

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 September 18, 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, September 18, 2025.
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12 **1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

13 The meeting was called to order by Chair Taylor at 4:01 p.m.
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15 **Roll Call**

16 Board members present:

17 Brent Taylor, MD, Chair
18 David Barnes, DO
19 Ryan McDonough, DO
20 Dave Paulson, MD
21 David Wilson, Public Member
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23 State employees present: Kendra Wardlaw, Senior Investigator; Patrick Kase, Investigator; Shelley Irons,
24 Investigator; Natalie Norberg, Executive Administrator and Jason Kaeser, Licensing Supervisor
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26 **2. Review / Approval of Agenda**
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28 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Alaska State Medical**
29 **Board approved the agenda as presented.**
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31 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson
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33 **3. Ethics Disclosures**

34 Dr. Taylor disclosed a conflict concerning a physician involved in case number 2022-000801. Dr. Taylor
35 stated the conflict relates to the fact that over his career Dr. Taylor received "a tremendous number of
36 referrals" from this physician. These referrals included members of the physician's family. Dr. Taylor
37 suggested that he should be recused from any discussion or voting on this case.
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39 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Barnes and approved by a roll call**
40 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board recused Dr. Taylor from deliberating or voting on case**
41 **number 2022-000801.**
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43 There were no additional ethical disclosures made by the remaining board members.
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45 **4. Investigations Update**

- 46 • **Case# 2024-000440**
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48 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Wilson and approved by a roll call**
49 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS**

1 **44.62.310(c)(4), for the purpose of discussing case number 2024-000440, with Division staff**
2 **remaining during the session and the reviewing board member excluded from the session.**

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4 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

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6 The board entered the executive session at 4:07 p.m. and returned on the record at 4:09 p.m.

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8 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by roll call vote,**
9 **the Alaska State Medical Board approved the order for an imposition of a civil fine in case**
10 **number 2024-000440 as presented.**

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12 Roll Call: Yeas, McDonough, Dr. Taylor, Dr. Paulson, and Mr. Wilson.
13 Abstained: Dr. Barnes

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15 • **Case# 2024-000373**

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17 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Dr. McDonough and approved by a roll call**
18 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS**
19 **44.62.310(c)(4), for the purpose of discussing case number 2024-000373, with Division staff**
20 **remaining during the session. The reviewing board member is no longer with the Board.**

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

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24 The board entered the executive session at 4:11 p.m. and returned on the record at 4:14 p.m.

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26 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Paulson and approved by roll call**
27 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved the voluntary surrender of license as**
28 **presented in case number 2024-00373.**

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30 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

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32 • **Case# 2022-000801**

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34 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Barnes and approved by a roll call**
35 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS**
36 **44.62.310(c)(4), for the purpose of discussing case number 2022-000801, with Division staff**
37 **remaining during the session and Dr. Taylor excluded from the session.**

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39 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

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41 The board entered the executive session at 4:16 p.m. and returned on the record at 4:21 p.m.

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43 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Paulson and approved by roll call**
44 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved the voluntary surrender of license as**
45 **presented in case number 2022-000801.**

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47 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson and Mr. Wilson
48 Abstained: Dr. Taylor

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50 **5. Old Business**

1 • **Telemedicine Regulation Project**

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3 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Barnes and approved by a roll call**
4 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved the changes to regulation 12 AAC 40.943,**
5 **outlined in project # 202400569, to go out for public notice and comments.**

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7 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

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9 **6. Interview**

10 • **Michael Fruchter**

11 Dr. Fruchter opted to enter executive session for his interview.

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13 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by roll call vote,**
14 **the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS**
15 **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions for the purpose of**
16 **discussing Dr. Michael Fruchter’s application for licensure with Dr. Fruchter remaining for part**
17 **of the session and Board staff to remain during the entire session.**

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19 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

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21 The Board went off the record at 4:24 p.m. and returned on the record at 4:33 p.m.

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23 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by roll call vote,**
24 **the Alaska State Medical Board approved Dr. Michael Fruchter for a full medical license.**

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26 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

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28 **7. Full Board Review**

29 • **Christopher Melcher, PA**

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31 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by roll call vote,**
32 **the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS**
33 **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions for the purpose of**
34 **discussing Mr. Christopher Melcher’s application for licensure with Board staff remaining**
35 **during the session.**

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37 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

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39 The Board went off the record at 4:34 p.m. and returned on the record at 4:39 p.m.

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41 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by roll call vote,**
42 **the Alaska State Medical Board decided to postpone a decision regarding Mr. Melcher’s**
43 **license application pending a board interview.**

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45 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

46 **8. Wrap up / Adjourn**

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48 It was announced that the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 16 at 4:00 p.m.

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50 The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

