

Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure
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Board Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2024 9:02 AM - 12:41 PM

Members Present: Melissa Michaud, PA-C, Board Chair; John Brewer, DO, Board Secretary; Christine Munroe, DO; Gust Stringos, DO; Paul Vinsel, DO; Peter Michaud, JD, RN, Public Member; Brian Gillis, DO

Members present remotely: Dennis Smith, Public Member; Lisa Ryan, DO

Others Present: Rachel MacArthur, Executive Secretary; Faith McLaughlin, Consumer Assistance Specialist; Lisa Wilson, Esq., Asst Attorney General and Det. Lauren Edstrom, Office of the Attorney General

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

HEARING

Following review and discussion, Board members took the following action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Munroe, seconded by Mr. Michaud, and voted unanimously to accept the Consent Agreement for permanent surrender of license to resolve this matter CR 2024-21 - Mark Terison, Esq., Hearing Officer.

1. COMPLAINTS/INVESTIGATIONS/COMPLIANCE

COMPLAINTS

A. 2023-58 Dr. Brian Gillis, Case Reporter

Following review and discussion, Board members took the following action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Stringos, seconded by Dr. Brewer, and voted unanimously to dismiss, as it did not rise to the level which would warrant Board action. Case Reporter did not vote. Dr. Vinsel was recused.

B. 2023-62 Dr. Brian Gillis, Case Reporter

Following review and discussion, Board members took the following action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Dr. Stringos, and voted unanimously to dismiss, as it did not rise to the level which would warrant Board action. Case Reporter did not vote.

C. 2023-63 Dr. Christine Monroe, Case Reporter

Following review and discussion, Board members took the following action:

MOTION: Made by Mr. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Vinsel, and voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint, as it did not rise to the level which would warrant Board action. Mrs. MacArthur will refer the complaint information to the Board of Insurance. Case Reporter did not vote.

- D. **2024-07** **Dr. Paul Vinsel, Case Reporter**
Following review and discussion, Board members took the following action:
MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Mr. Michaud, and voted unanimously to table the complaint awaiting additional information. Case Reporter did not vote.

- E. **2024-17** **Dr. Gust Stringos, Case Reporter**
Following review and discussion, Board members took the following action:
MOTION: Made by Dr. Munroe, seconded by Ms. Michaud, and voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint, as it did not rise to the level which would warrant Board action. Case Reporter did not vote.

- F. **2023-23** **Dr. Lisa Ryan, Case Reporter**
Following review and discussion, Board members took the following action:
MOTION: Made by Mr. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Vinsel, and voted unanimously to order a psychological and substance abuse in-person evaluation by a Maine-licensed evaluator. Case Reporter did not vote.

- G. **2023-65** **Dr. Gust Stringos, Case Reporter**
Following review and discussion, Board members took the following action:
MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Dr. Vinsel, and voted unanimously to dismiss with a Letter of Guidance to be kept on file for three years. Case Reporter did not vote.

INVESTIGATIONS

- H. **2023-72** **Dr. John Brewer, Case Reporter**
Following review and discussion, Board members took the following action:
MOTION: Made by Dr. Stringos, seconded by Mr. Michaud, and voted unanimously to close the investigation, as it did not rise to the level which would warrant Board action. Case reporter did not vote.

COMPLIANCE

- I. **2021-38** **Dr. Lisa Ryan, Case Reporter**
Following review and discussion, Board members took the following action:
MOTION: Made by Mr. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Brewer, and voted unanimously to terminate the Consent Agreement as the terms have been met. Case reporter did not vote.

2. MINUTES & REVENUE/EXPENSE REPORTS

- A. After minor organizational changes to the July 2024 Meeting Minutes, Dr. Gillis made a motion to accept the June 2024 and July 2024 Meeting Minutes. Dr. Brewer seconded, motion passed. Drs. Vinsel, Ryan, and Brewer abstained.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **Board Officer Discussion**

Following a motion made by Ms. Michaud and seconded by Dr. Stringos, and voted unanimously to pass, Christine Munroe was named the new Board Chair. Ms. Michaud has asked that members send emails with nominations for Vice-Chair, which will be addressed at the next Board meeting.

- B. Scholarship for AIM Membership** – Mrs. MacArthur has received a scholarship membership to Administrators in Medicine (AIM) and will be attending the Annual meeting for FSMB and AIM in November, and will also be covered by scholarship.
- C. Board Member Training Program**
FSMB is holding scheduled trainings for new Board members. Information was provided to Board members, should they wish to attend.
- D. IV Hydration Workgroup** – update by Ms. Wilson, Mr. Michaud & Mr. Smith. Dr. Gillis volunteered to join the workgroup as a DO member.
- E. New Item Added**
IN2022-45 The Board reviewed an update on the status of this investigation. No Board action taken.
- F. New Item Added**
CR2024-33 Dr. Christine Munroe, Case Reporter
Following review and discussion, Board members took the following action:
MOTION: Made by Mr. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Vinsel, and voted unanimously to accept the Interim Consent Agreement. Case reporter did not vote.

4. LICENSURE MATTERS

A. Review of August Permanent Licensure Applications

Stephanie Berg, DO	Jessie Huff, DO	Luke Ollila, DO
Mitchell Burke, DO	Khurshid Iqbal, DO	Aaron Ratner, DO
Constance Earl, DO	Nika Karlsson, DO	Wayne Simmons, DO
Tristan Fowler, DO	Sarah Minnix, DO	

Following prior review of the permanent licensure application submitted, the Board voted unanimously (motion by Ms. Michaud, second by Mr. Michaud) to approve, with the following exceptions:

Tristan Fowler, DO – one reference was missing a page; Motion by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Brewer, voted unanimously to approve pending confirmation of both pages of recommendation.

Kurshid Iqbal, DO – references did not appear to be from a professional. Motion by Dr. Vinsel, seconded by Dr. Brewer, voted unanimously to approve pending clarification or new references.

Luke Ollila, DO – Motion made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Mr. Michaud, and voted to approve. Dr. Vinsel abstained.

B. Review of July Permanent Licensure Applications

Following prior review of the permanent licensure application submitted, the Board voted unanimously (motion by Dr. Stringos, second by Dr. Vinsel) to approve.

Yetunde Daniel, DO

Alexandra Loomis, DO

Caitlin Russell, DO

Gregory Galvin, DO

Elise McVeigh, DO

Erich Schoenman, DO

Alex Harrison, DO

Carleigh Nesbit, DO

Timothy Unger, DO

James Kerney, DO

Gary Ritholz, DO

Mark Wallace, DO

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Gillis, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Rachel MacArthur, Executive Secretary