

**Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure**  
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**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 13, 2024 9:30 AM to 2:05 PM**

**Members Present:** Lisa Ryan, DO, Vice-Chair; Melissa Michaud, PA-C; Gust Stringos, DO; Dennis Smith, Public Member; Peter Michaud, JD, RN, Public Member; Brian Gillis, DO; Paul Vinsel, DO; Mary-Anne Ponti, Public Member; Amelia Hersey, PA-C.

**Members Attending Remotely:** Christine Munroe, DO, Chair; John Brewer, DO, Secretary.

**Others Present:** Rachel MacArthur, Executive Secretary; Faith McLaughlin, Consumer Assistance Specialist; Lisa Wilson, Esq., Asst Attorney General; and Det. Lauren Edstrom, AAG's Office

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

**1. COMPLAINTS/INVESTIGATIONS/COMPLIANCE/INFORMAL CONF**

**INFORMAL CONFERENCE**

**A. 2022-21 Case Reporter: Dr. Brian Gillis**

**MOTION:** Go into Executive Session.

Made by: Mr. Michaud Seconded by: Ms. Michaud

Voted: Passed unanimously.

The Executive Session was held, and after the Session was over, following extensive review and discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

**MOTION:** Offer of a Consent Agreement including \$3,000 civil penalty and CMEs

Made by: Ms. Michaud Seconded by: Dr. Stringos

Voted: Passed; Mr. Michaud and Case Reporter did not vote.

**COMPLAINTS**

**B. 2021-14 Case Reporter: Mr. Michaud**

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

**MOTION:** Offer an amended Consent Agreement with permanent prohibition on female patients and an evaluation.

Made by: Mr. Smith Seconded by: ?

Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

**C. CR2024-52 Case Reporter: Mr. Michaud**

This case was taken out of order to accommodate Mr. Michaud's schedule. Following review and discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

**MOTION:** Dismiss with a Letter of Guidance for one year.

Made by: Ms. Michaud Seconded by: Dr. Munroe

Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

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**4B.** Brief update on merger workgroup – the Legislature is holding a hearing on the resolve at 1 pm today. Mr. Michaud will attend and testify for the Board.

Mr. Michaud left the meeting at this point.

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Ms. Michaud stepped out of the meeting.

**D. 2024-40 Case Reporter: Dr. Vinsel**

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

**MOTION:** Dismiss, as it does not rise to the level of Board Action.

Made by: Dr. Stringos Seconded by: Ms. Ponti

Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

Ms. Michaud returned to the meeting.

**E. 2024-46 Case Reporter: Dr. Stringos**

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

**MOTION:** Dismiss, as it does not rise to the level of Board Action.

Made by: Ms. Michaud Seconded by: Dr. Munroe

Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

**F. 2024-50 Case Reporter: Dr. Vinsel**

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

**MOTION:** Dismiss with Letter of Guidance for one year.

Made by: Dr. Ryan Seconded by: Dr. Stringos

Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

**G. CR2024-51 Case Reporter: Mr. Smith**

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

**MOTION:** Dismiss, as it did not rise to the level of Board Action.

Made by: Dr. Stringos Seconded by: Dr. Brewer

Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

**INVESTIGATION**

**H. IN 2023-70 Case Reporter: Dr. Brewer**

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

**MOTION:** Close the investigation

Made by: Mr. Smith Seconded by: Dr. Vinsel

Voted: Passed; Dr. Stringos abstained, and the Case Reporter did not vote.

**MOTION:** Renew the doctor's license.

Made by: Mr. Smith Seconded by: Ms. Michaud

Voted: Passed unanimously.

**COMPLIANCE**

**I. 2024-8 Case Reporter: Mr. Peter Michaud**

Information was provided as an FYI; no vote was needed.

**2. MINUTES & EXPENSE REPORTS**

**A. February 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Minutes tabled for corrections.

**3. LICENSURE MATTERS**

**A. Review of Permanent Licensure Applications:**

Cole P Carter

Ahmar M Jafary

Melvin Parasram

Justine V Cohen

Christine E James

Sagar M Shah

Philip J Cook  
Justin DeVito  
Rachel R Hamilton

David S Martin  
Chance McInnis  
Kayce MW Morton

Elizabeth K Smith  
Crystal R Worsena

**MOTION:** Approve licenses

Made By: Dr. Ryan                      Seconded: Dr. Vinsel  
Voted: Passed unanimously

John J Cassano

**MOTION:** Approve upon clarification of practice info provided.

Made By: Ms. Michaud                      Seconded: Mr. Smith  
Voted: Passed unanimously

**4.     OTHER BUSINESS**

**A.**     Request by Dr. DeFeo for a student to be allowed to re-take the COMLEX exam.

**MOTION:** Approve additional COMLEX exam attempt

Made By: Dr. Stringos                      Seconded: Ms. Ponti  
Voted: Passed unanimously

**B.**     Potential Merger with BOLIM Workgroup – Meeting #2  
FYI update provided by Board members who attended.

**6.     ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** to adjourn was brought at 2:05 PM.

Made by: Ms. Michaud                      Seconded by: Dr. Vinsel  
Voted: Passed Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Rachel MacArthur, Executive Secretary