

Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure
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Board Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2025 9:29 AM to 2:15 PM

Members Present: Christine Munroe, DO, Chair; Lisa Ryan, DO, Vice-Chair; John Brewer, DO, Board Secretary; Melissa Michaud, PA-C; Gust Stringos, DO; Dennis Smith, Public Member; Paul Vinsel, DO; Amelia Hersey, PA-C; Mary-Anne Ponti RN, Public Member; Brian Gillis, DO

Attending Remotely: Peter Michaud, JD RN, Public Member

Others Present: Rachel MacArthur, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Esq., Asst Attorney General; Det. Lauren Edstrom, Atty General's Office; Faith McLaughlin, Consumer Assistant Specialist.

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

1. COMPLAINTS/ INVESTIGATIONS/ COMPLIANCE

COMPLAINTS

A. 2022-5 Case Reporter: Dr. Vinsel

Dr. Munroe abstained from participating in this matter's vote. Following an overview and discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

MOTION: Ms. Michaud – invite licensee to an Informal Conference and ask licensee for a report on what has changed in his practice

SECOND: Dr. Stringos

Voted: Passed; Case Reporter & Dr. Munroe did not vote.

B. 2022-44 Case Reporter: Dr. Brewer

MOTION: Dr. Munroe – move to Executive Session

SECOND: Ms. Michaud

Voted: Passed unanimously

MOTION: Dr. Vinsel – leave Executive Session

SECOND: Ms. Michaud

Voted: Passed unanimously

Following review and discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

MOTION: Dr. Stringos – Dismiss as it did not rise to the level of Board action.

SECOND: Dr. Vinsel

Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

C. 2025-32 Case Reporter: Mr. Smith

Following review and discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

MOTION: Dr. Stringos – Dismiss, as it does not rise to the level of Board action.

SECOND: Dr. Vinsel

Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

D. 2025-37 Case Reporter: Dr. Ryan

Dr. Munroe recused herself from this matter. Following review and discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

MOTION: Dr. Vinsel – Invite the licensee & complainant to an Informal Conference

SECOND: Ms. Michaud

Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

Dr. Munroe returned to the meeting.

E. 2025-51 Case Reporter: Ms. Michaud

Following review and discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

MOTION: Dr. Ryan - Dismiss with Letter of Guidance for 2 years

SECOND: Dr. Vinsel

Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

COMPLIANCE

F. 2022-28 Case Reporter: Dr. Stringos

Presented for F.Y.I. only.

INFORMAL CONFERENCE

A. 2025-44 Case Reporter: Dr. Vinsel

MOTION: Dr. Ryan - to enter into Executive Session

SECOND: Dr. Vinsel

Voted: Passed unanimously

MOTION: Dr. Munroe - to exit Executive Session

SECOND: Dr. Brewer

Voted: Passed unanimously

Following the informal conference with the licensee and the complainant, the following action was taken by the Board:

MOTION: Dr. Stringos - table for one month & renew request for MPHP assessment and request update from licensee.

SECOND: Dr. Brewer

Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

2. MINUTES & EXPENSE REPORTS

A. November 2025 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Ryan- Accept the minutes

SECOND: Ms. Ponti

Voted: Passed unanimously

3. LICENSURE MATTERS

A. License Applications for Approval

Timothy Wulfestieg, DO

MOTION: Ms. Michaud - to Approve license application

SECOND: Dr. Vinsel

Emma Oberlander, DO - ratification

MOTION: Dr. Vinsel - Ratify license application previously approved by Board officers

SECOND: Dr. Stringos

Voted: Passed unanimously

Marc Richards, DO

MOTION: Dr. Ryan - Approve license application

SECOND: Ms. Michaud

Voted: Passed unanimously

Jonathan Pangia, DO

MOTION: Dr. Vinsel - Approve pending "Emergency telemedicine" clarification

SECOND: Ms. Michaud
Voted: Passed unanimously

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Adjudicatory Hearing/Consent Agreements/Informal Conferences

Ms. Ponti requested that "Open Cases" be an addition to this list.

B. Breen Foundation Information

Additional information was provided by the Breen Foundation. The Board decided not to move forward with the program.

C. Ch 1 & DO License Fees Rule

Ms. Wilson requested a working group to decide whether to move forward with Rule one, or just create a fee increase list. Mr. Smith, Dr. Vinsel, and Ms. Michaud offered to be a part of the group.

D. Application Formatting for DO Licensure

The Board discussed the possibility of adding telemedicine clarification/explanation to the Application. It was suggested that the workgroup created in the prior matter could take this on as well.

E. Consumer Feedback

Submitted for Board's information.

F. BOL/BoLiM Merger Feasibility Workgroup Notes

An extensive discussion was held, including BoLiM's Executive Director Mr. Terranova. The Board asked for clarification of what a merged board could possibly look like. The concern was brought up and addressed regarding parity of a merged board.

MOTION: Mr. Smith - work w/BoLiM to prepare a report for the legislature including what has been done regarding a feasibility study of the merger of the two boards, which is feasible, and the Board supports a statute that has been drafted and provides for equal numbers of both allopathic and osteopathic physicians on any merged board.

SECOND: Dr. Ryan
Voted: Passed unanimously

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dr. Vinsel - to adjourn, brought at 2:15 PM

SECOND: Dr. Stringos
Voted: Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel MacArthur

Rachel MacArthur, Executive Secretary