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**Minutes of February 11, 2021 Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

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

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General; Michael Miller, Assistant Attorney General; Peter Somerville, 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; Diane Robbins, Anthem BC/BS of Maine.

**I. Welcoming of New Physician Member**

Dr. Thomas took a moment to introduce and welcome the Board's newest physician member, Christine Munroe, D.O. Dr. Munroe has been licensed in Maine since 2007 and practices in York.

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

**A. CRs 2013 39, 2014 51, 2014 58, 2015 06, 2015 17, 2015 33, 2017 05, 2018 18 and 2020 32**

AAGs Michael Miller and Lisa Wilson discussed with the Board the signed letter of permanent voluntary surrender to resolve the above pending complaints which were scheduled for a public hearing in the near future. Following review and a discussion, Board members took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Mr. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to accept the voluntary permanent surrender of Gary S. Winn, DO, effective March 2, 2021 and to close all pending cases. Dr. Thomas, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**B. CR2020 28**

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

**MOTION:** Made by Dr. Gaddis and 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. Ms. McIntyre, Case Reporter, and Dr. Munroe both abstained from voting.

**C. CRs 2019 36, 2020 22 and 2020 27**

Board members reviewed a letter of permanent voluntary surrender of licensure to resolve the above pending complaints which were scheduled for a public hearing in the near future. Following review and discussion, the Board took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Dr. Gaddis and seconded by Dr. Gillis with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to accept the permanent voluntary surrender of Robert S. Blaik, DO, effective immediately and to close all pending cases. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, and Dr. Munroe abstained from voting.

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

**A. January 2021 Draft Meeting Minutes**

Following review, the Board took this action.

**MOTION:** Made by Dr. Brewer and seconded by Mr. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to approve the minutes of the January 2021 meeting as written. Dr. Munroe abstained from voting.

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### **B. Review of December 2020 (Period 6) Revenue & Expense Reports<sup>1</sup>**

Board members reviewed and accepted the revenue and expense reports.

## **IV. Old & New Business/Miscellaneous**

### **A. Rule Chapter 2 Workgroup**

The workgroup recommendations noted that the PA Advisory Committee had not met for several years (5+), and now that there are physician assistants on both the osteopathic and allopathic Boards, there is more representation of PAs available. The workgroup made several recommendations, including to appoint members to the Committee when it is necessary that they meet to address rulemaking issues, and to maintain a roster of potential member of the Committee. Following 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 accept the recommendations of the workgroup, as presented. Dr. Munroe abstained from voting.

### **B. Notice of COMLEX-USA Scoring Changes**

Dr. Thomas took note of the letter from the National Board of Osteopathic Examiners regarding changes to scoring the COMLEX-USA exam, largely due to the pandemic. No Board action was necessary.

### **C. Federation of State Medical Boards**

#### **1. FSMB Annual Survey**

Dr. Thomas noted the results of the FSMBs Annual Survey. No Board action was necessary.

#### **2. Notice of Upcoming Webinar re FDA Oversight of Human Cells & Tissues**

Dr. Thomas noted the webinar. No Board action was necessary.

## **V. Permanent Licensure Applications**

**MOTION:** Made by Dr. Pisini and seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to approve the permanent licensure applications submitted by: Elita DeFeo, D.O., Marina Kim, D.O., Alexander Kim, D.O., Victoria Perkins, D.O., Romy Ryan, D.O. and Kimberly Saunders, D.O.

## **VI. Final Board/Stakeholder Review of Statutory Changes**

Board members allowed time for the public to join and offer any comments, noted that the only written comments received were from the Maine Osteopathic Association and the American Osteopathic Association, and that those were taken into consideration and incorporated into the changes being reviewed. Following review of the changes and discussion, the Board took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Dr. Thomas with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to proceed with the language as drafted and to send it on to the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee of the Legislature as directed during the last session. Dr. Munroe abstained from voting.

Ms. McIntyre noted that she would be reaching out to members regarding the upcoming election of officers at the March 2021 meeting.

## **X. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned, via unanimous roll call vote, at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> Department of Administrative & Financial Services