

Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure
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Board Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2026 9:34 AM to 2:26 PM

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

Members Absent: Brian Gillis, DO; Gust Stringos, DO

Others Present: Rachel MacArthur, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Esq., Asst Attorney General; 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. 2024-14 Case Reporter: Mr. Smith

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

MOTION: Mr. Michaud – Dismiss, as it did not rise to level of Board action.

SECOND: Dr. Vinsel

Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

B. 2025-36 Case Reporter: Dr. Ryan

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

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

SECOND: Dr. Vinsel

Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

C. 2025-38 Case Reporter: Ms. Hersey

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

MOTION: Dr. Vinsel – Dismiss with Letter of Guidance for 2 years

SECOND: Mr. Michaud

Voted: Passed with Ms. Michaud abstaining; Case Reporter did not vote.

Dr. Ryan returned to the meeting.

D. 2025-20 Case Reporter: Ms. Ponti

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

MOTION: Dr. Vinsel - Invite licensee to an Informal Conference in person and obtain further information about the matter.

SECOND: Ms. Michaud

Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

E. 2025-39 Case Reporter: Dr. Munroe

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

MOTION: Dr. Vinsel – Invite licensee to attend an Informal Conference in person; in addition, recommend education specific to this type of situation.

SECOND: Dr. Brewer

Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

COMPLIANCE

- F. 2022-9 **Case Reporter: Mr. Michaud**
Presented for F.Y.I. only; the Board requested a letter to the licensee.
- G. 2023-44 **Case Reporter: Dr. Munroe**
Presented for F.Y.I. only; the Board requested a letter to the monitor.

INFORMAL CONFERENCE

- H. 2024-56 **Case Reporter: Dr. Ryan**
Mr. Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session.
MOTION: Mr. Smith – to enter into Executive Session
SECOND: Dr. Brewer
Voted: Passed unanimously
Motion made to leave Executive Session.
MOTION: Ms. Michaud – to exit Executive Session
SECOND: Dr. Vinsel
Voted: Passed unanimously
The complainant in this matter declined to attend. Following the Informal Conference with the licensee, the following action was taken by the Board:
MOTION: Ms. Michaud – Dismiss with Letter of Guidance for 5 years.
SECOND: Dr. Vinsel
Voted: Passed 7 – 1; Case Reporter did not vote.

2. MINUTES & EXPENSE REPORTS

- A. **December 2025 Meeting Minutes**
MOTION: Ms. Michaud – accept minutes as written.
SECOND: Dr. Ryan
Voted: Passed unanimously

4. LICENSURE MATTERS

- A. **License Applications for Approval**
James Hozalski, DO
Nedda Karimi, DO
MOTION: Ms. Michaud – Approve applications
SECOND: Dr. Brewer
Voted: Passed unanimously
- Evan Jacobson, DO
MOTION: Mr. Smith – Table to request that he complete an assessment of practice program.
SECOND: Dr. Vinsel
Voted: Passed unanimously
- Eric Palosky, DO
MOTION: Dr. Ryan – Approve upon Chair’s review of more information re: telehealth family practice.
SECOND: Mr. Michaud
Voted: Passed unanimously
- Karen Moyer, DO
MOTION: Dr. Ryan – Approve application
SECOND: Dr. Brewer
Voted: Passed unanimously

- B. Barbara Sewerin, DO – Reconsideration
MOTION: Ms. Michaud – Approve application
SECOND: Dr. Ryan
Voted: Passed unanimously

Dr. Vinsel left the meeting at 1:15 PM

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

- A. Adjudicatory Hearing/Consent Agreements/Informal Conferences
- B. Open Complaints Report
MOTION: Mr. Michaud moved to enter into Executive Session @ 1:35 PM
SECOND: Dr. Munroe
Voted: Passed unanimously
MOTION: Mr. Michaud moved to leave Executive Session @ 1:47 PM
SECOND: Dr. Brewer
Voted: Passed unanimously
- C. Consumer Feedback - None
- D. Complaint Notification Letter formatting – Request to hold until February to provide the Board with the letter formats.
- E. FOAA Certification Reminder
- F. BOL/BOLIM Merger Workgroup Update
Mr. Terranova provided a brief overview and assisted us with discussing the process going forward. The Board provided a few corrections.
- G. Maine 132 HP1403 Physician Associate Bill: Discussion with Mr. Terranova on the Boards’ position with the bill, and why they decided on their position. The Board decided to vote neither for nor against, with concerns.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

- MOTION:** Mr. Michaud – Motion to Adjourn
SECOND: Dr. Brewer
Voted: Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Rachel MacArthur, Executive Secretary