Thomas and voted via roll call being unanimous to table any action on the reinstatement application at this time. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter for this matter, abstained from voting.

D. Permanent Licensure Applications

Following circulation and review, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Ms. Michaud and voted unanimously to approve the licensure applications submitted by: Nhat Nguyen, D.O., Joseph Susa, D.O., Sara Modlin-Tucker, D.O. and Jeff Briggs, D.O. and Amol Malankar, D.O.

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. McIntyre with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to table action on the application submitted by Scott Ladd, D.O. pending further information as requested by the Board.

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Ms. McIntyre with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to table any action on the application submitted by Rebecca Hanigosky, D.O. pending further information as requested by the Board.

² National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners

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E. Online Applications – New – Temporary Educational Permits

Following discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to approve the use of electronic applications for those needing temporary educational permits.

V. Adjournment

It was noted that Savannah Okoronkwo had accepted a new position, and this would be her final Board meeting. All wished her well. The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

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Minutes of November 12, 2020 Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon

Members Present: Scott Thomas, DO., Board Chair; Melissa Michaud, PA-C, Vice Chair; James Pisini, DO; Brian Gillis, DO.; John Brewer, DO; Ryan Smith, DO. Members Excused: John Gaddis, DO, Board Secretary; Marty McIntyre, Public Member

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General; Nikolette Alexander, Consumer Assistant; Det. James Gioia, Office of the Attorney General; Laura Harper, PA-C; Amanda Richards, Executive Director, Maine Osteopathic Association; Christopher Taintor, Esquire

I. Review of Complaints/Investigations

A. CR2020 32

Dr. Thomas, Case Reporter, provided a brief overview of the of the material. Following discussion, Board members took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud and seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to move to a hearing based on polypharmacy, documentation concerns, unprofessional discharge of a patient without the appropriate weaning of medications, and not addressing abnormal drug screens. Dr. Thomas, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

B. IN2020 42 (out of order)

Board members reviewed the materials presented and following discussion, took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer and seconded by Dr. Thomas with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to revoke the licensee's license to practice in Maine pursuant to notice from the Dept. of Health and Human Services for failure to heed the terms of a legal order for payment of child support. Relevant statutory reference is: 19-A M.R.S. § 2201(6), (13) and 19-A M.R.S. § 2202 (7).

Prior to the start of the next matter, Dr. Thomas recused himself from any participation in the matter and was placed in the virtual waiting room until the end of discussion and voting.

C. IN2020 40

Ms. Michaud, Case Reporter, provided an overview of the materials. Following review and discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer and seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to file a complaint on the Board's own motion based on domestic assault, alcohol abuse, threatening of police officers and dereliction of duties as the licensee was on call at the time of the incident/arrest. Ms. Michaud, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

Dr. Thomas was admitted back into the meeting prior to the following discussion.

D. CR2018 19

In the absence of Dr. Smith, Case Reporter, Board members reviewed the materials and took the following action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Gillis with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to dismiss the complaint but to issue a Letter of Guidance suggesting continued counseling to assist the licensee with personal and work challenges. The Letter of Guidance will remain on file for a period of 5 (five) years.

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E. COVID-19 Suspected Non-Compliance Complaints

Board members reviewed two complaints of suspected non-compliance with COVID-19 guidelines. Following their review, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer and seconded by Dr. Gillis. Following discussion, that motion was withdrawn, and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gillis, seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote, via roll call, carrying the motion with four (4) members in favor (Gillis, Pisini, Michaud and Brewer) and one (1) member opposed (Thomas) to table any action regarding the matter pending receipt of additional information as requested from Det. Gioia.

Ryan Smith, D.O. joined the meeting at this time.

II. Consent Agreement Compliance & Updates

A. Andrew Candelore, D.O.

In the absence of Ms. McIntyre, Case Reporter, members reviewed the monthly Consent Agreement sheet and noting that the licensee had been in compliance, took the following action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to terminate the Consent Agreement, effective this date. Dr. Smith abstained as he had just joined the meeting.

III. Minutes/Revenue & Expense Reports

A. September 2020 Meeting Minutes

Following review, the Board took this action on the September 2020 minutes.

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to approve the minutes of the September 2020 meeting as written.

B. Review of October 2020 (Period 4) Revenue & Expense Reports¹

Board members reviewed and accepted the revenue and expense reports.

IV. Old & New Business/Miscellaneous

A. Review of Joint Rule Chapter 2

Following review and discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gillis and seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to adopt the rule and basis statement, including changes suggested by the Board of Licensure in Medicine.

B. Federation of State Medical Boards

1. Call for Nominations

Board members reviewed the notice; no action was required at this time.

2. Call for Amendments to Bylaws

Board members reviewed the notice; no amendment suggestions were made at this time; no action was required.

¹ Department of Administrative & Financial Services

V. Licensure Matters

A. License Renewal/CME Issues

Board members reviewed requests for extensions of time to obtain the required Continuing Medical Education (CME) for the following licensees and took these actions:

1. Peter Guay, DO – CME Shortage

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to approve the Consent Agreement signed by the licensee.

2. Peter Kirbach, DO – CME Shortage

AAG Wilson noted that the licensee's Agreement would need to be revised; no Board action taken.

At this time, the Board voted (Dr. Thomas, Ms. Michaud with the roll call vote being unanimous) to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS §405 (6) (E) and 10 MRS §8003B(1). Once again in Public Session (Dr. Thomas, Dr. Pisini with the roll call vote being unanimous) and following discussion, the Board took this action:

B. License Reinstatement Application – Robert Blaik, DO

MOTION: Made by Dr. Pisini and seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to deny the licensee's application for reinstatement of his license to practice in Maine.

C. Permanent Licensure Applications

Following review, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer and seconded by Dr. Gillis with the vote, via roll call being unanimously to approve the licensure applications submitted by Scott Blumenthal, D.O.

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer and seconded by Dr. Gillis with the vote, via roll call being unanimously to approve the licensure applications submitted by: Scott Ladd, D.O., Joshua Morrison, D.O., Courtney Corbeil, D.O., Eric Dombroski, D. O., Jennifer Eaton, D.O., Joseph Flynn, D.O., Loretta Hallock, D.O., Cassandre Tanner, D.O., Isabella Taylor, D.O. and Hans Wolslau, D.O.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

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Minutes of December 10, 2020 Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Members Present: Scott Thomas, DO., Board Chair; Melissa Michaud, PA-C, Vice Chair; James Pisini, DO; Brian Gillis, DO.; Ryan Smith, DO.; John Gaddis, DO, Board Secretary; Marty McIntyre, Public Member; John Brewer, DO

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General; Nikolette Alexander, Consumer Assistant; Det. James Gioia, Office of the Attorney General; Detective Michael Durham, Office of the Attorney General; Amanda Richards, Executive Director, Maine Osteopathic Association; Christopher Taintor, Esquire; Gordon Smith, Director of Opioid Response; Laurie Deerfield, D.O.; Heidi Wright

I. Complaints/Investigations

A. CR2020 26

Ms. Michaud, Case Reporter, provided a brief overview of the of the matter. Following review and discussion, Board members took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis and seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant any action against the licensee. Ms. Michaud, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

B. IN2020 45

Dr. Smith, Case Reporter, provided an overview of the matter. Following review and discussion, Board members took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to close the matter as no Board action was warranted. Dr. Smith, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

C. COVID-19 Alleged Non-Compliance Issues

Board members reviewed the materials including a report from Det. Gioia of a local police officer having randomly stopped by the licensee's office and finding no apparent non-compliance issues. Following discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis, seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to dismiss the complaints.

At this time, Dr. Thomas reminded the Board that he had previously recused himself from any participation in the upcoming matter and because meetings are not currently held in person, he entered the virtual 'Waiting Area'.

D. CR2020 40

Ms. Michaud, Case Reporter, provided an overview of the materials which now included the licensee's response to the complaint filed on the Board's own motion. Following review and discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to move to an Adjudicatory Hearing with the offer of a Consent Agreement in lieu of a hearing with terms as outlined during the discussion, including but not limited to participation in the Maine Professionals Health Program with regular reports from that office, continuation with the counselor he has been seeing (if approved by the Case Reporter or Board) and reports from the counselor as well. The Board also ordered a mental health evaluation. Ms. Michaud, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

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Dr. Thomas was admitted back into the meeting following the vote.

II. Consent Agreement Compliance & Updates

There are currently no open Consent Agreements.

III. Minutes/Revenue & Expense Report

A. Review of October 2020 Minutes

Following review, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Ms. Michaud to accept the minutes of the October 2020 meeting as written.

B. Revenue & Expense Report

The Board reviewed and accepted the report. No action necessary; the reports are created and provided by DAFS¹.

IV. Old/New Business/Miscellaneous

A. Extra Meeting Dates Needed

AAG Wilson and Ms. Strout noted that additional dates would be necessary for, hopefully, the month of February 2021 for a hearing that is anticipated to take multiple days. Board members offered an assortment of dates of availability for the parties to work with.

B. Vanderbilt Announcement

Board members noted the announcement of the retirement of the program Co-Director, a new Course Director and a new website. No action was necessary.

V. Licensure Matters

A. License Renewal/CME Issues

Board members reviewed requests for extensions of time to obtain the required Continuing Medical Education for the following licensees and took these actions:

B. Continuing Medical Education ('CME') Shortages

The Board reviewed renewal applications for those who were short some hours on their required CME. Following discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis and seconded by Ms. McIntyre with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to offer administrative (non-reportable) Consent Agreements each to Gopinatha Albert, D.O. and Farid Ghouri, D.O. for a period of 6 months. Both physicians will still need to meet their statutory requirement for the next renewal period.

C. Permanent Licensure Applications

Following circulation and review, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to approve the licensure applications submitted by Corey Cole, D.O., Emily Sigsbee, D.O., Clara Lee, D.O. Michael Mishkin, D.O.; Shayla Toombs-Withers, D.O. and Laurie Deerfield, D.O.

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Dr. Thomas with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to invite applicant Emily Harvey-Garcia, D.O. to attend an Informal Conference at the January 2021 meeting to discuss Board questions regarding her application.

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Dr. Gaddis left the meeting following the above votes on applications.

VI. Gordon Smith, Director of Opioid Response

Mr. Smith spoke regarding the increasing numbers of opioid deaths, that a new initiative begins next month and that he would like to speak to the Board again regarding the specifics of that initiative. Mr. Smith also noted that he had been asked by Governor Mills to assist the Director of Boards and Commissions with Board appointments of which the Board needs several.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary