

Minutes of August 10, 2023 Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Members Present: Melissa Michaud, PA-C¹, Board Chair ; John Brewer, DO, Board Secretary; Christine Munroe, DO²; Gust Stringos, DO and Peter Michaud, Public Member. Members Excused: John Gaddis, DO, Vice-Chair; Brian Gillis, DO and Lisa Ryan, DO

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Acting Executive Secretary; Savannah Okoronkwo, Consumer Assistance Specialist; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General; Detective David Caron, Office of the Attorney General; Emily Bloch, Esquire; Elizabeth Campbell, Esquire; Heidi Bean, Esquire.

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

I. Review of Complaints, Investigations and Compliance Matters

COMPLAINTS

A. CR2022 55 – Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter

Dr. Brewer noted the feedback from the complainant and following discussion of the prior review and decision in this matter, it was determined that the Board stands by its decision, with no new evidence having been provided. No Board action was necessary.

B. CR2023 44 – Dr. Munroe, Case Reporter

Dr. Munroe noted that the licensee had signed the Interim Consent Agreement and the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Mr. Michaud and seconded by Dr. Stringos, with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to approve the Consent Agreement as written and signed by the licensee. Dr. Munroe, Case Reporter abstained from voting.

COMPLIANCE

C. Paul Gosselin DO – Dr. Munroe, Case Reporter

Dr. Munroe, Case Reporter, noted that the licensee had submitted CME certificates to document that he had fulfilled his obligation. Dr. Munroe and the Board agreed that some certificates were duplicates of others and most did not meet the criteria of medical decision making and medical documentation. Following review and discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Mr. Michaud and seconded by Dr. Brewer, with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to table further review of this matter for 60 days to allow the licensee to come into compliance with this portion of the sanctions order with documentation due by no later than October 9, 2023 to allow staff to distribute it to Board members for review prior to the October 2023 meeting. The licensee will be provided with multiple resources through which he can accomplish this requirement. Dr. Munroe, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

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D. William McDougall, IV, DO – Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter³

It was noted that the report required later this fall had been received early; no concerns reported. No Board action was required.

E. Samuel Moss, DO – Mr. Michaud, Case Reporter

Mr. Michaud noted that the Executive Secretary had received a call from one of the licensee’s approved treatment providers indicating that he does not feel the licensee needs his services any longer as he is doing fine. Board members asked that the Executive Secretary notify the treatment provider that any request for an amendment would need to be initiated by the licensee.

II. Board Meeting Minutes/Revenue & Expense Reports

A. Board Meeting Minutes – June & July 2023

Board members reviewed the minutes and took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Stringos and seconded by Mr. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to approve the June and July 2023 meeting minutes.

B. Revenue & Expense Reports⁴ - FY23, Period 12

Board members reviewed and accepted the financial reports.

III. Other Business

A. Federation of State Medical Boards

No specific new information from the FSMB for this month. Ms. Michaud reported that she recently attended an NCCPA meeting in Montana and presented on behalf of the Federation of State Medical Boards.

B. Discussion re Professional References

The Executive Secretary noted that often times, reference forms are found to have been completed by staff at licensing companies hired by physicians to ‘assist’ with the licensing process with stamped signatures having been applied. It was reported that when called for confirmation of the reference, doctors have admitted to having received the fully completed form with instructions to pass it along stamped or affixed by licensing company staff. Ms. Strout noted that often times the applicants were not even aware that someone had applied for a license on their behalf.

C. New & Revised Board Policies

. AAG Wilson and Ms. Strout will work on language to address the issue raised above at B. , and other issues brought to the Board’s attention that would be helpful to staff and applicants for both initial licensure and renewals. The Board also discussed updating its Remote Participation policy. It is hoped that at least some of the new policies or updates to those in place will be ready for review at the October 2023 meeting.

³ Dr. Gaddis was not present.

⁴ Prepared and distributed by DAFS (Dept of Administrative & Financial Services)

IV. Licensure Matters

A. Review of Permanent Licensure Applications

Following review of the permanent licensure application submitted, the board took these actions:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer and seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to approve the application submitted by Adam Burton, DO pending receipt of both pages of the reference from Frederick Butler, MD (so long as the full reference is positive).

MOTION: Made by Mr. Michaud and seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to approve the permanent licensure applications submitted by: Peri Akchurin, DO; Kristen Baum, DO; Joshua Bazata, DO; Yekaterina Belousov, DO; Alexandria Boley, DO; Jason Boulware, DO; Ernesto Cantu, DO; Andrew Collette, DO; Catherine Cone, DO; Claudia DiBlasi, DO; Randolph Dipp, DO; Jenny Emery, DO; Ann Halsey, DO; Swati Laroia Coon, DO; Jordan Leonard, DO; Matthew Rausch, DO; Alice Shallcross, DO; Ina St. Onge, DO; Lisa Vezikov, DO; Jennifer Waterman, DO and William White, DO.

At this time, Dr. Brewer, other Board members and staff recognized Savannah Okoronkwo, former Consumer Assistance Specialist to the Board who for her outstanding work and dedication to helping disgruntled complainants through their process and in general, a great addition to the Board's staff. Ms. Okoronkwo was promoted to a licensing position at the Board of Licensure in Medicine. All noted that she and her great work ethic will be sorely missed.

V. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Dr. Munroe and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E Strout, Acting Executive Secretary