

Minutes of February 9, 2023 Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

Members Present: Melissa Michaud, PA-C, Board Chair; John Gaddis, DO, Vice-Chair; John Brewer, DO, Board Secretary; Lisa Ryan, DO; Christine Munroe, DO; Brian Gillis, DO; Gust Stringos, DO. Members Excused: Rebecca Vose, PA-C; Malcolm Leary, Public Member; Peter Michaud, Public Member.

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Savannah Okoronkwo, Consumer Assistance Specialist; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General; Det. Lauren Edstrom, Office of the Attorney General; Wendy Pease, Office Assistant; Emily Bloch, Esquire; Amanda Richards, Executive Director, Maine Osteopathic Association; Lorraine Paradis, DO

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

I. Review of Complaints, Investigations and Compliance Matters

Complaints

A. CR2022 09 – Mr. Michaud, Case Reporter¹

In the absence of the Case Reporter, AAG Wilson reported that the licensee had signed the Consent Agreement. Following brief discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Ryan and seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to accept the signed Agreement.

B. CR2022 47 – Dr. Stringos, Case Reporter

Dr. Stringos provided a detailed overview of the case and following discussion, Board members took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis and seconded by Ms. Michaud 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. Dr. Stringos, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

C. CR2022 48 – Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter

Dr. Gaddis provided a detailed overview of the case and following discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gillis and seconded by Ms. Michaud 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. Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

D. CR2022 51 – Dr. Gillis, Case Reporter

Dr. Gillis provided a detailed overview of the case and following discussion, the Board took this action:

¹ Unable to be present

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MOTION: Made by Dr. Munroe and seconded by Dr. Ryan 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. Dr. Gillis, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

Investigations

E. IN2023 09 – Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter

The Executive Secretary noted that due to a technical issue, the materials for this matter were unavailable for review and the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud and seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to table the matter until the March 9, 2023 meeting. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

F. IN2023 12 – IN2023 18 – No Case Reporter (as yet)

Board members reviewed the materials provided and following a lengthy discussion, took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Ryan and seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to table these matters for further investigation by sending a letter to each of the licensees with specific questions. In addition, the Board would like to extend an invitation to the reporting entity to attend a future meeting to discuss the process leading them to produce the reports.

Compliance

G. Andrew Candelore, DO – Ms. McIntyre, Case Reporter²

AAG Wilson and Ms. Strout noted that the probation term of “at least 18 months” and the requirements of the licensee’s CA had been completed. In addition, the licensee called the Board office and indicated that he is no longer working and does not plan to apply for renewal of his license. Following discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Stringos and seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to terminate the licensee’s Consent Agreement effective immediately.

II. Board Meeting Minutes/Revenue & Expense Reports

A. Board Meeting Minutes

Ms. Strout noted that the January 2023 meeting minutes were not quite complete, and the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud and seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to table review of the minutes until the March 9, 2023 meeting.

B. Revenue & Expense Reports³

Because the meeting was so early in the month, the reports had not yet been received.

² Not present – term ended in AUG 2022

³ Prepared and distributed by DAFS (Dept of Administrative & Financial Services)

III. Other Business

A. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)

Ms. Michaud noted that while she had indicated in at the January 2023 meeting that she would be unable to attend the FSMB Annual Meeting due to a conflicting meeting with the NCCPA, she has been excused from that meeting, plans to attend the Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN and is willing to serve as the Board's voting delegate. Following a brief 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 authorize Ms. Michaud to serve as the Board's Voting Delegate at the 2023 FSMB Annual Meeting.

B. Rule Chapters 12 & 21 – Review of Draft Amendments

Board members reviewed the proposed changes to Chapters 12 & 21 based on the changes recently made by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the CDC. Following their review and discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud and seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to propose the rule changes for public comment.

IV. Licensure Matters

A. Review of Permanent Licensure Applications

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

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis and seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to approve the permanent licensure application submitted by Russell Adams, DO.

B. Richard DeCarolis, D.O. – CME Issue

The Executive Secretary noted that the licensee had not yet returned his signed extension Consent Agreement. Following review and discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud and seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to table any action on the matter until the March 2023 meeting to try to contact the licensee.

Ms. Michaud then shared with the Board that she had spoken with Ms. Vose, a member of the Board member who is currently on medical leave, and she is doing okay. Ms. Michaud also noted the Maine Osteopathic Association Midwinter Conference to be held over the weekend (Feb 10 – 12) in Portland. She also noted that Ms. Strout, Executive Secretary will be retiring soon following many years with the Board. Ms. Strout indicated she will do all she can to make the transition to a new person as smooth as possible.

V. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis and seconded by Dr. Gillis with the vote, via roll, call being unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E Strout, Executive Secretary