

Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure
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Board Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2024 9:33 AM to 2:06 PM

Members Present: Lisa Ryan, DO, Vice-Chair; John Brewer, DO; Board Secretary; Gust Stringos, DO; Dennis Smith, Public Member; Peter Michaud, JD, RN, Public Member; Paul Vinsel, DO; Amelia Hersey, PA-C.
Attending Remotely: Christine Munroe, DO, Chair; John Brewer, DO

Members Absent: Brian Gillis, DO; Melissa Michaud, PA-C; Mary-Anne Ponti, Public Member

Others Present: Rachel MacArthur, Executive Secretary; Faith McLaughlin, Consumer Assistance Specialist; Lisa Wilson, Esq., Asst Attorney General; Det. Lauren Edstrom, Attorney General's Office (9:49AM)

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

1. COMPLAINTS/INVESTIGATIONS/COMPLIANCE

COMPLAINTS

A. 2021-16 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: Dr. Vinsel Seconded by: Dr. Ryan

Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

B. 2023-60 Case Reporter: Dr. Ryan

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: Mr. Smith Seconded by: Dr. Munroe

Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

C. 2024-35 This matter was stricken from the May 2025 agenda

D. 2024-44 Case Reporter: Dr. Vinsel

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

MOTION: Offer an Interim Consent Agreement while the Board acquires additional information regarding the matter, requiring a response by Monday at 5 pm.

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

Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

E. 2024-54 Case Reporter: Dr. Munroe

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: Mr. Michaud

Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

F. 2024-55 Case Reporter: Dr. Stringos

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

MOTION: Dismiss with a Letter of Guidance.

Made by: Dr. Ryan Seconded by: Dr. Vinsel
Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

G. 2024-56 Case Reporter: Dr. Ryan

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

MOTION: Table matter for additional Emergency Room visit records.
Made by: Dr. Vinsel Seconded by: Mr. Smith
Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

H. 2025-1 Case Reporter: Dr. Ryan

Dr. Stringos recused himself from this matter. Following review and discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

MOTION: Table matter for additional information and evaluation.
Made by: Dr. Vinsel Seconded by: Mr. Michaud
Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

Dr. Stringos returned to the meeting.

I. 2025-3 Case Reporter: Ms. Ponti

Mr. Smith gave this matter's synopsis as Ms. Ponti was absent. Following review and discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

MOTION: Offer a Consent Agreement with a reprimand.
Made by: Dr. Vinsel Seconded by: Dr. Stringos
Voted: Passed unanimously; Mr. Smith did not vote.

J. 2021-14 Case Reporter: Ms. Michaud

In Ms. Michaud's absence, Mr. Smith provided this matter's overview. Following review and discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

MOTION: Deny his pending license renewals. If the licensee appeals the denial, consolidate the two matters in question, and move to schedule an adjudicatory hearing.
Made by: Mr. Smith Seconded by: Dr. Vinsel
Voted: Passed unanimously; Mr. Smith did not vote.

MOTION: Order psychological evaluation to be scheduled within two weeks.
Made by: Mr. Michaud Seconded by: Mr. Smith
Voted: Passed unanimously; Mr. Smith did not vote.

INVESTIGATIONS

K. 2025-16 Case Reporter: Mr. Smith

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

MOTION: Move to a complaint
Made by: Mr. Michaud Seconded by: Dr. Stringos
Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

MOTION: Immediate Suspension with offer of Interim Consent Agreement to extend suspension until final resolution reached.
Made by: Dr. Stringos Seconded by: Dr. Brewer
Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

L. 2025-17 Case Reporter: Ms. Michaud

In Ms. Michaud's absence, Dr. Ryan provided overview for this matter. Following review and discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

MOTION: Move to complaint, and refer licensee to MPHP

Made by: Dr. Vinsel

Seconded by: Dr. Ryan

Voted: Passed unanimously; Dr. Ryan did not vote.

COMPLIANCE

M. 2022-9 Case Reporter: Mr. Michaud

Following review and discussion, the Board has requested that the evaluator provide a more comprehensive report regarding the licensee's status at this point.

N. 2023-44 Case Reporter: Dr. Munroe

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

MOTION: Open new complaint due to violation of Consent Agreement, requesting additional information.

Made by: Mr. Smith

Seconded by: Dr. Ryan

Voted: Passed unanimously; Case Reporter did not vote.

2. MINUTES & EXPENSE REPORTS

A. April 2025 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Approve April's meeting minutes as written.

Made by: Dr. Vinsel

Seconded by: Dr. Stringos

Voted: Passed; Mr. Michaud and Mr. Smith abstained as they were not present for full meeting.

3. LICENSURE MATTERS

A. Review of Permanent Licensure Applications:

Christine Emmanuel, DO

Steven Kurban, DO

John Flaherty, DO

Jacob Longfellow, DO

Luis Gamero, DO

Katherine Seibel, DO

Sidrah Ghaffar, DO

Alden Webb, DO

MOTION: Approve licenses

Made By: Dr. Ryan

Seconded: Dr. Vinsel

Voted: Passed unanimously

Peter Dashko, DO

MOTION: Approve application for licensure

Made by: Mr. Smith

Seconded: Dr. Ryan

Voted: Passed unanimously

4. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Merger Meeting Update

Mr. Michaud and Dr. Munroe provided an update to the April 30, 2025 meeting of the Merger Feasibility Study. A plan going forward was outlined, including an FAQ sheet, as well as a reminder that this is a study regarding merger feasibility, and not the actual merger process. Dr. Ryan will present at the MOA conference on this,

B. Request for info - DHHS

The Board decided that providing the information requested was acceptable, and Ms. MacArthur will forward that information to DHHS.

The Board also discussed the Seattle FSMB Annual meeting, with information and updates provided by Mr. Michaud and Ms. Michaud. The FSMB has expressed an interest in visiting Maine for a Board meeting at some point this summer.

6. ADJOURNMENT

A. MOTION: to adjourn was brought at 2:06 PM.

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

Voted: Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Rachel MacArthur, Executive Secretary