

**Minutes of December 9, 2021 Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

Members Present: Melissa Michaud, PA-C, Chair; James Pisini, DO, Vice-Chair; John Brewer, DO, Board Secretary; John Gaddis, DO; Peter Michaud, Public Member; Christine Munroe, DO; Brian Gillis, DO; Lisa Ryan, DO; Marty McIntyre, Public Member and Rebeca Vose, PA-C

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General; Nikolette Alexander, Consumer Assistance Specialist; Det. Michael Durham, Office of the Attorney General; Amanda Richards, Executive Director, Maine Osteopathic Association.

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

**I. Review of Complaint and Investigative Matters**

**A. CR2021 39 – Mr. Michaud, Case Reporter**

Mr. Michaud provided a brief overview of the case and the Board took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Ms. Vose with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to authorize AAG Wilson to offer the licensee a Consent Agreement whereby he would agree to no longer prescribe any controlled substances and would agree to surrender his DEA license. Mr. Michaud, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**B. CR2021 49 – Dr. Pisini, Case Reporter**

AAG Wilson noted that a hearing was set for February 10, 2022 and that a Notice of Hearing would be issued soon. No action was required.

**C. Elliot Gruen, DO**

Board members noted the fully executed Consent Agreement. No action was required.

**II. Minutes/Revenue & Expense Reports**

**A. November 18 & 21, 2021 Draft Meeting Minutes**

Following review, the Board took these actions regarding the two November meetings – the first being the regularly scheduled meeting, the second being an emergency meeting with notice having been posted as required.

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. Michaud and seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote carrying, via roll call, with 8 members in favor and 2 abstaining (Ms. McIntyre & Ms. Vose) to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting.

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. Michaud and seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote carrying, via roll call, with 8 members in favor and 2 abstaining (Ms. McIntyre and Ms. Vose) to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2021 emergency meeting.

**B. Review of Current Revenue & Expense Reports<sup>1</sup>**

Because the meeting was early in the month, the current revenue and expense reports had not yet been provided by DAFS.

**III. Old & New Business/Miscellaneous**

**A. Federation of State Medical Boards Information ('FSMB')**

1. **2022 Annual FSMB Meeting** – Ms. Michaud encouraged attendance as the meeting will be offered both in person and virtually;
2. **Highlights of Board of Directors & Executive Committee Meetings** – Board members reviewed and briefly discussed. No action was necessary;
3. **Highlights of Physician Assistant Licensure Compact Meeting** – Ms. Michaud was invited to attend, did so and noted that the meeting was very interesting, and that work continues on the PA Compact;
4. **Discussion re:** requiring new applicants to utilize the **FSMB's FCVS** credentialing product. Following discussion, the Board took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Mr. Michaud and seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to require new applicants to utilize the FSMB's Federation Credentials Verification Service beginning February 1, 2022 but offer the option to seek financial hardship exemptions to be reviewed and approved (or not) by the Executive Secretary.

**B. Draft Statement/Information re COVID-19 Misinformation**

Board members reviewed BOLIM's statement regarding COVID-19 misinformation and were in favor of the Board Chair working with the Executive Secretary on a statement from this Board.

**C. Re-Review of Rule Chapter 16**

AAG Wilson reviewed the wording of one section of this Board rule and following discussion, the Board took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Dr. Pisini and seconded by Mr. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to delete Section 2F from the current draft and proceed with the rule-making process.

**IV. Licensure Matters**

**A. Dennis Solomon, D.O.**

At the November meeting, Board members voted to have Dr. Brewer conduct a phone interview with Dr. Solomon, whose application was reviewed but left questions. Dr. Brewer did the interview, and the reference writer submitted a more detailed response which cleared up all questions. Following Dr. Brewer's report, the Board took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Dr. Gaddis and seconded by Ms. McIntyre with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to approve the permanent licensure application submitted by Dennis Solomon, D.O.

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<sup>1</sup> Reports are generated by the Department of Administrative & Financial Services

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**B. Permanent Licensure Applications**

Following review and discussion, the Board took these actions regarding applications:

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Dr. Ryan with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to approve the permanent licensure applications submitted by Lindsay Tse, DO; Heidi Mullen, DO and James Binkard, DO.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned (motion by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Dr. Brewer), via unanimous roll call vote, at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary