

Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure
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Minutes of February 10, 2022 Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

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

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General; Det. Michael Durham, Office of the Attorney General; Savannah Okoronkwo, Consumer Assistance Specialist; Philip Mantis, Office of the Attorney General; Emily Bloch, Esquire; J Paul Rugabirwa, Benefique, News Center Maine

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 29 – Mr. Michaud, Case Reporter

Mr. Michaud provided an overview of the case and 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 dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant further Board action. Mr. Michaud, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

B. CR2021 34 – Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter

Board members reviewed and discussed the licensee's request for reconsideration of issuing a letter of guidance in this matter. Following review of the information confirming that this licensee had not taken part in the care complained about, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer and seconded by Ms. Vose with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to retract the January 2022 vote to dismiss the complaint and to issue a letter of guidance. The complaint was dismissed as it did not rise to a level which would warrant further Board action. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

At this time, the Board voted (Dr. Pisini, 2nd by Ms. Vose) to go into Executive Session, based on 1 MRS 305(6)(E) for legal advice. All members of the public were placed in the Waiting Room and the Board proceeded to discussions in Executive Session. Once again in Public Session, others were placed back in the virtual meeting room and the Board took this action:

C. CR2021 45 & CR2021 46 – Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter

Dr. Brewer provided an overview of the cases and following review and discussion, Board members took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis and seconded by Mr. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to dismiss both complaints as they did not rise to a level which warrant further Board action. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

D. CR2021 44 – Dr. Pisini, Case Reporter

Dr. Pisini provided an overview of the case and following discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Mr. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, being to offer the licensee a Consent Agreement with terms including but not limited to 10 hours of continuing medical education regarding boundary issues, effective communications and sensitivity training and once completed, a presentation before the Board regarding what she has learned from the training. The motion carried with 7 members in favor; 1 opposed (Dr. Munroe). Dr. Pisini, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

E. IN2021 48 – Ms. Vose, Case Reporter

Ms. Vose provided an overview of the investigation and following discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to issue a complaint regarding potential violation(s) of Rule Chapter 21. Ms. Vose, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

F. IN2022 05 – Dr. Munroe, Case Reporter

Dr. Munroe provided an overview of the investigation and following discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Mr. Michaud and seconded by Ms. McIntyre with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to issue a complaint regarding lack of care provided and subsequent violation of the standard of care. Dr. Munroe, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

G. Andrew Candelore, DO – Consent Agreement Compliance

Board members reviewed multiple e-mails from the licensee including a request that the Board approve John Kazilionis, DO to serve as a second mentor for chart reviews, etc. Following discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to deny the request for a second mentor unless specific cause can be shown why another mentor was needed.

The Executive Secretary had also presented a draft reporting form for future use by the previously approved mentor. Following review, the Board indicated it approved use of the form for future reports.

II. Minutes/Revenue & Expense Reports

A. January 2022 Draft Meeting Minutes

Following review, the Board took this action regarding the January 2022 meeting minutes:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to approve the minutes of the January 2022 meeting.

B. Review of Current Revenue & Expense Reports¹

Board members reviewed the revenue and expense reports for FY 22, Period 7. No Board action necessary.

¹ Reports are generated by the Department of Administrative & Financial Services

III. Old & New Business/Miscellaneous

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

1. Draft Report re Emergency Preparedness

Board members reviewed and briefly discussed the report and found it to be clear and concise. No Board action was necessary, but the Board will review the language again once the report and recommendations have been adopted by the FSMB.

2. Draft Report re Medical Misinformation/Disinformation

Board members reviewed and briefly discussed this report as well, also finding it to be clear and concise. No Board action was necessary at this time but as with the above draft, the Board will review again once it has been officially adopted by the FSMB.

3. 2022 FSMB Annual Meeting – New Orleans, LA

Board members voted to authorize both Ms. Vose and Ms. Okoronkwo to attend the 2022 FSMB Annual Meeting which will be held in New Orleans, LA. Ms. Vose, who will attend virtually, will serve as the Board's Voting Delegate and because Mrs. Strout would be unavailable to attend, Ms. Okoronkwo (Consumer Assistance Specialist) was authorized to attend and will do so in person, utilizing the scholarship provided for Board staff. Funding for both Ms. Vose and Ms. Okoronkwo is provided in full by the FSMB.

B. NBOME Update re COMLEX-USA

Board members reviewed and very briefly discussed the update; no Board action was necessary.

IV. Licensure Matters

A. Permanent Licensure Applications

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

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Mr. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to approve the applications for permanent licensure submitted by Locke Barber, DO; Travis Bouchard, DO; Sonia Diaz, DO; Carrie Downey, DO; Chrisnel Jean, DO; Kristine Kaminskas, DO; Brendan Knowles, DO; Charlotte Paolini, DO; Derek Poulin, DO; Jacqueline Russell, DO and Kenneth Schroeter, DO.

B. Request to Withdraw

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to approve the request to withdraw his application for permanent licensure from Jonathan Blake, DO who noted having accepted a position elsewhere.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned (motion by Dr. Munroe, seconded by Dr. Brewer), via unanimous roll call vote, at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary