

Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure
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Minutes of March 12, 2020 Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Members Present: Scott Thomas, D.O., Board Chair; James Pisini, D.O.; Brian Gillis, D.O.; John Gaddis, D.O., Board Secretary; Marty McIntyre, Public Member; John Brewer, D.O. Members Excused: Melissa Michaud, PA-C, Vice Chair and Ryan Smith, DO.

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General; Savannah Okoronkwo, Consumer Assistant; Det. James Gioia, Office of the Attorney General; Sandra Rothera, Esquire; Amanda Richards, Maine Osteopathic Association

Because those present at the start of the meeting were attorneys who regularly attend the meeting and are familiar with the Complaint Script, it was not recited.

I. Complaints & Investigations

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

A. CR2019 17

Following review of the complaint, response and medical records, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Brewer and voted to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant any action against the licensee. Ms. McIntyre was opposed; Dr. Gillis, Case Reporter, abstained.

B. CR2019 42

Following review of the complaint and response, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis, seconded by Dr. Brewer and voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant any action against the licensee. Ms. Michaud, Case Reporter, was not able to attend the meeting.

II. Consent Agreement Compliance Update

A. Andrew Candelore, DO

Ms. McIntyre, Case Reporter (Ms. McIntyre), noted no new concerns; Board members reviewed reports received pursuant to the Consent Agreement. No Board action was necessary.

B. Kevin Kenerson, D.O.

Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter, noted no new concerns. Following discussion and based on the licensee's professional behavior and continuous compliance with his Consent Agreement which was due to expire just prior to the April 2020 meeting, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Dr. Thomas and voted unanimously to terminate the Consent Agreement, effective immediately. Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter, abstained.

III. Minutes/Revenue & Expense Reports

A. Review of February 2020 Meeting Minutes

Following review of the draft minutes, the Board took this action:

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MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Gillis and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 2020 meeting as written. Ms. McIntyre and Dr. Gaddis abstained from voting as they were not present for the February meeting.

B. Revenue & Expense Reports

Because the March 2020 meeting is early in the month, the revenue and expense reports, generated by DAFS¹, were not received in time for review this month.

IV. Other Business

A. National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners

Board members took note of the date of the NBOME Open House in Conshohocken NJ in April 2020.

B. American Association of Osteopathic Examiners

Dr. Thomas noted having attended the meeting and that the attempt to merge the two physician licensing boards had been discussed. Dr. Thomas noted that in addition to the AAOE, the Board is well represented by both the American Osteopathic Association and the Maine Osteopathic Association. The Executive Secretary noted that the Legislative Committee conducting the Government Evaluation Act review voted on March 11th, to pass LD2133 amended to require that each Board undergo the stakeholder process; the Board will hope to begin this process during the summer months.

C. Pandemic Planning

Though not on the agenda, the coronavirus recently termed a pandemic was discussed. Board members discussed potential licensing issues and difficulties licensees may have obtaining continuing medical education (in light of many programs potentially being cancelled). Dr. Thomas and Mrs. Strout will work with AAG Wilson to ensure that emergency licensing, if deemed necessary, is handled appropriately and as quickly as possible.

D. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB)

1) Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Board members took note of the meeting highlights; no Board action necessary.

2) Advocacy News

Board members noted the advocacy news; no Board action was necessary.

3) Annual Meeting

It was noted that Ms. Michaud, who was to represent the Board at the FSMB Annual Meeting in San Diego had opted not to attend in light of the coronavirus; the Executive Secretary noted that it had been rumored that the meeting may be cancelled. Dr. Thomas will consider attending if the meeting happens.

E. Legislative Matters – Updates, No Action Needed

1. **LD1660** – Act to Improve Access to Physician Assistant Care was voted Ought to Pass with an Amendment but that the language of the Amendment was not yet available;
2. **LD1948** – An Act to Prohibit, Except in Emergency Situations, the Performance without Consent of Pelvic Examinations on Unconscious or Anesthetized Patients, was voted Ought to Pass.
3. **LD 2133** – Discussed above.
4. **LD2145** – this was a new LD which proposes to waive all financial and CME requirements for veterans applying for a Maine license. Additional information/clarification has been requested.

¹ Division of Administrative & Financial Services

V. Informal Conference – CR2019 41 – Executive Session

At this time, the Board voted (Ms. McIntyre, 2nd by Dr. Gillis) to go into Executive Session² for the Informal Conference. Once again in Public Session (Dr. Gillis, 2nd by Ms. McIntyre), the Board took this action

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Gillis and voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint filed by the Board on its own motion. Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter, did not vote.

VI. Licensure Matters

A. Permanent Licensure Applications

Following circulation and review, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Gillis and voted unanimously to approve the licensure applications submitted by: Jonathan Vitale, DO; Thomas Duff, DO; Stephany Doucette, DO; Patricia Collins, DO; Elizabeth Zamore, DO; Kaitlin Taplinger, DO; Rebecca Spar, DO; Laura Lee, DO; Christopher Foote, DO; Jessica Harness, DO; Caryl Heaton, DO; Michael Itidiare, DO; William Hoskinson, DO; Andrea Spiekhout, DO; Michael Zielinski, DO; Patrick Bagley, DO.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary

² At the request of the licensee, as allowed by law