

1 STATE OF ALASKA
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
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5 STATE MEDICAL BOARD
6 MINUTES OF MEETING
7 Thursday June 5, 2025
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9 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a meeting of the
10 Alaska State Medical Board was held Thursday, June 5, 2025.
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12 **1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

13 The meeting was called to order by Chair Taylor at 4:04 p.m.
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15 **Roll Call**

16 Board members present:

17 Brent Taylor, MD, Chair
18 David Barnes, DO
19 Matt Heilala, DPM
20 Dave Paulson, MD
21 David Wilson, Public Member
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23 State employees present: Sylvan Robb, Director, Erika Prieksat, Chief Investigator, Robert Bacaj,
24 Assistant Attorney General, Jason Kaeser, Licensing Supervisor; and Natalie Norberg, Executive
25 Administrator
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27 **2. Review / Approval of Agenda**
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29 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Heilala, the Alaska State Medical**
30 **Board approved the agenda as presented.**
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32 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson
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34 **3. Deliberative Session**

35 **On a motion duly made by David Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call**
36 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered a deliberative session under AS 44.62.310(d)**
37 **solely to make a decision on the confidentiality issue presented for Board resolution *In the***
38 ***Matter of C.D., Office of Administrative Hearings Case Number 23-0112-MED, Board Case***
39 **Number 2022-001189, with special counsel to the Board, Assistant Attorney General Robert**
40 **Bacaj joining the Board and all others excluded during the deliberative session.**
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42 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor, and Mr. Wilson.
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44 The Board entered a deliberative session at 4:06 p.m. and returned on the record at 4:15 p.m.
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46 **On a motion duly made by David Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call**
47 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board decided that the hearing record, including pleadings,**
48 **exhibits, and proposed and adopted decisions and the Board's Order should be made public in**
49 **OAH Case No 23-0112-MED, Board Case No. 2022-001189. The Board also determined that this**

1 **decision does not override any protective orders or confidentiality protections for information**
2 **redacted from the hearing record, including Personal Health Information.**

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4 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor, and Mr. Wilson.
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6 **4. Investigations Update**

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8 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call**
9 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS**
10 **44.62.310(c)(4), for the purpose of discussing Case number 2024-001176 with Division staff**
11 **remaining during the session and the reviewing board members excluded from the session.**

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13 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor, and Mr. Wilson.
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15 The board entered the executive session at 4:17 p.m. and returned on the record at 4:27 p.m.
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17 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Barnes and approved by roll call vote,**
18 **the Alaska State Medical Board decided to rescind the decision it made on May 16, 2025,**
19 **concerning Case # 2024-001176 and refer the case back to Investigations and Department of**
20 **Law to request a hearing.**

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22 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Paulson, and Mr. Wilson.

23 Abstained: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Taylor
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25 **8. Wrap up / Adjourn**

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27 Dr. Taylor opened the floor to Dr. Heilala, inviting him to briefly discuss a few things. Dr. Heilala
28 suggested that since the legislature did not take any action on the Board's statement regarding the
29 transgender care of minors, the Board may want to explore drafting a resolution which identifies the
30 treatment of transgender care of minors as constituting unprofessional conduct. Dr. Heilala volunteered
31 to help draft a statement or resolution for the Board's consideration. Similarly, Dr. Heilala suggested
32 that the Board issue a statement to educate the public about the expansive nature and lack of
33 regulation of abortion in Alaska and to explore what else the Board can do about this. Dr. Heilala also
34 volunteered to help draft a statement about abortion for the Board's consideration. Several members
35 voiced their support for these ideas.
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37 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Barnes, and approved by roll call**
38 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board designated Dr. Heilala to work with the Board Chair to**
39 **draft a statement for the Board's consideration at a future meeting for the purpose of**
40 **raising public awareness regarding Alaska's expansive laws allowing abortion.**

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42 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor, and Mr. Wilson.
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44 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Barnes and approved by roll call**
45 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board designated Dr. Heilala to work with the Board Chair to**
46 **draft a statement for the Board's consideration at a future meeting related to declaring**
47 **practitioners who utilize hormonal and surgical treatments for gender dysphoria in minors**
48 **as being grossly negligent and therefore subject to disciplinary sanctions by the Medical**
49 **Board.**
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1 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor, and Mr. Wilson.

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3 Ms. Norberg announced that the next monthly meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 17. However, if
4 no emergent issues are identified in the next couple of weeks, this meeting will be cancelled to give
5 board members a summer break. Dr. Barnes advised that he has a conflict with the August 15 date, set
6 for the next quarterly meeting. Chair Taylor requested the Executive Administrator to poll board
7 members to determine a workable date for all.

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9 The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 4:34 p.m.

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