

**Minutes of October 14, 2021 Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

Members Present: Melissa Michaud, PA-C, Board Chair; John Brewer, DO, Board Secretary; John Gaddis, DO; Marty McIntyre, Public Member; Peter Michaud, Public Member; Christine Munroe, DO; Brian Gillis, DO; James Pisini, DO; Lisa Ryan, DO and Rebeca Vose, PA-C

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General; Nikolette Alexander, Consumer Assistance Specialist; Det. Michael Durham, Office of the Attorney General; Emily Bloch, Esquire; Gordon Smith, Director of Maine's Opioid Response

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

**I. Review of Complaint and Investigative Matters**

**A. CR2021 03 – Dr. Munroe, Case Reporter**

Dr. Munroe provided an overview of the complaint. Following additional review and the subsequent discussion, Board members took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Ms. Vose with the vote, via roll call, being to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant further Board action. The motion carried with 7 members in favor (Ms. McIntyre, Ms. Vose and Ms. Michaud, Drs. Gaddis, Brewer, Pisini, and Gillis). Dr. Ryan and Mr. Michaud were opposed. Dr. Munroe, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**B. CR2021 06 – Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter**

AAG Wilson noted that Consent Agreement negotiations continue, and the Board took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Mr. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to table the matter. No Board action necessary. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**C. CR2021 15 – Ms. Vose, Case Reporter**

Ms. Vose provided an overview of the complaint. Following additional review and the subsequent discussion, Board members took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Mr. Michaud and 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 Board action. Ms. Vose, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**D. CR2021 21 – Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter**

Dr. Brewer provided an overview of the complaint. Following additional review and the subsequent discussion, Board members took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Dr. Gillis and seconded by Ms. McIntyre with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level would warrant Board action. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

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**E. CR2021 27 – Dr. Pisini, Case Reporter**

Dr. Pisini provided an overview of the complaint. Following additional review and the subsequent discussion, Board members took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Dr. Gaddis, seconded by Dr. Munroe with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant Board action. Dr. Pisini, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**F. IN2021 24 – Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter**

It was noted that not all material or information for this case had been received and the Board took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to table the matter for review when ready. Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**G. IN2021 26 – Mr. Michaud, Case Reporter**

It was noted that not all material or information for this case had been received and the Board took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Ms. Michaud the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to table the matter for review when ready. Mr. Michaud, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**H. IN2021 29 – Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter**

Following a thorough review and discussion regarding the information received, the Board took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to issue a complaint on the Board's own motion. Dr. Brewer, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**I. IN2021 32 – Dr. Pisini, Case Reporter**

Following a thorough review of the mandated report received, the Board took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. Michaud and seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to further investigate the allegations. Dr. Pisini, Case Reporter, abstained from voting.

**J. Consent Agreement Compliance – Andrew Candelore, DO – Ms. McIntyre Case Reporter**

It was noted that the initial compliance report is due in early November. No action was necessary.

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

**A. August 2021 Draft Meeting Minutes**

Following review, the Board took this action.

**MOTION:** Made by Dr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, carried to approve the minutes with 6 members in favor (Ms. McIntyre, Ms. Michaud, Mr. Michaud and Drs. Gaddis, Brewer and Pisini) and 3 members abstaining (Drs. Munroe and Ryan and Ms. Vose). Dr.

Gillis' connection to Zoom was lost temporarily following the discussion and therefore he did not participate in the vote.

Dr. Gillis' Zoom connection was restored prior to review of the next matter.

**B. Review of August 2021 Revenue & Expense Reports<sup>1</sup>**

Board members reviewed the revenue and expense reports. No Board action necessary.

**III. Old & New Business/Miscellaneous**

**A. Federation of State Medical Boards Information**

1) Board of Directors July 2021 Meeting Highlights

Board members reviewed the meeting highlights; no action necessary.

2) Call for Bylaws Amendments and Current Bylaws

Board members reviewed the material; no action was taken.

**B. AAG Wilson – Law Court Decision**

AAG Wilson discussed a recent law court decision, *Narowitz*, which will impact both the Office of the Attorney General and licensing boards.

**IV. Licensure Matters**

**A. PA Application Questions**

Following review and discussion, the Board took this action:

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to table action on the matter of adding a question to the PA application regarding whether or not the physician assistant has been seen his/her primary care physician within the last 24 months. The Board would like clarification prior to making a decision.

**B. Daniel Holliday, DO – CME Shortage**

Board members reviewed a licensee's request for an extension of time to obtain the statutorily required hours, but the Executive Secretary noted that he had let her know whether he had obtained nearly enough hours to meet the requirement.

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. McIntyre and seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to table any action on this matter pending an update at the November meeting.

**C. Permanent Licensure Applications**

Following review and discussion, the Board took these actions regarding applications:

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. Michaud and seconded by Dr. Brewer to invite applicant Dennis Solomon, DO to meet with the Board at an upcoming meeting to discuss his application. Motion carried with the vote, via roll call, being 8 members in favor (Ms. Michaud, Ms. McIntyre, Dr. Gaddis, Dr. Brewer and Dr. Gillis, Ms. Vose, Dr. Ryan and Mr. Michaud) and 2 abstaining (Dr. Munroe and Dr. Pisini).

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<sup>1</sup> Reports are generated by the Department of Administrative & Financial Services

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A second motion was then made:

**MOTION:** Made by Ms. Michaud and seconded by Ms. McIntyre with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to approve the following applications for permanent licensure: Eugene Conte, DO; Blake Galler, DO; Laura Ferguson, DO; Scott Weiner, DO; Abhishek Achar, DO; Julianne Barrett, DO; Kieran Egan, DO; Rachel Kaiser, DO; Almir Kalajdzic, DO; Natasha Neal, DO; Kaitlyn Schiavone, DO; Karuna Shah, DO; Joseph Shervanick DO and Elizabeth Stephens, DO.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned, via unanimous roll call vote, at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary