

Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure
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Minutes of November 12, 2020 Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon

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

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General; Nikolette Alexander, Consumer Assistant; Det. James Gioia, Office of the Attorney General; Laura Harper, PA-C; Amanda Richards, Executive Director, Maine Osteopathic Association; Christopher Taintor, Esquire

I. Review of Complaints/Investigations

A. CR2020 32

Dr. Thomas, Case Reporter, provided a brief overview of the of the material. Following discussion, Board members took this action:

MOTION: Made by Ms. Michaud and seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to move to a hearing based on polypharmacy, documentation concerns, unprofessional discharge of a patient without the appropriate weaning of medications, and not addressing abnormal drug screens. Dr. Thomas, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

B. IN2020 42 (out of order)

Board members reviewed the materials presented and following discussion, took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer and seconded by Dr. Thomas with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to revoke the licensee's license to practice in Maine pursuant to notice from the Dept. of Health and Human Services for failure to heed the terms of a legal order for payment of child support. Relevant statutory reference is: 19-A M.R.S. § 2201(6), (13) and 19-A M.R.S. § 2202 (7).

Prior to the start of the next matter, Dr. Thomas recused himself from any participation in the matter and was placed in the virtual waiting room until the end of discussion and voting.

C. IN2020 40

Ms. Michaud, Case Reporter, provided an overview of the materials. Following review and discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer and seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to file a complaint on the Board's own motion based on domestic assault, alcohol abuse, threatening of police officers and dereliction of duties as the licensee was on call at the time of the incident/arrest. Ms. Michaud, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

Dr. Thomas was admitted back into the meeting prior to the following discussion.

D. CR2018 19

In the absence of Dr. Smith, Case Reporter, Board members reviewed the materials and took the following action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Gillis with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to dismiss the complaint but to issue a Letter of Guidance suggesting continued counseling to assist the licensee with personal and work challenges. The Letter of Guidance will remain on file for a period of 5 (five) years.

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E. COVID-19 Suspected Non-Compliance Complaints

Board members reviewed two complaints of suspected non-compliance with COVID-19 guidelines. Following their review, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer and seconded by Dr. Gillis. Following discussion, that motion was withdrawn, and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gillis, seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote, via roll call, carrying the motion with four (4) members in favor (Gillis, Pisini, Michaud and Brewer) and one (1) member opposed (Thomas) to table any action regarding the matter pending receipt of additional information as requested from Det. Gioia.

Ryan Smith, D.O. joined the meeting at this time.

II. Consent Agreement Compliance & Updates

A. Andrew Candelore, D.O.

In the absence of Ms. McIntyre, Case Reporter, members reviewed the monthly Consent Agreement sheet and noting that the licensee had been in compliance, took the following action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to terminate the Consent Agreement, effective this date. Dr. Smith abstained as he had just joined the meeting.

III. Minutes/Revenue & Expense Reports

A. September 2020 Meeting Minutes

Following review, the Board took this action on the September 2020 minutes.

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to approve the minutes of the September 2020 meeting as written.

B. Review of October 2020 (Period 4) Revenue & Expense Reports¹

Board members reviewed and accepted the revenue and expense reports.

IV. Old & New Business/Miscellaneous

A. Review of Joint Rule Chapter 2

Following review and discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gillis and seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to adopt the rule and basis statement, including changes suggested by the Board of Licensure in Medicine.

B. Federation of State Medical Boards

1. Call for Nominations

Board members reviewed the notice; no action was required at this time.

2. Call for Amendments to Bylaws

Board members reviewed the notice; no amendment suggestions were made at this time; no action was required.

¹ Department of Administrative & Financial Services

V. Licensure Matters

A. License Renewal/CME Issues

Board members reviewed requests for extensions of time to obtain the required Continuing Medical Education (CME) for the following licensees and took these actions:

1. Peter Guay, DO – CME Shortage

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Pisini with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to approve the Consent Agreement signed by the licensee.

2. Peter Kirbach, DO – CME Shortage

AAG Wilson noted that the licensee's Agreement would need to be revised; no Board action taken.

At this time, the Board voted (Dr. Thomas, Ms. Michaud with the roll call vote being unanimous) to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS §405 (6) (E) and 10 MRS §8003B(1). Once again in Public Session (Dr. Thomas, Dr. Pisini with the roll call vote being unanimous) and following discussion, the Board took this action:

B. License Reinstatement Application – Robert Blaik, DO

MOTION: Made by Dr. Pisini and seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to deny the licensee's application for reinstatement of his license to practice in Maine.

C. Permanent Licensure Applications

Following review, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer and seconded by Dr. Gillis with the vote, via roll call being unanimously to approve the licensure applications submitted by Scott Blumenthal, D.O.

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer and seconded by Dr. Gillis with the vote, via roll call being unanimously to approve the licensure applications submitted by: Scott Ladd, D.O., Joshua Morrison, D.O., Courtney Corbeil, D.O., Eric Dombroski, D. O., Jennifer Eaton, D.O., Joseph Flynn, D.O., Loretta Hallock, D.O., Cassandre Tanner, D.O., Isabella Taylor, D.O. and Hans Wolslau, D.O.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary