

Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure  
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**Minutes of October 12, 2023 Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Members Present: Melissa Michaud, PA-C, Board Chair; John Brewer, DO, Board Secretary; Christine Munroe, DO; Gust Stringos, DO; Peter Michaud, Public Member, Paul Vinsel, D.O.; Lisa Ryan, DO. Excused: Brian Gillis, DO

Others Present: Rachel MacArthur, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General; Susan Strout, Administrative Assistant; Faith McLaughlin, Consumer Assistance Specialist; Det. Lauren Edstrom, Office of the Attorney General; Emily Bloch, Esquire; Maureen Sturtevant, Esquire; Amanda Mahar, Executive Director, Maine Osteopathic Association; Frank Zach Mazono, DO

At this time, Chair Michaud recited the meeting script and welcomed new Board member, Paul Vinsel, D.O. (Addiction Medicine) to the Board. Dr. Vinsel replaces John F. Gaddis, D.O., who was the longest serving Board member of the Board. Also welcomed were the Board's new Executive Secretary, Rachel MacArthur and the new Consumer Assistance Specialist, Faith McLaughlin.

**I. Complaints**

**A. CR2022 29 – Request for Reconsideration**

Following a second review and member discussion, the Board took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Dr. Stringos and voted unanimously to uphold the Board's June 2023 decision to offer a Consent Agreement. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**B. CR2022-43**

Following review and discussion, Board members took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Dr. Stringos, seconded by Mr. Michaud and voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant Board action. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**C. CR2023 05**

Following review and discussion, Board members took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Ryan and voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant Board action. Dr. Munroe, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**D. CR2023 25**

Following review and discussion, Board members took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Dr. Stringos and voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant Board action. Dr. Munroe, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**E. CR2023 29**

Following review and discussion, Board members took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Stringos and voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant Board action. Mr. Michaud, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**F. CR2023 32**

Following review and discussion, Board members took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Michaud and voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant Board action. Ms. Michaud, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**G. – J. CRs2023 34, CR2023 39, CR2023 46 and CR2023 48**

Following review and a lengthy discussion regarding the above complaints, Board members took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Dr. Ryan regarding the four above noted complaints, seconded by Dr. Munroe and voted unanimously to authorize AAG Wilson to negotiate a minimum 3-year Consent Agreement with the licensee including, but not limited to, terms discussed by the Board such as continuing education in communications, HIPAA laws, ethics and to create a Board approved patient exit survey for review and approval by the Board. In addition, the Board would like to see copies of all of the licensee's office policies.

**K. CR2023 47**

Following review and discussion, Board members took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Dr. Stringos, seconded by Dr. Ryan and voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant Board action. Dr. Munroe, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**L. CR2023 49**

Following review and discussion, Board members took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Ms. Michaud and voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint but to issue a Letter of Guidance regarding compliance with Board rules regarding pill counts and urine drug screens on a regular basis and recommending additional education regarding the prescribing of opioids and sedatives. The term of the Letter of Guidance will be 1 (one) year.

**M. CR2023 54**

Following review and discussion, Board members took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Mr. Michaud and voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant further Board action. Dr. Stringos, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**N. CR2023 56**

Following review and discussion, Board members took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Stringos and voted unanimously to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant Board action. Dr. Munroe, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**Investigations**

**O. IN2023 13**

Following review and discussion, the Board took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Mr. Michaud and voted unanimously to close the investigation with no further action being necessary. Dr. Stingos, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**P. IN2023 14**

Following review and discussion, the Board took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Dr. Ryan, seconded by Dr. Brewer and voted unanimously to close the investigation with no further action being necessary. Dr. Stingos, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**Q. IN2023 17**

Following review and discussion, the Board took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Mr. Michaud and voted unanimously to close the investigation with no further action being necessary. Dr. Ryan, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**R. IN2023 23**

Following review and discussion, the Board took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Mr. Michaud, seconded by Ms. Michaud and voted unanimously to issue a complaint based on the report received and to require that the licensee schedule a mental health examination (pursuant to 32 MRS §2593), with a provider within the State of Maine. Dr. Ryan, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**S. IN2023 51**

At this time, the Board voted (Ms. Michaud, Dr. Brewer) to go into Executive Session. Once again, in Public Session (Dr. Brewer, Dr. Stringos) this action was taken:

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Munroe and voted unanimously to further investigate and to issue a complaint regarding fraud and deceit, based on court documents. Mr. Michaud, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**T. IN2023 57**

Following review and discussion, the Board took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Dr. Stringos, seconded by Mr. Michaud and voted unanimously to table the matter pending further investigation, including obtaining a copy of the patient death certificate. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**Compliance Matters**

**U. Michael Landrum, D.O.**

Dr. Ryan, Case Reporter, noted to no issues with the reports received. No Board action was necessary.

**V. Samuel Moss, D.O.**

Mr. Michaud, Case Reporter, noted no issues with the report received. No Board action was necessary.

**II. Minutes/Revenue & Expense Reports**

**A. Review of Draft August 2023 Minutes**

Review of the August 2023 minutes was tabled until the November 2023 meeting.

**B. Review of Revenue & Expense Reports**

Board members reviewed the reports which are prepared and provided by the Division of Administrative & Financial Services. No Board action was necessary.

**III. Other Business**

**A. Review of Rule Chapters 12<sup>1</sup> & 21<sup>2</sup>**

Following review and discussion, the Board took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Mr. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Ryan and voted unanimously to adopt the basis statements and comments regarding Joint Rule Chapters 12 and 21 and adopt these final rules.

**B. Federation of State Medical Boards**

There were no documents for review from the FSMB this month.

**IV. Licensure Matters**

Following a final review of the applications for permanent licensure, the Board took these actions:

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Dr. Ryan and voted unanimously to approve the license applications submitted by: Catherine Bagley, DO; Andrew Campbell, DO; Matthew Kark, DO; Ricki Kumar, DO; Jared Lenz, DO; Matthew Libby, DO; Robert Rutter, DO; Aubrey Siegel, DO; Kulpana Sundar, DO.

Staff was asked to work with the ALMS software folks on broadening the question on sanctions by Medicare on renewal applications.

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<sup>1</sup> Rule Chapter 12 – Office Based Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder

<sup>2</sup> Rule Chapter 21 – Use of Controlled Substances for Treatment of Pain

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The Board then took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. Michaud, seconded by Mr. Michaud and voted unanimously to table the applications submitted by Terry Haag, DO and Alexander Geevarghese, DO pending additional information. Pending receipt of acceptable information, the applications will be reviewed between meetings by Ms. Michaud and/or Dr. Brewer.

After a brief discussion regarding meeting materials, Board members asked that whenever possible future materials be mailed to them on flash drives. It was noted that the flash drives will need to be sent via Certified Mail, UPS or FedEx for tracking purposes.

### **V. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Board took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Dr. Stringos, seconded by Mr. Michaud and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Strout  
Administrative Assistant