

**Board Members:**

Brent Taylor, MD  
(Chair)

David Barnes, DO

David Paulson, MD

Michael McNamara,  
MD

Lee Walker, PA

David Wilson  
Public Member

**Upcoming Meetings:**

March 19, 4:00 p.m.  
April 16, 4:00 p.m.  
May 15, 8:30 a.m.

# ALASKA STATE MEDICAL BOARD

## QUARTERLY MEETING

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026**

### **DRAFT – AGENDA**

Discussion of the following topics may require executive session. Only authorized members will be permitted to remain in the Board/Zoom room during executive session.

**Location: Zoom, register at:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Rb3ki7apTEOptMfNkXMBOw>

#### **Agenda**

12:00 p.m.	1. Call to Order / Roll Call
12:02 p.m.	2. Election of Officers / Delegations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board Chair / Secretary</li><li>• Legislative Liaison</li><li>• Staff delegations to issue licenses</li></ul>
12:10 p.m.	3. Review / Approval of Agenda
12:12 p.m.	4. Review / Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• August 22, 2025</li><li>• September 18, 2025</li><li>• December 18, 2025</li><li>• January 15, 2026</li></ul>
12:15 p.m.	5. Ethics Disclosure
12:17 p.m.	6. Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Final approval related to the elimination of outdated language in telemedicine regulation</li></ul>
12:20 p.m.	7. Public Comments & Board Correspondence
12:30 p.m.	8. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Students with Traumatic Brain Injuries – Request to support <i>Return to School Accommodation Act</i></li><li>b. Venomous Reptiles – Request to support ADFG regulations</li></ul>
1:00 p.m.	9. Investigation Updates – Executive Session

- Case Number 2025-000095, A. P.

1:15 p.m. 10. Malpractice Cases – Executive Session

- Eichler, Mark MD
- Eitter, Patrick MD
- Ewasko, Sandra MD
- Lin, Joel DO
- Powell, Elisha MD
- Thompson, Colin MD
- Tsukerman, Zhanna MD
- Wolf, Evan MD

1:45 p.m. 11. Break

2:00 p.m. 12. Interview

- Corey Meyers, MD

2:30 p.m. 13. Wrap up / Adjourn

Tentative date for the next meeting: March 19, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

1 STATE OF ALASKA  
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

5 STATE MEDICAL BOARD  
6 MINUTES OF MEETING  
7 Friday, August 22, 2025

9 *These are DRAFT minutes prepared by staff of the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional  
10 Licensing. They have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.*

12 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a quarterly meeting  
13 of the Alaska State Medical Board was held Friday, August 22, 2025.

15 **1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

16 The meeting was called to order by Chair Taylor at 8:30 a.m.

18 Chair Taylor introduced Dr. McDonough as a recently appointed board member. Dr. McDonough is from  
19 the Mat-Su area and practices as a cardiologist.

21 Chair Taylor announced that Dr. Heilala has declared his candidacy for the position of Governor and that  
22 Dr. Heilala's role and service on the Medical Board is a separate matter from his role as a candidate for  
23 Governor. Regarding this matter, Chair Taylor advised that the Board will be monitoring for potential  
24 conflicts of interest and adhering to the Executive Branch Ethics Act.

26 **Roll Call**

27 Board members present:

28 David Barnes, DO  
29 Matt Heilala, DPM  
30 Ryan McDonough, DO  
31 David Paulson, MD  
32 Brent Taylor, MD (Chair)  
33 David Wilson, Public Member

35 Staff present: Sara Chambers, Assistant to the Commissioner, Kendra Wardlaw, Senior Investigator,  
36 Jessie Aaron, Investigator, Shelley Irons, Investigator, Karina Medina, Probation Monitor, Natalie  
37 Norberg, Executive Administrator; Jason Kaeser, Licensing Supervisor, Jacob Olsen, Licensing Examiner,  
38 Alisa Perkins, Licensing Examiner

40 **2. Review / Approval of Agenda**

41 Chair Taylor acknowledged the large number of members of the public participating in today's meeting  
42 including many individuals who indicated during pre-registration that they wished to provide public  
43 comments. Due to this, he recommended amending the agenda to increase the allocated time for  
44 public comment from 10 to 20 minutes.

1           **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor, and approved by roll call vote,**  
2           **the Alaska State Medical Board decided to adopt the agenda as presented but with additional**  
3           **time allocated for public comment as recommended.**

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5           Roll call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor, and Mr. Wilson.  
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7           **3. Review/Approval of Minutes**

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 minutes for the May 16, 2025, June 5, 2025, and**  
10           **June 26, 2025, board meetings.**

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12           Roll call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor, and Mr. Wilson.  
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14           **4. Ethics Disclosures**

15           Dr. Heilala confirmed that he has declared his candidacy for Governor. Dr. Heilala advised that while he  
16           views his work on the board as separate from his candidacy, due to time constraints and the demands of  
17           his campaign, he has submitted his letter of resignation to the Board, effective at the conclusion of this  
18           meeting. He added that he has very much appreciated and valued the opportunity to serve on the  
19           Board.

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21           Ms. Norberg queried the rest of the board members. There were no additional ethic disclosures made  
22           by board members.

23           **5. Public Comments**

24           Members of the public who preregistered and indicated an interest in providing public comments were  
25           invited to address the board in the order in which their request was received.  
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Name	Nature of Comment
Jennifer Fayette, PA-C	Offered the Board her expertise and perspective as a PA, related to PA-specific agenda items, if needed, since there is currently no PA representative on the Board
Tom Pittman, Dir. Identity Inc.	Opposes the Board's draft regulations related to considering the treatment of gender dysphoria as professional misconduct.
Robert Hockema	Opposes the Board's draft regulations related to considering the treatment of gender dysphoria as professional misconduct.
Jacob Sears	Opposes the Board's draft regulations related to considering the treatment of gender dysphoria as professional misconduct. And opposes the Board's statement on late-term abortion.
Dr. Lindsey Banning, Ph.D.	Opposes the Board's draft regulations related to considering the treatment of gender dysphoria as professional misconduct.
Rhianne Christopher, NP	Opposes the Board's draft regulations related to considering the treatment of gender dysphoria as professional misconduct.
Rev. Rebecca Bernard	Opposes the Board's draft regulations related to considering the treatment of gender dysphoria as professional misconduct.
Kathleen Easley, RN	Opposes the Board's draft regulations related to considering the treatment of gender dysphoria as professional misconduct. And opposes the Board's statement on late-term abortion.
Josh Smith	Opposes the Board's draft regulations related to considering the treatment of gender dysphoria as professional misconduct.

Starina Abrahamsen	Opposes the Board's draft regulations related to considering the treatment of gender dysphoria as professional misconduct.
Col Lockard	Opposes the Board's draft regulations related to considering the treatment of gender dysphoria as professional misconduct.
Ann Mayo-Kiely	Opposes the Board's draft regulations related to considering the treatment of gender dysphoria as professional misconduct.
Dr. Kevin Tarlow, Ph.D.	Opposes the Board's draft regulations related to considering the treatment of gender dysphoria as professional misconduct.
Bryant Griffith, Medical Student	Opposes the Board's draft regulations related to considering the treatment of gender dysphoria as professional misconduct.

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2     **6. Old Business**

3         a. **Medical Spa Services Work Group Update**

4         • **Frequently Asked Questions Document**

5     Sara Chambers, Boards and Regulations Advisor in the Office of the Commissioner for the Dept. of

6     Commerce, Community and Economic Development and facilitator of the Medical Spa Services Work

7     Group, was invited to address the Board. Ms. Chambers introduced the *FAQs* document as a product

8     developed through the work group to help educate the public, licensees and applicants regarding what

9     the statutes and regulations say regarding the various services, roles and responsibilities around the

10    Medical Spa industry in our state. The document reflects board and work group discussions and has

11    been reviewed by the Department of Law to ensure consistent legal interpretation of statutes and

12    regulations. The document is a first step in helping people understand, for example what is a medical

13    director of a medical spa and when a license is needed to provide esthetic services. The Medical Board

14    was asked to review, offer suggested edits and/or approve the document. Board members were also

15    asked to weigh in and affirm whether a physician assistant can serve as a medical director, which the

16    document does confirm.

17     Dr. Paulson, the Board's representative on the Medical Spa Services Work Group, stated that he believes

18     the document is self-explanatory, straightforward and that the Board should approve it. He also

19     welcomed board members' input on the issue of whether physician assistants may serve as medical

20    directors.

21     Chair Taylor invited board members to share any additional comments on the document and the issue

22     of physician assistants as medical directors. There were no further comments.

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24         **On a motion duly made by Dr. Paulson, seconded by Dr. McDonough, and approved by roll call**

25         **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board decided to approve the Medical Spa Services Work Group's**

26         ***Frequently Asked Questions* document as presented.**

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28         Roll call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor, and Mr. Wilson.

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30         • **Letter to Board of Chiropractors**

31     Chair Taylor invited board members to comment on the draft letter to the Board of Chiropractors

32     presented for the Board's review and consideration. Chair Taylor offered that he thought it was a well-

33     written letter. There were no further comments.

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35         **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor, and approved by roll call vote,**

36         **the Alaska State Medical Board decided to approve the draft letter dated August 22, 2025, to**

37         **the Board of Chiropractors as presented.**

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1 Roll call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor, and Mr. Wilson.  
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3 **• Proposal concerning Medical Assistants**

4 Ms. Norberg informed Chair Taylor that this item was no longer a topic for discussion.  
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6 **b. Board Statement/New Regulation Project**

7 **• Statement on Late Term Abortion**

8 Chair Taylor invited Dr. Heilala to introduce this topic. Dr. Heilala advised that this subject came up as a  
9 discussion among board members and as a concern regarding the lack of transparency about how our  
10 state appears to be an outlier regarding the extremely permissive nature of the practice of abortion.  
11 Abortion is something that the legislature has granted the State Medical Board the authority to regulate.  
12 Dr. Heilala clarified that the intent of this statement is not about making abortion illegal, it is a  
13 statement of transparency. Chair Taylor invited board members to share any additional comments on  
14 the proposed statement. There were no further comments.  
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16 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor, and approved by roll call vote,  
17 the Alaska State Medical Board decided to approve the statement concerning late-term  
18 abortion as presented.**

19 Roll call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor, and Mr. Wilson.  
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21 **• New Regulation Project - Treatment of Gender Dysphoria in Minors**

22 Chair Taylor provided background information: On August 1, the State Medical Board concluded an  
23 online vote in which the majority of members voted in favor of submitting a request to the Governor's  
24 Office to request a waiver to Administrative Order 358 to initiate a regulation project aimed at  
25 discouraging Medical Board licensees from providing treatment for gender dysphoria in minors. The roll  
26 call for that vote was as follows: Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson voted in favor; Dr.  
27 Paulson did not cast a vote. The waiver was approved by the Governor's Office on August 7, 2025, giving  
28 the Board approval to move forward with this project. Dr. Heilala was invited to provide some opening  
29 comments.  
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31 Dr. Heilala acknowledged the common goal of care and responsibility for minors and the cordial public  
32 discourse on this issue thus far in the meeting. He highlighted the Board's strong support from the  
33 Governor on this issue and that more than half the states have outright banned or curtailed this  
34 treatment. Dr. Heilala further highlighted that regulation is an optional tool to be used at the discretion  
35 of the board, it is not an obligation to discipline or sanction.  
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37 Dr. Paulson stated he appreciates the comments he has received in person, by email and text. He  
38 believes protecting youth means acting with compassion and caution. Dr. Paulson stated, "Our first duty  
39 is to do no harm. While compassion requires us to care for youth in distress, we must recognize our duty  
40 to protect them from medical and surgical interventions that risk permanently altering their bodies and  
futures before they are fully capable of mature consent."

41 Mr. Wilson acknowledged all the emails and correspondence to the Board, adding that "It's really  
42 important to have public engagement." Mr. Wilson advised that the concern regarding the treatment of  
43 gender dysphoria in minors was brought to the Board over a year ago by members of the public. He  
44 stated, "We are acting on that concern. We did a tremendous amount of research to validate that  
45 concern." Mr. Wilson further stated, "This is not politically driven. This is not politically motivated."  
46 Mr. Wilson concluded by encouraging the public to stay engaged and stating that the Board is interested  
47 in public input.  
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The draft language for this regulation change was reviewed.

1 A member of the public, who was not addressed by the Chair, inquired regarding whether the public  
2 would have an opportunity for public comment.

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4 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call  
5 vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved the draft language as presented to regulation  
6 12 AAC 40.967; to initiate a regulation change project and to approve this project for public  
7 comment pending a legal review with no substantive changes recommended.**

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9 Roll call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor, and Mr. Wilson

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11 Ms. Sara Chambers was recognized by the Chair to provide an overview of the regulation adoption  
12 process and to clarify that there will be future opportunities for the public to comment. Ms. Chambers  
13 explained that the proposed regulation change, approved by the Board today, will go to the Dept. of Law  
14 to be properly formatted and then it will go out for public comments for 30 or more days. This notice  
15 will be on the online public notice system. There is usually an opportunity through the Board's website  
16 to sign up for alerts so you can stay abreast of this topic. During that 30-day period, the public may  
17 submit written comments to the Board. The Board may also determine if they want to hold an oral  
18 hearing. After the comments are received the Board is obliged by law to consider those comments and  
19 determine whether additional changes need to be made to the language of the regulation. If those  
20 changes are substantive, it would go out for more public comment. If there are no changes or not  
21 substantive changes, the Board can move forward with adoption, or it can abandon the project  
22 altogether. The public is encouraged to be engaged, to sign up for alerts and to check the online public  
23 notice system.

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25 **7. New Business**

26 • **Definition of Written Prescriptions**

27 Chair Taylor requested Ms. Norberg introduce this topic. Ms. Norberg explained that this matter  
28 originated from a request for the Board to provide clarification and guidance regarding the  
29 requirements for physician assistants when they prescribe, and specifically for the Board to provide a  
30 definition for a "written prescription." The proposed definition would define "written prescription" as  
31 meaning a prescription written on a paper document that has been in the control of a patient prior to  
32 being submitted to a pharmacy for the purpose of dispensing medication. A prescription written on a  
33 piece of paper by a physician assistant would be subject to the requirements outlined in regulation 12  
34 AAC 40.450 (i); whereas a prescription transmitted electronically directly to a pharmacy from a physician  
35 assistant would be exempt from these requirements. Chair Taylor observed that the request seemed  
36 straightforward and invited board members to comment on the proposed definition. There were no  
37 comments.

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39 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call vote,  
40 the Alaska State Medical Board approved the definition of "written prescription" as proposed, to  
41 clarify the prescribing procedures for physician assistants.**

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43 Roll call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor, and Mr. Wilson

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45 • **Request for Record Expungement**

46 Chair Taylor advised that Dr. Fisch submitted a request to the Board to have a disciplinary action from  
47 1997 expunged for her licensing record. He recommended moving into executive session to discuss the  
48 matter.

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2     **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call**  
3     **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS**  
4     **44.62.310(c)(3), for the purpose of discussing case # 2850-97-16, with Board staff remaining**  
5     **during the session.**

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

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9     The Board went off the record at 9:41 a.m. and returned on the record at 9:46 a.m.

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11     **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call**  
12     **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board accepted the order to rescind the public reprimand and**  
13     **expunge the 1997 disciplinary action from Alaska's licensing database in case number 2850-**  
14     **97-16.**

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16     Roll call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor, and Mr. Wilson

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18     Chair Taylor acknowledged Kendra Wardlaw, Senior Investigator who advised the Board that the  
19     National Practitioner Databank does not allow actions to be removed from the database once they have  
20     been entered, however a respondent does have the option to provide a rebuttal to an entry.

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22     **8. Break**

23     The Board went off the record for a break at 9:47 a.m. and returned on the record at 10:07 a.m.

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25     **9. Full Board Review**

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27     **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call vote,**  
28     **the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS**  
29     **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions for the purpose of**  
30     **discussing the following individuals' applications for licensure with Board staff remaining**  
31     **during the entire session:**

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33         • Michael Fruchter, MD  
34         • Jeffrey Graham, MD  
35         • Sheryar Khan, DO  
36         • Anita Powell, PA

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

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39     The Board went off the record at 10:08 a.m. and returned on the record at 10:21 a.m.

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41     **On a motion duly made by M4. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call**  
42     **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved Jeffrey Graham, MD, Sheryar Khan, DO and**  
43     **Anita Powell, PA for full licenses.**

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

1       **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call**  
2       **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board tabled a decision regarding whether to grant a license to**  
3       **Dr. Michael Fruchter until further information is gathered.**

5       Roll call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

7       **10. Malpractice Cases**

9       **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call vote,**  
10      **the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310**  
11      **(c)(3), with board staff Natalie Norberg and Jason Kaeser remaining in the session and all others**  
12      **excluded from the session for the purpose of discussing malpractice cases involving the following**  
13      **practitioners:**

14       Alfonso Urdaneta-Moncada, MD  
15       Amit Sanghi, DO  
16       Beatrice Brooks, MD  
17       Timothy Peterson, MD  
18       David Marks, MD  
19       Edward Prince, MD  
20       Emily Lampe, MD  
21       John Keitz, DO  
22       Marius Pakalniskis, MD  
23       Muneer Desai, MD

24      The Board went off the record at 10:25 a.m. and returned on the record at 10:43 a.m.

26       **On a motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call vote, the**  
27      **Alaska State Medical Board decided to take no further action with respect to the malpractice**  
28      **cases related to: Alfonso Urdaneta-Moncada, MD, Amit Sanghi, DO, Beatrice Brooks, MD,**  
29      **Timothy Peterson, MD, David Marks, MD, Edward Prince, MD, Emily Lampe, MD John Keitz,**  
30      **DO and Marius Pakalniskis, MD**

32      Roll call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

34       **On a motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call vote, the**  
35      **Alaska State Medical Board decided to request the Executive Administrator draft a non-**  
36      **disciplinary advisory letter related to the malpractice cases involving Muneer Desai, MD.**

38      Roll call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

39      Chair Taylor recognized being ahead of schedule. It was decided to rearrange the order of agenda items  
40      and move up Item number 13, "Investigations Update." The board took a break while these  
41      arrangements were made.

43      The Board went off the record for a break at 10:44 a.m. and returned on the record at 10:50 a.m.

1      **Investigations**

2      **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call vote,**  
3      **the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310**  
4      **(c)(2), for the purpose of discussing case# 2024-001176 with board and investigative staff**  
5      **remaining in the session and the reviewing board members abstaining from the session.**

6      Roll call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

7      The Board went off the record at 10:50 a.m. and returned on the record at 11:02a.m.

8      **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Barnes and approved by a roll call vote,**  
9      **the Alaska State Medical Board adopted the order for a license surrender in case# 2024-001176.**

10     Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, and Mr. Wilson

11     Abstained: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Taylor

12     **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call vote,**  
13     **the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310**  
14     **(c)(2), for the purpose of discussing case# 2024-000220 with board and investigative staff**  
15     **remaining in the session and the reviewing board member abstaining from the session.**

16     Roll call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

17     The Board went off the record at 11:04 a.m. and returned on the record at 11:12a.m.

18     **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call vote,**  
19     **the Alaska State Medical Board adopted the order for a consent agreement, decision and board**  
20     **order as presented in case# 2024-000220.**

21     Roll call: Yeas, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

22     Abstained, Dr. Barnes & Dr. Heilala

23     **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call vote,**  
24     **the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310**  
25     **(c)(2), for the purpose of discussing case# 2024-000373 with board and investigative staff**  
26     **remaining in the session.**

27     Roll call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

28     The Board went off the record at 11:16 a.m. and returned on the record at 11:34 a.m.

29     **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Barnes and denied by a roll call vote, the**  
30     **Alaska State Medical Board rejected the decision and order as presented in case# 2024-00373.**

31     Roll call: Nays, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

32     Abstained, Dr. McDonough

1       **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call vote,**  
2       **the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310**  
3       **(c)(2), for the purpose of discussing case# 2024-000768 with board and investigative staff**  
4       **remaining in the session and the reviewing board abstaining from the session.**

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6       Roll call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

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8       The Board went off the record at 11:38 a.m. and returned on the record at 11:47 a.m.

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10      **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Heilala and approved by a roll call vote,**  
11      **the Alaska State Medical Board granted Dr. Dolf Ichtertz a full license.**

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13      Roll call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, and Mr. Wilson  
14      Abstained, Dr. Taylor

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16      **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call vote,**  
17      **the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310**  
18      **(c)(2), for the purpose of discussing case# 2022-000233-Prb with board and investigative staff**  
19      **remaining in the session.**

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21      Roll call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

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23      The Board went off the record at 11:50 a.m. and returned on the record at 11:54 a.m.

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25      **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and denied by a roll call vote, the**  
26      **Alaska State Medical Board rejected the request to modify the Board Order and grant an early**  
27      **release in case# 2022-000233-Prb.**

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29      Nays, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

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31      Kendra Wardlaw expressed appreciation for Dr. Heilala's time and dedication to the Board and the  
32      Division, acknowledging that he reviewed many cases. Others, including Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and  
33      Shelley Irons also expressed appreciation to Dr. Heilala.

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35      **11. Lunch Break**

36      The Board went off the record at 11:58 a.m. and returned on the record at 12:31 p.m.

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38      **12. Interview**

39      Dr. Jacob Stephenson requested to have his interview conducted in an executive session.

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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 entered executive session in accordance with AS**  
43      **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions for the purpose of**  
44      **discussing Dr. Jacob Stephenson's application for licensure with Dr. Stephenson remaining for**  
45      **part of the session and Board staff to remain during the entire session.**

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47      Roll call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

1                   The Board went off the record at 12:33 p.m. and returned on the record at 12:49 p.m.  
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3                   **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by roll call vote,**  
4                   **the Alaska State Medical Board granted Dr. Jacob Stephenson a full medical license.**

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6                   Roll call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Heilala, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

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8                   **13. Investigations Update** (moved to earlier in the agenda)

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10                  **14. Request for reconsideration of Interstate Medical Licensure Compact**

11                  Chair Taylor invited Representative Prax to address the Board. Rep. Prax stated he has an interest in  
12                  multi-state licensure compacts for medical providers and would like to know whether the Medical Board  
13                  is interested in endorsing a compact, if a bill is introduced. Rep. Prax asked board members for their  
14                  thoughts on such a proposal.

15                  Dr. Barnes expressed concerns regarding the Board giving up autonomy over licensing to outside  
16                  affiliations, including the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB). Rep. Prax acknowledged the  
17                  concern but asserted that most states have approximately the same requirements/standards for  
18                  licensure. Dr. Barnes questioned the goal of doctors whose aim is to become licensed in all 50 states to  
19                  provide telemedicine, citing concerns about their commitment to Alaska, contributing to the economy  
20                  and building real patient relationships. Rep. Prax advised he has a different view about telemedicine  
21                  and sees it as increasing much needed access to care for Alaskans. Dr. Barnes conceded that  
22                  telemedicine may be needed for residents in remote areas of the state or for specialty providers but  
23                  questions the notion that there is a lack of access due to a lack of providers.

24                  Dr. Paulson stated that he loves the practicality and simplicity of a compact as a concept yet is also  
25                  concerned about giving up autonomy. Dr. Paulson also expressed concerns about the compact, leading  
26                  to more telemedicine providers, citing concerns about the quality of telemedicine.

27                  Dr. Heilala advised that two years ago, the Board spent extensive time over many months looking at  
28                  whether to join the compact. "It ended with a vote to table it and decline it for now." Rep. Prax  
29                  requested to receive the report and meeting minutes from these discussions.

30                  Mr. Wilson reiterated that a major reason for the Board's decision to not join the Compact was because  
31                  of the Compact's affiliation with the FSMB. Mr. Wilson shared his experience as a patient during the  
32                  pandemic. He stated that his physician received threatening emails and a letter from the FSMB,  
33                  threatening license revocation if his physician "promoted or disagreed with a particular narrative during  
34                  COVID." This resulted in Mr. Wilson's physician refusing to see him as a patient because he refused to  
35                  accept a particular treatment. Mr. Wilson identified another reason for not joining the compact is  
36                  because the compact only allows physicians to join who have a "squeaky-clean" record. Mr. Wilson  
37                  asserts that many people including physicians are not perfect, but they can still provide "fabulous  
38                  services" to our communities. Finding good physicians who want to live in Alaska is always a struggle  
39                  but eliminating those that are not squeaky-clean makes recruitment more difficult.

40                  Dr. Talor echoed the concerns about losing autonomy by joining the Compact. He also agrees that  
41                  telemedicine does not provide the same level of care as an in-person provider. Dr. Taylor stated that  
42                  Alaska is unique and a one-size-fits-all selection process for providers does not work.

43                  Rep. Prax stated he believes the goal is to make the licensing process work as efficiently as possible. He  
44                  is open to working together on addressing any obstacles for a customized approach.

45                  Dr. Barnes encouraged Rep. Prax to reach out to the Governor's office to advocate for more  
46                  appointments to the Board, citing that the Board is currently understaffed.

1 Rep. Prax informed the Board that he is working on a bill to increase the scope of naturopaths and that  
2 he is particularly interested in moving forward with giving naturopaths more authority to work; and he  
3 would appreciate the Board's thoughts on that bill.

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5 **15. Wrap up/Adjourn**

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7 It was announced that the next board meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

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9 Dr. Taylor thanked everyone for the positive comments throughout the meeting and for keeping the  
10 meeting civil despite a contentious topic addressed earlier in the day.

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12 Dr. Taylor and other board members once again thanked Dr. Heilala for his service and time on the  
13 Board.

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15 The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 1:14 p.m.

1 STATE OF ALASKA  
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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  
8

9 *These are DRAFT minutes prepared by staff of the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional  
10 Licensing. They have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.*

12 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a meeting of the  
13 Alaska State Medical Board was held Thursday, September 18, 2025.

15 **1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

16 The meeting was called to order by Chair Taylor at 4:01 p.m.

18 **Roll Call**

19 Board members present:

20       Brent Taylor, MD, Chair  
21       David Barnes, DO  
22       Ryan McDonough, DO  
23       Dave Paulson, MD  
24       David Wilson, Public Member

26 State employees present: Kendra Wardlaw, Senior Investigator; Patrick Kase, Investigator; Shelley Irons,  
27 Investigator; Natalie Norberg, Executive Administrator and Jason Kaeser, Licensing Supervisor

29 **2. Review / Approval of Agenda**

31 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Alaska State Medical  
32 Board approved the agenda as presented.**

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

36 **3. Ethics Disclosures**

37 Dr. Taylor disclosed a conflict concerning a physician involved in case number 2022-000801. Dr. Taylor  
38 stated the conflict relates to the fact that over his career Dr. Taylor received "a tremendous number of  
39 referrals" from this physician. These referrals included members of the physician's family. Dr. Taylor  
40 suggested that he should be recused from any discussion or voting on this case.

42 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Barnes and approved by a roll call  
43 vote, the Alaska State Medical Board recused Dr. Taylor from deliberating or voting on case  
44 number 2022-000801.**

46 There were no additional ethical disclosures made by the remaining board members.

48 **4. Investigations Update**

49 • Case# 2024-000440

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2       **On a motion duly made by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Wilson and approved by a roll call**  
3       **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS**  
4       **44.62.310(c)(4), for the purpose of discussing case number 2024-000440, with Division staff**  
5       **remaining during the session and the reviewing board member excluded from the session.**

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

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9       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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11       **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by roll call vote,**  
12       **the Alaska State Medical Board approved the order for an imposition of a civil fine in case**  
13       **number 2024-000440 as presented.**

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

16       Abstained: Dr. Barnes

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18       • **Case# 2024-000373**

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20       **On a motion duly made by Dr. Taylor, seconded by Dr. McDonough and approved by a roll call**  
21       **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS**  
22       **44.62.310(c)(4), for the purpose of discussing case number 2024-000373, with Division staff**  
23       **remaining during the session. The reviewing board member is no longer with the Board.**

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

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27       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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29       **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Paulson and approved by roll call**  
30       **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved the voluntary surrender of license as**  
31       **presented in case number 2024-00373.**

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

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35       • **Case# 2022-000801**

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37       **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Barnes and approved by a roll call**  
38       **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS**  
39       **44.62.310(c)(4), for the purpose of discussing case number 2022-000801, with Division staff**  
40       **remaining during the session and Dr. Taylor excluded from the session.**

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

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44       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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46       **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Paulson and approved by roll call**  
47       **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved the voluntary surrender of license as**  
48       **presented in case number 2022-000801.**

1 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson and Mr. Wilson  
2 Abstained: Dr. Taylor  
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4 **5. Old Business**

5 • **Telemedicine Regulation Project**

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

10 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson  
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12 **6. Interview**

13 • **Michael Fruchter**

14 Dr. Fruchter opted to enter executive session for his interview.  
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17 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by roll call vote,**  
18 **the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS**  
19 **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions for the purpose of**  
20 **discussing Dr. Michael Fruchter's application for licensure with Dr. Fruchter remaining for part**  
21 **of the session and Board staff to remain during the entire session.**

22 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson  
23

24 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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27 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by roll call vote,**  
28 **the Alaska State Medical Board approved Dr. Michael Fruchter for a full medical license.**

29 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson  
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31 **7. Full Board Review**

32 • **Christopher Melcher, PA**

33  
34 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by roll call vote,**  
35 **the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS**  
36 **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions for the purpose of**  
37 **discussing Mr. Christopher Melcher's application for licensure with Board staff remaining**  
38 **during the session.**

39 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson  
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41 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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44 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by roll call vote,**  
45 **the Alaska State Medical Board decided to postpone a decision regarding Mr. Melcher's**  
46 **license application pending a board interview.**

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

1    **8. Wrap up / Adjourn**

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

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

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1 STATE OF ALASKA  
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5 STATE MEDICAL BOARD  
6 MINUTES OF MEETING  
7 Thursday December 18, 2025  
8

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10 Licensing. They have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.*

12 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a meeting of the  
13 Alaska State Medical Board was held Thursday, December 18, 2025.  
14

15 **1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

16 The meeting was called to order by Chair Taylor at 4:00 p.m.  
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18 **Roll Call**

19 Board members present:

20 Brent Taylor, MD, Chair  
21 David Barnes, DO  
22 Michael McNamara, MD  
23 Dave Paulson, MD  
24 David Wilson, Public Member  
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26 State employees present: Kendra Wardlaw, Senior Investigator; Shelley Irons, Investigator; Jessie  
27 Massey, Investigator; Natalie Norberg, Executive Administrator and Jason Kaeser, Licensing Supervisor  
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29 **2. Review / Approval of Agenda**

31 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Barnes, the Alaska State Medical  
32 Board approved the agenda as presented.**

34 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson  
35

36 **3. Ethics Disclosures**

37 Chair Taylor queried board members regarding any potential financial or personal conflicts to declare.  
38 There were no ethical disclosures made by any board members.  
39

40 **4. Deliberative Session**

41 • Case# 24-0763/MED / 2024-001125 S.M.  
42

43 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call  
44 vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered a deliberative session in accordance with AS  
45 44.62.310(d), for the purpose of making a decision in the matter of Office of Administrative  
46 Hearing Case Number 24-0763-MED and Board Case Number 2024-001125 with Administrative  
47 Law Judge Eric Salinger and special counsel to the Board, AAG Erin Egan joining the Board and  
48 all others excluded from the session.**

1 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson  
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3 The board entered the deliberative session at 4:04 p.m. and returned on the record at 4:09 p.m.  
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5 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by roll call vote,  
6 the Alaska State Medical Board adopted the decision as proposed in OAH Case Number 24-  
7 0763-MED and Board Case Number 2024-001125.**

8 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson  
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10 **5. Investigations**

11 • **Case Number: 2024-000629, P.F.**

12 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call  
13 vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS  
14 44.62.310(c)(4), for the purpose of discussing case number 2024-000629, with Division staff  
15 remaining during the session.**

16 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson  
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18 The board entered executive session at 4:10 p.m. and returned on the record at 4:13 p.m.  
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20 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by roll call vote,  
21 the Alaska State Medical Board adopted the Order for a Voluntary Surrender of License as  
22 presented in case number 2024-000629.**

23 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson  
24

25 • **Case Number: 2021-000336, B.B.**

26 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call  
27 vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS  
28 44.62.310(c)(4), for the purpose of discussing case number 2021-000336, with Division staff  
29 remaining during the session and the reviewing board members excluded from the session.**

30 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson  
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32 The board entered executive session at 4:15 p.m. and returned on the record at 4:23 p.m.  
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34 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. McNamara and approved by roll call  
35 vote, the Alaska State Medical Board adopted the Decision and Order as presented in case  
36 number: 2021-000336.**

37 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, and Mr. Wilson  
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39 Abstained: Dr. Barnes and Dr. Taylor  
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1     • Case Numbers: 2018-000980, 2019-000785, 2019-001381, 2020-000422, 2021-000036 and 2021-  
2       000790, J.W.

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4       **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Paulson and approved by a roll call  
5       vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS  
6       44.62.310(c)(4), for the purpose of discussing case numbers 2018-000980, 2019-000785, 2019-  
7       001381, 2020-000422, 2021-000036 and 2021-000790, with Division staff remaining during the  
8       session. It was noted that the reviewing board member is no longer serving on the Board.**

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10      Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

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12      The board entered executive session at 4:24 p.m. and returned on the record at 4:28 p.m.

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14       **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by roll call vote,  
15       the Alaska State Medical Board adopted the Order of Revocation as presented in case  
16       numbers 2018-000980, 2019-000785, 2019-001381, 2020-000422, 2021-000036 and 2021-  
17       000790.**

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

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21     • Case Number: 2025-000113, J.K.

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23       **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call  
24       vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS  
25       44.62.310(c)(4), for the purpose of discussing case number 2025-000113, with Division staff  
26       remaining during the session and the reviewing board members excluded from the session.**

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28      Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

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30      The board entered executive session at 4:29 p.m. and returned on the record at 4:33 p.m.

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32       **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. McNamara and approved by roll call  
33       vote, the Alaska State Medical Board adopted the Decision and Order as presented in case  
34       number: 2025-000113.**

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36      Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, and Mr. Wilson

37      Abstained: Dr. Barnes and Dr. Taylor

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39     • Case Number: 2025-000496, J.S.

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41       **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call  
42       vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS  
43       44.62.310(c)(4), for the purpose of discussing case number 2025-000496, with Division staff  
44       remaining during the session.**

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46      Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

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48      The board entered executive session at 4:34 p.m. and returned on the record at 4:36 p.m.

1           **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by roll call vote,**  
2           **the Alaska State Medical Board adopted the Order for a Voluntary Surrender of License as**  
3           **presented in case number 2025-000496.**

5           Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

7           • **Case Number: 2025-001088, H.N.**

9           **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call**  
10          **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS**  
11          **44.62.310(c)(4), for the purpose of discussing case number 2025-001088, with Division staff**  
12          **remaining during the session and the reviewing board members excluded from the session.**

14          Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

16          The board entered executive session at 4:37 p.m. and returned on the record at 4:41p.m.

18          **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by roll call vote,**  
19          **the Alaska State Medical Board adopted the Order for a Voluntary Suspension of License as**  
20          **presented in case number 2025-001088.**

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

23          Abstained: Dr. Barnes and Dr. McNamara

25           • **Case Number: 2021-000663, J.W.**

26          **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call vote, the**  
27          **Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(4), for the**  
28          **purpose of discussing case number 2021-000663, with Division staff remaining during the session.**

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

32          The board entered executive session at 4:43 p.m. and returned on the record at 4:44 p.m.

34          **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by roll call vote,**  
35          **the Alaska State Medical Board adopted the Order for a Voluntary Surender of License as**  
36          **presented in case number 2021-000663.**

38          Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

40          It was announced that Dr. Paulson, being on-call, was called out to respond to a medical emergency.  
41          With his departure from the meeting, the Board no longer had a quorum, and the meeting had to end.  
42          All remaining agenda items were postponed until the next meeting.

43          Ms. Norberg advised that the next meeting Board meeting is scheduled for January 15.

45          The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

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5 STATE MEDICAL BOARD  
6 MINUTES OF MEETING  
7 Thursday January 15, 2026  
8

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10 Licensing. They have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.*

12 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a meeting of the  
13 Alaska State Medical Board was held Thursday, January 15, 2026.  
14

15 **1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

16 The meeting was called to order by Chair Taylor at 4:03 p.m.  
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18 **Roll Call**

19 Board members present:

20 Brent Taylor, MD, Chair  
21 David Barnes, DO  
22 Michael McNamara, MD  
23 Dave Paulson, MD  
24 David Wilson, Public Member

25 Absent: Lee Walker, PA  
26

27 State employees present: Kendra Wardlaw, Senior Investigator; Natalie Norberg, Executive  
28 Administrator and Jason Kaeser, Licensing Supervisor  
29

30 **2. Review / Approval of Agenda**

32 On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Dr. Barnes, the Alaska State Medical  
33 Board approved the agenda as presented.  
34

35 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson  
36

37 **3. Ethics Disclosures**

38 Chair Taylor queried board members regarding any potential financial or personal conflicts to declare.  
39 There were no ethical disclosures made by any board members.  
40

41 **4. Deliberative Session**

42 • Office of Administrative Hearing Case Number 25-0010-MED, K.L.  
43

44 On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call  
45 vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered a deliberative session in accordance with AS  
46 44.62.310(d), for the purpose of making a decision in the matter of Office of Administrative  
47 Hearing Case Number 25-0010 with Administrative Law Judge Joan Wilson joining the Board  
48 and all others excluded from the session.  
49

1 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson  
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3 The board entered the deliberative session at 4:06 p.m. and returned on the record at 4:11 p.m.  
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5 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by roll call vote,**  
6 **the Alaska State Medical Board adopted the decision as proposed in OAH Case Number 25-**  
7 **0010.**

8 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson  
9

10 **5. Investigations**

11 • **Case Number: 2025-001211, B.G.**

12 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call**  
13 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS**  
14 **44.62.310(c)(4), for the purpose of discussing case number 2025-001211, with Division staff**  
15 **remaining during the session and the reviewing board member excluded from the session.**

16 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson  
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18 The board entered executive session at 4:15 p.m. and returned on the record at 4:19 p.m.  
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20 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Barnes and approved by roll call vote,**  
21 **the Alaska State Medical Board approved a full license for Dr. Brittany Gerkin.**

22 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, and Mr. Wilson  
23 Abstained: Dr. Taylor

24 **6. Interviews**

25 • **Christopher Melcher, PA**

26 Mr. Melcher opted to have his interview conducted in public. Mr. Melcher was asked about and  
27 explained the circumstances that led to an abrupt termination of employment at a county hospital. He  
28 described subsequent proactive steps taken and successful employment placements that demonstrate  
29 he is “better” now.

30 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Barnes and approved by roll call vote,**  
31 **the Alaska State Medical Board approved Christopher Melcher, physician assistant, for a full**  
32 **license.**

33 Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson  
34

35 • **Gamil Makar, MD**

36 Dr. Makar opted to have his interview in executive session.

37 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by roll call vote,**  
38 **the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session in accordance with AS**  
39 **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions for the purpose of**

1       **discussing Dr. Gamil Makar's application for licensure with Dr. Makar remaining for part of the**  
2       **session and Board staff to remain during the entire session.**

4       Yea, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

6       The board entered executive session at 4:33 p.m. and returned on the record at 4:47 p.m.

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 decided to table a decision regarding whether to grant a**  
10      **license to Dr. Makar until further information is obtained.**

12      Yea, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

## 14      **7. Division Update**

15      Glenn Saviers, Deputy Director, Division of Corporations, Business & Professional Licensing, was invited  
16      to address the Board related to the following topics:

- 17      • **Administrative Order 360.** Governor Dunleavy issued Administrative Order 360 in August 2025,  
18      to address regulatory reform in Alaska. The Order charges all entities in state government,  
19      including Boards, to reduce regulations by 25% by end of calendar year 2027. Reductions should  
20      aim to clarify obligations, reduce costs, streamline procedures and improve transparency; the  
21      Order is not intended to remove any regulations that impact public safety. It was noted that  
22      while the Medical Board has done a good job of keeping its regulations updated, the Board is  
23      not exempt from engaging in this reduction exercise. Comments received for the Board  
24      received during the Division's AO 360 public comment period, the methodology for counting the  
25      baseline requirements, and strategies for meeting the reduction targets were discussed.

27      Mr. Wilson addressed Ms. Saviers, pointing out that board members are volunteers. He stated  
28      this Order is tasking volunteers who have already sacrificed immensely for the Board to take on  
29      yet more work and duties for this administration. Mr. Wilson stated that if you were to propose  
30      paying the medical board members the actual value of their time to review regulations, this  
31      administration would never agree to the cost. In essence he asserted this is an unrealistic and  
32      unfair burden on board members.

34      Ms. Saviers acknowledged her appreciation to board members for the important work they do  
35      and countered that the Board's Executive Administrator has in fact already done much of the  
36      work being asked of the Board to comply with a February 13 deadline, by drafting a list of  
37      proposed regulatory reductions for the board's consideration to be reviewed later in the  
38      agenda.

- 40      • **Expungement of Board Disciplinary Actions.**

41      Dr. Fisch's request for an expungement of a board action from 1998 was brought to the Board  
42      by Division leadership during the August 2025 meeting. The Board voted to expunge Dr. Fisch's  
43      record. The Board subsequently received two more requests for expungements, prompting  
44      staff to request the Department of Law to explore this matter. The Department of Law opined  
45      that State law does not permit Boards the authority to reverse a disciplinary action. The only  
46      way a disciplinary decision may be overturned is on a formal motion for reconsideration or  
47      appeal. The period to initiate an appeal is within 2 weeks of the original decision. That period  
48      for Dr. Fisch has long expired. The Division is requesting that the Medical Board reverse its  
49      decision to expunge Dr. Fisch's disciplinary action.

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2     **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call**  
3     **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board retracted its order dated August 22, 2025, to rescind the**  
4     **public reprimand and expunge the public record, in case # 2850-97-16. The**  
5     **original order in that case must stand as it was entered on February 6, 1998.**

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7     Yea, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

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9     • **FY25 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Budget Update**

10    The revenue and expenditures for FY25 compared to previous fiscal year biennium reports,  
11    show that expenditures are up significantly and revenue is not keeping up. The most  
12    noteworthy increases in expenses are from investigations and legal costs. Last fiscal year there  
13    were 148 complaints, this year there were 236 complaints. These were increases that could not  
14    have been predicted. Bottom line is that medical license fees are going to need to increase to  
15    cover these costs. The Division has submitted a request and is waiting for approval from the  
16    Office of Management and Budget to implement the fee increase. It's projected to be an  
17    increase of couple hundred dollars per licensee.

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19    **8. New Business**

20     • **List of Proposed regulations changes – compliance with AO 360.**

21    Ms. Norberg presented a list of proposed regulation changes that would eliminate or modify  
22    requirements aimed at improving efficiency. The list includes subject areas identified by  
23    stakeholders as needing changes. It was explained that by adopting this list, the Board would be  
24    committing to focus on these subjects in the future, but that much more analysis and  
25    opportunities for feedback would be allocated to each area before edits are finalized.

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27     **On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Dr. Taylor and approved by a roll call**  
28     **vote, Alaska State Medical Board adopted the initial list of priority regulation projects as**  
29     **presented to be submitted for consideration and approval by the Governor's Office in**  
30     **accordance with the mandates of Administrative Order 360.**

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32     Yea, Dr. Barnes, Dr. McNamara, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson

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34    **9. Wrap up / Adjourn**

35    It was announced that the next board meeting is a quarterly meeting, scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>,  
36    starting at 8:30 a.m.

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38    The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE  
ALASKA STATE MEDICAL BOARD REGARDING STANDARDS OF PRACTICE  
FOR TELEMEDICINE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION:** The State Medical Board proposes regulatory changes relating to the standards of practice for the use of buprenorphine to treat opioid use disorder via telemedicine.

The State Medical Board (Board) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 12, Chapter 40, of the Alaska Administrative Code, including the following:

1. **12 AAC 40.943. Standards of practice for telemedicine**, is proposed to remove language concerning practice standards for the prescribing, dispensing, or administering of buprenorphine for opioid use disorder treatment that is obsolete due to the elimination of the federal Drug Addiction Treatment Act (DATA) waiver and to conform to related changes in state law.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Stefanie Davis, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806. Additionally, the Board will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-2974 and by electronic mail at [RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov](mailto:RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov). Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system at <http://notice.alaska.gov/221095>, and using the comment link. **The comments must be received not later than 4:30 p.m. on November 3, 2025.**

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Stefanie Davis, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806 or by e-mail at [RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov](mailto:RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov). **The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period.** The Board will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and on the Board's website at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/StateMedicalBoard.aspx>.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Stefanie Davis at (907) 465-2537 or [RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov](mailto:RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov) not later than October 27, 2025 to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Stefanie Davis at (907) 465-2537, [RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov](mailto:RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov), or at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/Regulations/MED-1124.pdf>.

After the public comment period ends, the Board will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. **You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.**

**Statutory Authority:** AS 08.64.100; AS 08.64.101; AS 08.64.364

**Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:** AS 08.02.130; AS 08.64.364

**Fiscal Information:** The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

For each occupation regulated under the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, the Division keeps a list of individuals or organizations who are interested in the regulations of that occupation. The Division automatically sends a Notice of Proposed Regulations to the parties on the appropriate list each time there is a proposed change in that occupation's regulations. If you would like your address added to or removed from such a list, send your request to the Division at the address above, giving your name, either your e-mail address or mailing address (as you prefer for receiving notices), and the occupational area in which you are interested.

DATE: 10/01/2025

/s/

Stefanie Davis, Regulations Specialist  
Division of Corporations, Business and  
Professional Licensing

**ADDITIONAL REGULATION NOTICE INFORMATION  
(AS 44.62.190(d))**

- 1. Adopting agency:** State Medical Board - Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing.
- 2. General subject of regulation:** Standards of practice for telemedicine.
- 3. Citation of regulation:** 12 AAC 40.943(b).
- 4. Department of Law file number:** 2024200569
- 5. Reason for the proposed action:**  
(X) Compliance with federal law or action (identify): *amendment to 21 U.S.C. 823 (Drug Addiction Treatment Act (DATA))*  
(X) Compliance with new or changed state statute  
( ) Compliance with federal or state court decision (identify):  
( ) Development of program standards  
( ) Other (identify):
- 6. Appropriation/Allocation:** Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing – #2360.
- 7. Estimated annual cost to comply with the proposed action to:**  
A private person: None known.  
Another state agency: None known.  
A municipality: None known.
- 8. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars):** No costs are expected in FY 2026 or in subsequent years.
- 9. The name of the contact person for the regulation:**  
Natalie Norberg, Executive Administrator  
State Medical Board  
Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing  
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development  
E-mail: [natalie.norberg@alaska.gov](mailto:natalie.norberg@alaska.gov)
- 10. The origin of the proposed action:** Staff of state agency.
- 11. Date:** 10/01/2025      **Prepared by:** /s/  
Stefanie Davis  
Regulations Specialist

**Chapter 40. State Medical Board.**

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted. Complete new sections are not in boldface or underlined.)

12 AAC 40.943(b) is repealed:

(b) Repealed \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ [DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR OR COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, AN APPROPRIATE LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER NEED NOT BE PRESENT WITH THE PATIENT TO ASSIST A PHYSICIAN OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WITH EXAMINATION, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT IF THE PHYSICIAN OR PHYSICIAN-ASSISTANT IS PRESCRIBING, DISPENSING, OR ADMINISTERING BUPRENORPHINE TO INITIATE OR CONTINUE TREATMENT FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER AND THE PHYSICIAN OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

(1) IS A WAIVED PRACTITIONER UNDER 21 U.S.C 823(g)(2) (DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT ACT (DATA));

(2) DOCUMENTS ALL ATTEMPTS TO CONDUCT A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION UNDER AS 08.64.364(b), THE REASON WHY THE EXAMINATION CANNOT BE PERFORMED, AND THE REASON WHY ANOTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER CANNOT BE PRESENT WITH THE PATIENT; AND

(3) REQUIRES URINE OR ORAL TOXICOLOGY SCREENING AS PART OF THE PATIENT'S MEDICATION ADHERENCE PLAN]. (Eff. 10/8/2017, Register 224; am 5/5/2020, Register 234; am 9/20/2020, Register 235; am 6/10/2021, Register 239; am \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, Register \_\_\_\_\_)

**Authority:** AS 08.64.100 AS 08.64.101 AS 08.64.364

**From:** [Norberg, Natalie M \(CED\)](#)  
**To:** [akpharmacistsassociation](#)  
**Cc:** [Daniel Nelson](#); [Davis, Stefanie L \(CED\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Inquiry on notice to change 12 AAC 40.943  
**Date:** Monday, October 13, 2025 7:41:25 AM  
**Attachments:** [MED Notice-1124.pdf](#)

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Good morning Brandy,

Thanks for reaching out. The change would strike all of 12 AAC.40.943 (b). Please see attached.

Best,

**Natalie Norberg**  
**Executive Administrator**  
Alaska State Medical Board

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**From:** Brandy Seignemartin, AKPhA Executive Director <akpharmacistsassociation@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2025 7:31 AM  
**To:** Norberg, Natalie M (CED) <natalie.norberg@alaska.gov>  
**Cc:** Daniel Nelson <daniel.nelson@tananachiefs.org>  
**Subject:** Inquiry on notice to change 12 AAC 40.943

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Greetings Natalie,

We saw the notice of change of regulation 12 AAC 40.943, but couldn't tell what change is proposed. Is it just striking section (b)(1) or something else?

Thank you!

**Brandy Seignemartin, Pharm.D.**  
**Executive Director**  
**Alaska Pharmacy Association**



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From: [Dave Wilson](#)  
To: [Norberg, Natalie M \(CED\)](#)  
Subject: Student Brain Injury Accommodation Plan  
Date: Thursday, November 20, 2025 12:24:58 PM  
Attachments: [Immediate Temporary Accommodations Plan - final 8-25.pdf](#)

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Hello Natalie,

I followed up with Melissa McCart and David Kracke to ensure I understand the Alaska Youth Brain Injury accommodation legislation piece that I will be introducing in tomorrow's meeting. Please forward to the board the following Immediate Temporary Accommodation Plan that is central to assisting the student in the classroom environment. This is part of the overall accommodation plan that is presented in the Oregon Dept of Education website found here.

<https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/Documents/Immediate%20Temporary%20Accommodations%20Plan%20-%20final%208-25.pdf>

Best regards,

Dave

## IMMEDIATE AND TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATIONS PLAN (ITAP) FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_ Gr. \_\_\_\_\_

TBI sustained on: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Written Notification Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to School Anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_ Date ITAP completed on: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

List other team members consulted \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Provider Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact \_\_\_\_\_

A concussion or other brain injury can significantly affect a student's ability to participate in learning by impacting physical, cognitive, emotional, and behavioral functioning. Each student's recovery is unique and may include periods of progress and setbacks. A timely, symptom-based response, including temporary physical, cognitive, and social-emotional accommodations is critical to ensuring safety, supporting recovery, and promoting continued access to education. In accordance with House Bill 3007 (2025) and OAR 581-021-3007 public education providers are required to follow [ODE's brain injury procedure](#) and use this Immediate and Temporary Accommodations Plan (ITAP) upon receiving written notification that a student has been diagnosed with a concussion or other brain injury. Plan components may be adjusted or discontinued by the Brain Injury Management Team as needed and must remain in effect until formally revised/discontinued.

Medical Documentation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Abbreviated Day Recommended?  Y  N Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Related Medication in the Health Room  Y  N Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

The student reports the following signs and symptoms:

(See: [ODE's Symptom-Based Accommodation Guide](#))

**PHYSICAL:**

- Headache or head pressure  Light sensitivity  Sound sensitivity  Smell sensitivity  Fatigue
- Dizziness,  Balance problems  Nausea and vomiting  Numbness or Tingling  Ringing in ears
- Impaired sleep (more, less, or fragmented)  Blurry or double vision  Trauma associated seizures
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**COGNITIVE:**

- Slowed information processing  Difficulty with Attention and concentration  "Brain fog"  Difficulty with memory  Trouble learning new information or retaining it  Unable to follow instruction  Inability to multitask or organize  Difficulty tracking conversations  Feeling "slowed down"

Other: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL:**

- Poor emotional regulation  Irritability or quick to anger  Unusual sadness  Decreased motivation,
- Anxiety or depression  Post-traumatic stress disorder  Grief  Loss of social skills  Withdrawal from friends and family  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Activity Restrictions:**  Y  N Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical instructions from Provider or Athletic Trainer for Activity Modification:  Y  N Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to full physical activity during school.  Y  N Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Accommodations

(See: [ODE's Symptom-Based Accommodation Guide](#)

### PHYSICAL

- Allow rest breaks with low light and noise at \_\_\_\_\_
- Wear sunglasses and/or hat in class, seating away from bright sunlight
- Allow hearing protection or unplugged, noise-reducing headphones during class
- Limit screen time by offering assignments by book and paper, when possible.
- Provide a lunchtime space away from crowded areas.
- Leave class 5 minutes early or late to avoid crowding in halls
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### COGNITIVE

- Preferential seating and provide immediate feedback
- Break down assignments and tests into shorter segments
- Shorten in-class and homework assignments to key concepts and critical tasks only
- Reduce or slow down verbal information and check for comprehension
- Teacher generated class notes and/or recorded lecture
- Allow extended time to complete coursework, assignments, and tests if requested
- Stagger testing so that the student only needs to prepare for one exam/quiz per day
- Alternatives to written output for demonstrating understanding: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL

- Teacher/staff to provide reassurance about accommodations and workload reduction
- Permit lunchtime in a quiet space with 1-2 friends
- Allow student to work with a peer or peer group for selected assignments
- Give non-verbal cues to stay on task or change behavior
- Pass to wellness room or counseling center to regroup when upset
- Utilize an emotional and behavioral support plan
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of first review (within 5 days of ITAP implementation): \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of next review (no later than two months): \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluation under  Section 504, or  IDEA initiated?  Y  N Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible  Y  N

ITAP shared with parent/guardian and required school staff?  Y  N Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Temporary Accommodations Plan Discontinued:** \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## Directions for Completing the ITAP Form

Complete this form in accordance with House Bill 3007 (2025) and OAR 581-021-3007 upon receiving written notification from a qualified health care provider that a student has a concussion or other brain injury. It should be completed promptly and reviewed regularly by the Brain Injury Management Team.

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### Student Information

- **Student / DOB / ID# / School / Grade:** Enter student's full name, birth date, ID, school, and grade.
- **TBI Sustained On:** Date of injury.
- **Date Written Notification Received:** Date the school received notification from parent/guardian.
- **Return to School Anticipated:** If known, note date.
- **Date ITAP Completed On / By:** Date completed and name of lead staff.
- **Other Team Members Consulted:** List all consulted.
- **Parent/Guardian & Contact and Medical Provider & Contact:** Fill in names and best contacts.

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### Medical Documentation & Initial Needs

- **Medical Documentation Date / Notes:** Enter date and summarize notes.
- **Abbreviated Day Recommended?** Circle **Y** or **N** and explain if "Yes."
- **Related Medication in Health Room?** Circle **Y** or **N** and list medication if applicable.

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### Signs and Symptoms

- Check all that apply under **Physical**, **Cognitive**, and **Social-Emotional** based on student or provider input.
- Use "Other" lines for symptoms not listed.

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### Activity Restrictions

- Circle **Y/N** for restrictions, describe if "Yes."
- Note medical instructions for activity modification and date received.
- Record clearance date for full physical activity.

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### Accommodations

- Check all that apply using ODE's Symptom-Based Accommodation Guide under **Physical**, **Cognitive**, and **Social-Emotional**:
- Use "Other" lines for additional accommodations.

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### Review and Follow-Up

- **First Review:** Within 5 school days of implementation.
- **Next Review:** No later than 2 months after implementation.
- **504/IDEA Evaluation:** Indicate Y/N, initiation date, eligibility.
- **ITAP Shared with Parent/Staff:** Circle Y/N, note date.
- **Plan Discontinued:** Date
- **Notes:** Add any additional notes needed to track implementation and progress of student.

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### Key Reminders

- The plan must remain in effect until formally revised or discontinued by the Brain Injury Management Team.
- Adjustments must be made as symptoms change—progress may not be linear.
- Keep a copy in the student's record, share with parent/guardian and with all staff responsible for implementation.

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**From:** Sean Dunleavy DPM <[SDunleavy@OPAAK.com](mailto:SDunleavy@OPAAK.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2025 2:03 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <[medicalboard@alaska.gov](mailto:medicalboard@alaska.gov)>  
**Subject:** Consideration for Regulated Venomous Ownership Proposal.

Hello,

Please find the requested draft letter attached for the Alaska State Medical Board to review.

We would be requesting a formal letter/statement from the Medical board to forward to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game stating - "there is no public health issue in regards to regulated venomous ownership".

I am open to any further questions or concerns regarding the subject matter in person, via zoom, or telephone call.

Thank you for your time,  
Sean Edward Dunleavy D.P.M.  
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**Date:** October 13, 2025

**To:**

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Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
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**Subject: Consideration for Regulated Ownership of Venomous Reptiles in Alaska**

Dear Members of the Alaska Medical Board and the Alaska Board of Game,

I am writing to respectfully propose a reconsideration of regulations regarding the private ownership of venomous reptiles within the state of Alaska. I fully recognize the importance of ensuring public health and ecological safety in any policy discussion of this nature as I am both a medical professional and reptile enthusiast myself. However, I would like to present some key points for your consideration that may demonstrate how such ownership, if properly regulated, would not pose a significant public health or environmental concern in our unique state.

**1. Environmental Constraints Prevent Establishment of Invasive Populations**

Unlike other states where escaped or released exotic reptiles can pose ecological risks, Alaska's extremely cold climate, especially the prolonged and harsh winter months, provides a natural safeguard. The conditions are simply inhospitable to ectothermic (cold-blooded) species, making it virtually impossible for venomous snakes to establish invasive populations in the wild. This exact reason is why nonvenomous snakes are currently on the Game Commission "clean list" permitting ownership by Alaskans. Any escaped reptile would not survive the climate long enough to pose a broader ecological threat.

## **2. Limited Interest and Community Size**

The reptile-keeping community in Alaska is very small, and within that community, interest in venomous species is even more limited. This inherently restricts the scale and potential risks of venomous reptile ownership in the state. For those few individuals who do have an interest, keeping venomous reptiles is not a casual endeavor but a deeply committed and well-informed pursuit.

**\*\*Much like firearm ownership, liability lies with the owner/keeper. The state should not imply any responsibility toward this either from a public safety standpoint or any other regulatory burden. Should the board feel there is a compelling public safety issue that must be regulated, then the following 2 points would be pertinent\*\***

## **3. Framework for Responsible Ownership**

Should regulation allow for venomous reptile ownership, I propose a permitting system that includes mandatory mentorship with experienced, out-of-state keepers where appropriate, or with approved mentors within Alaska as the community grows. I would welcome the opportunity to be the initial state certified mentor starting the program as I have over 25 years experience keeping venomous reptiles while living in Pennsylvania, as well as multiple professional contacts in the venomous community I have made throughout the years within the lower 48. This would ensure that only individuals with adequate training, secure enclosures, and a thorough understanding of species-specific husbandry and safety protocols are permitted to keep venomous reptiles.

## **4. Medical Preparedness and Public Health**

Concerns around potential envenomation incidents are understandable, but manageable. In conjunction with a permitting system, we can proactively coordinate with local hospitals and emergency responders to ensure they are prepared. This can include:

- Identification of antivenin suppliers along with mandating keepers to procure their own antivenin supply ahead of time, and working with them to accomplish such
- Education sessions or materials provided to ER physicians and toxicologists
- Development of species-specific emergency response plans for approved keepers AKA “Bite Protocols”

These steps can mitigate any potential medical risks, making this a model for safe and informed ownership rather than a public health issue.

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In closing, I respectfully request the Board to consider that venomous reptile ownership in Alaska can be approached responsibly, without posing a meaningful risk to public safety or the environment. I would be happy to work with state agencies or advisory panels to help shape a safe and enforceable framework for ownership, including proposed guidelines, mentorship programs, and emergency protocols, should the board feel there is a compelling public safety issue that must be regulated.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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