

Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure
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Minutes of May 14, 2020 Virtual Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

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

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

Dr. Thomas recited a script prepared specifically for the virtual meeting, noted that all members were present, welcomed those in the virtual audience and started the meeting.

I. Complaints & Investigations

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

A. IN2017 22

Following review of the materials presented, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud and seconded by Ms. McIntyre with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to initiate a complaint regarding unprofessional conduct and opioid prescribing for self and family. The Case Reporter, Dr. Gillis, abstained.

B. CR2019 33

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

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to dismiss the matter with a Letter of Guidance regarding the expectation of professional behavior. The Case Reporter, Dr. Smith abstained.

The Board would still like to know of the licensee's future plans regarding renewal and potential practice.

C. CR2019 45

Following review of the materials presented, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Pisini 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. Smith, Case Reporter, abstained.

D. CR2019 46

Following review of the materials presented, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Dr. Gillis 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. Smith, Case Reporter, abstained.

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E. CR2020 03

Following review of the materials presented, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Pisini, seconded by Dr. Gaddis 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.

F. CR2020 07

Following review of the materials received and other investigative information, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Pisini, seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to refer the matter to the Office of the Attorney General and to send a letter telling the physician to cease and desist, i.e. stop advertising and practicing as an osteopathic physician. Dr. Thomas, Case Reporter, abstained.

G. CR2020 11

Following review of the materials received and other investigative information, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Pisini 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. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained.

H. IN2020 18

Following their review of the materials presented, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Pisini and seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to close the investigation. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained.

II. Consent Agreement Compliance Update

A. Andrew Candelore, DO

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

III. Minutes/Revenue & Expenses

A. March & April 2020 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call being in favor of the motion to approve the March and April 2020 minutes as written. 7 members were in favor, 1 abstained (Dr. Gillis as he had to step away for a short time).

B. Revenue & Expense Reports

Revenue & expense reports were reviewed and accepted (from DAFS¹).

IV. Other Business

A. Chapter 2 Workgroup Update

Board members discussed the question of Continuing Medical Education (hereafter 'CME') for physician assistants with Board members in agreement that the CME requirement should mirror those of the National Commission on the Certification of Physician Assistants (hereafter 'NCCPA) which are 100 hours every two (2) years.

¹ Division of Administrative & Financial Services

B. FSMB² Updates

Dr. Thomas noted having attended the virtual FSMB Annual Meeting and provided a brief overview of the topics discussed. No Board action was necessary.

C. COVID-19 Related Materials

Board members reviewed multiple documents related to the COVID-19 pandemic; no Board action needed.

V. Licensure Matters

A. Permanent Licensure Applications

The Board, having reviewed the applications, took the following actions:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote via roll call being unanimous to issue licenses to the following applicants: Charles Neilson, DO; Chelsea Gracia, DO; Eli Neiman, DO; Jennifer Lockhart, DO; Jessica Laviolette, DO; John Walker, DO; Joshua Brewer, DO; Michael Ellerman, DO; Peter Brooks, DO; Justin Quinlan, DO; Kyle Ettinger, DO and Timothy Cobb, DO;

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote via roll call being unanimous to table the application submitted by Barbara Steinbrecher, DO who has not practiced for approximately 6 years pending the receipt of further information and training to assist the re-entry to clinical practice process. The Board will also want to see a log of CME including AOA hours as her specialty is family practice.

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Dr. Thomas with the vote via roll call being unanimous to table the application submitted by Lewis Jassey, DO pending further investigation as discussed;

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote via roll call being unanimous to approve the application submitted by Katherine Keller, DO;

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gillis and seconded by Ms. McIntyre with the vote via roll call being unanimous to approve the application submitted by Ravi Patel, DO

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Dr. Thomas with the vote via roll call being unanimous to approve the applications submitted by: Drew Ramsay, DO; Michael Ellerman, DO; Nichols Gallagher, DO and Jessica Lucas, DO.

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud and seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote via roll call being unanimous to table further review of the following applications pending the receipt of additional information: Ayad Agha, DO; Innocent Ndzana, DO; Jonathan Marshall, DO

VI. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by Ms. McIntyre, seconded by Dr. Gaddis and voted unanimously via roll call, to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary

² Federation of State Medical Boards