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

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STATE MEDICAL BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING
Friday, November 19, 2021

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By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a regularly scheduled meeting of the Alaska State Medical Board was held on Friday, November 19, 2021

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1. Call to Order/ Roll Call

The meeting was called to Order by Chair Wein at 8:32 a.m.

Roll Call

Board members present:

Sarah Bigelow Hood, PA-C
Maria Freeman, MD
Lydia Mielke, Public Member
Steve Parker, MD
Richard Wein, MD (Chair)

Board Members absent: Matt Heilala, DPM and Sola Olamikan, MD

Board staff present: Natalie Norberg, Executive Administrator, Steven Alvarado, Occupational Licensing Examiner (OLE), Jason Kaiser OLE, Jacob Olsen, OLE, Sonia Lipker, Lead Investigator, Billy Homestead, Investigator, Greg Francois, Chief Investigator, Karina Medina, Probation Monitor

2. Review Agenda

The Board reviewed and approved the meeting agenda by affirmation.

3. Ethics Disclosure

Ethics reporting by board members is done on a quarterly basis and is a standing item on the quarterly meeting agenda. The Chair requested Ms. Norberg query each board member.

There were no ethics disclosures reported.

4. Review/Approve Meeting Minutes

On a Motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Dr. Freeman, and approved by roll call vote the Board approved the minutes of the May 27, 2021 meeting.

Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein

1 Absent for Vote: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Olamikan

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3 **On a Motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved**
4 **by roll call vote the Board approved the minutes of the August 20, 2021 meeting.**

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6 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein

7 Absent for Vote: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Olamikan

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9 **On a Motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved**
10 **by roll call vote the Board approved the minutes of the October 28, 2021 meeting.**

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12 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein

13 Absent for Vote: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Olamikan

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15 **5. PDMP Update**

16 Chair Wein invited Lisa Sherrell, Program Coordinator for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to
17 address the Board. The PDMP platform has changed its name from APRISS to “Bamboo Health.” New
18 upgrades include: 1) Enhancements to the way trouble-shooting tickets are receive and processed. The
19 trouble-shooting features are available from the PDMP website. 2) Enhancements to the Prescriber
20 Report Card - Prescribers can review their Review Compliance and Prescribing History – the data for the
21 last quarter is interactive. The feedback from Alaska users has been very positive about these changes.
22 3) License integration will be launched December 9, 2021. This will hopefully streamline work for licensing
23 staff. Once license integration is in place the communication module will be able to go live. This will allow
24 providers to communicate with each other within the PDMP. Ms. Sherrell plans to continue to do
25 outreach to providers to help them be able to understand the platform and utilize all of the tools that it
26 offers.

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28 Dr. Parker requested that the platform be modified to prolong the time-out process. He advised that he
29 has to re-log into the program 8 or 9 times per day. Ms. Sherrell agreed to look into whether the setting
30 for the time-out process can be adjusted.

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32 Dr. Parker also inquired about the practitioner review compliance rate and whether individuals who are
33 non-compliant are being referred to the Board. Ms. Sherrell reported the metrics for identifying non-
34 compliance must consider many factors. Based on existing methods, review compliance is at about 50%
35 for medical providers. PDMP staff are working on ways to better sort the data and working with the
36 Investigations Unit to develop a plan for how to target non-compliance.

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38 Dr. Wein recommended a “push system” email notification process for non-compliant users, citing the
39 unabated opioid overdose epidemic as grounds for continued diligence in monitoring user compliance.
40 Dr. Wein asked for the Board to be provided with data related to the rates of opioid and dangerous
41 combination prescriptions. Ms. Sherrell advised that utilizing the clinical alert system currently available
42 through the platform would be a good start to developing a notification system for providers with patients
43 who meet the criteria of having five or more prescribers or pharmacies within the last three months
44 and/or who have been prescribed a dangerous combination of drugs. Ms. Sherrell is willing to work with
45 the Board on developing some messaging for this purpose, however a full push system is not feasible at
46 this time.

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48 Chair Wein thanked Ms. Sherrell for her presentation.

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6. Full Board Review

Chair Wein recommended that the Board enter into executive session in order to discuss the applicants identified for a full Board review.

On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll call vote, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310 (c) and Alaska Constitution Right to Privacy Provision, to discuss the license application files for Jon Perry, P.A. and Adrian Rawlinson, M.D., with Board staff, Natalie Norberg remaining in the session.

Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein
Absent for Vote: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Olamikan

The Board entered executive session at 9:06 a.m. The Board was back on the record at 9:35 a.m.

On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and voted on through roll call vote, the Board failed to approve Jon Perry with a physician assistant license.

Roll Call: Nays, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein
Absent for Vote: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Olamikan

The Board cited in its decision that the applicant admitted that he had inappropriate relationships with multiple female patients in the state of New Mexico that involved inappropriate intimate contact both in and out of office situations. This constitutes unprofessional conduct and is grounds for denial of a license in accordance to AS 08.64.240 (b) The Board may refuse to grant a license to any applicant for the same reasons that it may impose disciplinary sanctions under AS 08.64.326. It was further cited that the patients involved were very vulnerable and that Mr. Perry voluntarily agreed to the temporary suspension of his license in the State of New Mexico.

On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Dr. Parker and approved through roll call vote, the Board approved request for the Executive Administrator to work with Dr. Rawlinson to review his options for withdrawing his application for licensure without sanction.

Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein
Absent for Vote: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Olamikan

The Board cited in its decision that it did not find Dr. Rawlinson lacking in personal competency, rather he does not meet the criteria for licensure in Alaska in accordance to AS 08.64.200 (2) (A).

7. Physician Health Committee (PHC) Update & Request for Changes to Professional Fitness Questions – Maryann Foland, M.D.

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2 Dr. Wein invited Dr. Foland to address the Board. Dr. Foland referenced a September 2021 letter sent to
3 the Board from the President of the Alaska Medical Association regarding some additional requested
4 changes to the professional fitness questions asked of physicians during the license application process.
5 Although the Board did make changes in the last year to the fitness questions, Alaska’s fitness questions
6 still do not meet the guidelines set forth by the Federation of State Medical Boards or the Federation of
7 State Physician Health Programs. The AMA is advocating for some slight edits to the wording of some
8 questions, and that the professional fitness questions related to personal health be separated from the
9 rest of the license application and kept confidential. The PHC asserts that physicians would be more
10 likely to seek help from the PHC if they felt assured that such disclosures would not be made public. An
11 additional recommendation includes discontinuing the requirement that physicians obtain a fit to
12 practice letter from their primary care physician if they are working with PHC.
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14 The goal of the Physician Health Committee is to ensure that physicians can practice safely, their motto
15 is “practice repaired not impaired.” The committee is currently monitoring a caseload of 15-20 people,
16 most participants are doing well, and some have graduated after five years of monitoring. Chair Wein
17 thanked Dr. Foland for her presentation and reminded the Board that Dr. Foland will continue to be
18 invited to quarterly Board meetings.
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20 **8. Investigations Unit Update**

21 Chair Wein recommended that the Board enter into executive session in order to discuss licensees
22 identified for Board action.
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24 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll**
25 **call vote, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310 (c) &**
26 **Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions for the purpose of discussing the proposed**
27 **order for a surrender of license for Dr. Seo Yang with staff members Billy Homestead, Sonia**
28 **Lipker, and Natalie Norberg remaining during the session.**
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30 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein
31 Absent for Vote: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Olamikan
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33 The Board entered executive session at 9:55 a.m. The Board was back on the record at 10:14 a.m.
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35 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll**
36 **call vote, the Board agreed to accept the proposed order for a voluntary surrender of license**
37 **for Dr. Seo Yang.**
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39 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein
40 Absent for Vote: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Olamikan
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42 The Board cited in its decision an incident involving Dr. Yang and a police shooting (Dr. Yang was shot by
43 police) after reportedly attempting to attack law enforcement officers and a bystander with an ATV.
44 This matter was first adjudicated in the State of California. Dr. Yang has submitted to a voluntary
45 suspension of his Alaska license.
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47 The Board recessed for a break at 10:17 a.m. The Board was back on the record at 10:22 a.m.

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2 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll**
3 **call vote, the Board agreed to enter into a deliberative session under AS 44.62.310(d) solely to**
4 **make a decision in the following adjudicatory proceeding:**
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6 **In the Matter of Charles Olin Canfield**
7 **Board Case Number 2021-000281**
8 **Office of Administrative Hearings Case Number 21-0526-MED**
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10 **The parties, their attorneys, all members of the Board’s staff, and all members of the public**
11 **were excluded from the deliberative session. The administrative law judge was invited to**
12 **remain with the Board during the deliberative session.**
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14 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein
15 Absent for Vote: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Olamikan
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17 The Board entered a deliberative session at 10:27 a.m. The Board was back on the record at 11:11 a.m.
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19 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll**
20 **call vote pursuant, to AS 44.64.060 (E) (2) the Alaska State Medical Board accepted the Division’s**
21 **Proposal for Action for a remand *In the Matter of Charles Olin Canfield*, Board Case Number 2021-**
22 **000281, Office of Administrative Hearing’s Case Number 21-0526-MED, back to the Administrative**
23 **Law judge to take additional evidence for the purpose of making possible additional finding or**
24 **recommendations.**
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26 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein
27 Absent for Vote: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Olamikan
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29 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll**
30 **call vote, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310 (c) &**
31 **Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions for the purpose of discussing the request**
32 **from Dr. Christopher Jenson for a probation modification with Board staff to remain in the**
33 **session.**
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35 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein
36 Absent for Vote: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Olamikan
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38 The Board entered a deliberative session at 11:17 a.m. The Board was back on the record at 11: 27 a.m.
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40 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and denied by a roll**
41 **call vote, the Board rejected the request from Dr. Christopher Jenson for a probation**
42 **modification.**
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44 Roll Call: Nays, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein
45 Absent for Vote: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Olamikan
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1 The Board cited in its decision concerns that Dr. Jenson has violated conditions of his probation and that
2 he should fulfill the entire period of probation imposed rather than be approved for a shorter period.

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4 **9. Applicant Review/License Approvals**

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6 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke and seconded by Ms. Bigelow-Hood, the Board**
7 **approved by roll call vote to grant the following osteopathic physicians full licensure in**
8 **Alaska, pending the completion of their application files.**

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10 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein
11 Absent for Vote: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Olamikan

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Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
DO	Serine	Banczak
DO	Shanna	Berry-Vo
DO	Meagan	Byrne
DO	Gina	Charles
DO	David	Dahl
DO	Evan	Dannhardt
DO	Marcy	Dellinger
DO	Joshua	Emdur
DO	Paul	Flatley

Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
DO	David	Garcia
DO	Chase	Gulstrom
DO	Jeffrey	Heckman
DO	Latia	Ilyadis
DO	Wasim	Mansour
DO	Virgil	McMillion
DO	Joseph	Rees
DO	Mohsin	Siddiqui
DO	Ryan	Starr

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15 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke and seconded by Dr. Wein, the Board approved by roll**
16 **call vote to grant Gregory Grant full licensure for a Doctor of Podiatry in Alaska, pending the**
17 **completion of his application file.**

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19 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein
20 Absent for Vote: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Olamikan

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22 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke and seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, the Board**
23 **approved by roll call vote to grant the following allopathic physicians full licensure in Alaska,**
24 **pending the completion of their application files.**

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26 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein
27 Absent for Vote: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Olamikan

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Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
MD	Shvetank	Agarwal
MD	Haleh	Agdassi
MD	Saira	Ahmed
MD	Eric	Ashman
MD	Adam	Bagley
MD	Amanda	Barton
MD	Blaise	Baxter

Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
MD	Krister	Freese
MD	Moyukh	Ghosh
MD	Charles	Glaser
MD	Daniel	Griffis
MD	Susan	Halbach
MD	Kelly	Henkler
MD	Jonathan	Jo

MD	David	Bennion
MD	Jacqueline	Bierwirth
MD	Thomas	Bohman
MD	Chad	Botz
MD	Derek	Bradley
MD	Gilbert	Brovar
MD	Ann	Broz
MD	Larry	Cai
MD	Gregory	Carnavle
MD	Shaun	Carstairs
MD	Daniel	Cepela
MD	Jay	Collier
MD	Lori	Conklin
MD	Tara	Cooley
MD	Corey	Cox
MD	Bryan	Dahms
MD	Ivonne	Daly
MD	Amish	Dave
MD	Harold	Delasalas
MD	Gurdarshan	Dhanda
MD	Christopher	Morrison
MD	Jonathan	Motts
MD	Jasmine	Neeno
MD	Karen	Nelson
MD	Zachary	Norman
MD	Karyn	Nunez
MD	Mary	O'Connor
MD	Miguel	Ordonez
MD	Christina	Palmer Shearer
MD	Kartik	Patel
MD	Karen	Peterson
MD	An	Phan
MD	Eric	Prince
MD	Anthony	Puoplo
MD	Samuel	Robertson
MD	David	Rogers
MD	Lloyd	Runser
MD	Adam	Saenz
MD	Camilla	Sasson
MD	Lisa	Savage
MD	Michael	Schuster
MD	Nancy	Shannon
MD	Tyler	Sherban
MD	Brenda	Shome

MD	Max	Johnson
MD	Christiana	Jones
MD	Shyam	Kasundra
MD	Jeffrey	Katz
MD	Galimat	Khaidakova
MD	Sanober	Khan
MD	Laura	Kearsley
MD	Daphne	Kontos
MD	Andrew	Koogler
MD	Lise	Labiche
MD	James	Lavery
MD	Jonathan	Lee
MD	Sang	Lee
MD	John	Liddy
MD	Christopher	Lindshield
MD	Gerald	Main
MD	Owen	McBride
MD	Cecile	Miller Murray
MD	Barry	Mills
MD	Arif Khalil	Mirza
MD	Kateland	Townley
MD	Carissa	Veal
MD	David	Viskochil
MD	Christopher	Voscopoulos
MD	Ghassan	Wahbeh
MD	Tony	Wang
MD	Jeffrey	Wessler
MD	Mark	Willenbring
MD	Arthur	Williams, IV
MD	Jenna	Wixon Genack
MD	Lisa	Wolff
MD	Sameerah	Wong
MD	Jennifer	Woodbury
MD	Jennifer	Wooley
MD	Lorraine	Woskow
MD	Jesse	Wray
MD	Robert	Yapundich
MD	Paul	Young JR
MD	Philip	Yount
MD	Mario	Zelaya
MD	Andrew	Zimmerman

MD	Saurab	Singh
MD	Moussa	Sissoko
MD	Jarrett	Skirball
MD	Allison	Smego
MD	Charlton	Stevens
MD	Jeremy	Stich
MD	Jacquelyn	Stone
MD	Charles	Sweet
MD	Stephen	Thorp
MD	Kathleen	Timme

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On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke and seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, the Board approved by roll call vote to grant the following physician assistants full licensure in Alaska, pending the completion of their application files.

Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein
Absent for Vote: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Olamikan

Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
PA	David	Buys
PA	Hanna	Chastain
PA	Joseph	DeLong
PA	Monica	Eager
PA	Kelly	Euhus
PA	Frederick	Fuller III
PA	Olivia	Gregg
PA	Robert	Johnson
PA	Jeffry	Hartzell
PA	Karla	Hennequin
PA	Natalie	Koncz

Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
PA	Courtney	Lee
PA	Thomas	McArthur
PA	Jennifer	McLaughlin
PA	Carly	McQueen
PA	Ciara	Neeb
PA	Julian	Rodriguez
PA	Shannon	Rynders
PA	Joshua	Schirripa
PA	Stevie	Spurling
PA	Lauren	Swanson
PA	Maily	Williams

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On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke and seconded by Dr. Freeman, the Board approved by roll call vote to grant the following Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics full licensure in Alaska pending the completion of their application files.

Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein
Absent for Vote: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Olamikan

Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
MICP	Jeffrey	Bevan
MICP	Aaron	Brincefield
MICP	Matthew	Carlson
MICP	Ty Rex	Clark
MICP	Sierra	Craven

Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
MICP	Nancy	Lockett
MICP	Spencer	Marsh
MICP	Jennifer	Merrion
MICP	Carson	Ratky
MICP	Jessica	St. Laurent

MICP	Kristen	Davidson
MICP	Francis	Eighmey
MICP	Jordan	Gardner
MICP	Lisa	Grande
MICP	Louis	Karlberg
MICP	Michael	Lewis

MICP	Derek	Sanderson
MICP	Alfred	Sandominick
MICP	Andrew	Servais
MICP	John	Wagner
MICP	Daniel	Walter
MICP	Andrew	Wheeler

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10. Lunch Break – the Board recessed for lunch at 11:51 a.m. and reconvened at 12:25 p.m.

11. Public Comment

Chair Wein explained the process for providing public testimony and invited members of the public to address the Board. The first 25 individuals who pre-registered before the deadline of November 16, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. were each given priority to speak for a period of 2 minutes. The following individuals provided testimony. Seventeen of the speakers spoke in favor of the Board endorsing practitioners who support and prescribe alternative therapeutics for patients with COVID-19 and eight of the speakers urged the Board to take an official stance to prohibit such practices. Approximately 600 written comments were received by the deadline and forwarded to the Board prior to November 19, 2021. Any written comments received after the November 16 deadline will be forwarded to the Board after the meeting.

Name of Person providing Testimony	Synopsis of Comments
Patrick Dougherty	Stop misinformation about Vaccine. Issue statement in support of vaccine and admonish those who say otherwise.
Stacey Maddox	Nurse asking to have physicians investigated for statements against vaccine.
Daniel Consenstein	His doctor did not recommend booster but indicated he should go to website about vitamins. It was called front line COVID-19.
Steven Floerchinger	Supporting letter asking to stop misinformation.
Ilona Jean Farr	Does not support Mandate for vaccine. Supports early treatment and Ivermectin
Leon Jaimes	Would like us to stop the misinformation.
David Morgan	Supports early treatments, Ivermectin and alternative medicine or off label prescriptions.
Ramsey Bell	Supports early treatments, Ivermectin and alternative medicine or off label prescriptions.
Thomas Hennessy	Stop using off label meds. Issue warning to doctors prescribing these meds. Supports clinical trial for off label medications.
Benjamin Westley	Stop mis information about vaccine. Issue statement in support of vaccine and admonish or discipline those who say otherwise.
Donna Celia	Supports early treatments, Ivermectin and alternative medicine or off label prescriptions.
Marti Deruelle	Supports early treatments, Ivermectin and alternative medicine or off label prescriptions.
Kristen Giesler for Sandy Taylor	Supports early treatments, Ivermectin and alternative medicine or off label prescriptions.
Ray Southwell	Supports alternative medicine or off label prescriptions.
Michele Poole	Stop miss information about off label medications.

Kathi Gallagher	Supports early treatments, Ivermectin and alternative medicine or off label prescriptions.
Robyn Bjork	Supports early treatments, Ivermectin and alternative medicine or off label prescriptions.
Sher Zinn	Supports early treatments, Ivermectin and alternative medicine or off label prescriptions.
Senator Lora Reinbold	Supports early treatments, Ivermectin and alternative medicine or off label prescriptions.
Pamela Samash	Supports early treatments, Ivermectin and alternative medicine or off label prescriptions.
Kate Henry	Supports early treatments, Ivermectin and alternative medicine or off label prescriptions.
Blanca Ellis	Supports early treatments, Ivermectin and alternative medicine or off label prescriptions.
Rep. Ken McCarty	Supports early treatments, Ivermectin and alternative medicine or off label prescriptions.
Susan Snow	Supports early treatments, Ivermectin and alternative medicine or off label prescriptions.
Bill Lemmons	Supports early treatments, Ivermectin and alternative medicine or off label prescriptions.

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2 **12. Division Update**

3 Chair Wein invited Sara Chambers, Director, Division of Corporate, Business and Professional Licensing
4 to address the Board. Director Chambers provided a brief overview of the role of CBPL investigators and
5 process for filing a complaint against a medical provider. Interested individuals were directed to the
6 Medical Board’s website for more information. Next, an overview and update of the Board’s budget
7 was provided. In Fiscal Year 2021, due to it being a license renewal year, the Board grossed
8 approximately \$2.6 million in revenue. FY22 is a non-renewal year and revenue is expected to be much
9 smaller. In FY21 the Board saw an 14% increase in license activity, which was likely due to COVID and an
10 influx of medical personnel entering the state. Board staff processed approximately one thousand more
11 applications than in previous years while experiencing a staff shortage. Division-wide there is a 30%
12 staff vacancy rate. Overall, Non-Investigative direct expenses, primarily related to personal services has
13 increased while the Investigative direct expenses are slightly down. Interagency legal expenses went up
14 during FY21, most likely due to the additional consultations needed for all of the new emergency
15 regulation work to address COVID. Indirect expenses also increased during FY21, and an overview of
16 those expenses was provided. The total expenditures for the Board in FY21 was approximately \$1.5
17 million. The Board started FY22 with a surplus of \$641,000. The Division will be conducting a licensing
18 fee analysis this year to determine whether a fee increase is recommended.

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20 **13. Break** - The Board recessed for a break at 2:13 p.m. and reconvened at 2:31 p.m.

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22 **14. Malpractice Case Review**

23 Chair Wein recommended that the Board enter into executive session in order to discuss the seven
24 malpractice cases brought the Board for review.

1 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Dr. Freeman and approved by roll call**
2 **vote, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310 (c) & Alaska**
3 **Constitutional Rights to Privacy Provisions for the purpose of discussing or the purpose of**
4 **discussing malpractice cases involving the following practitioners and board staff remaining in**
5 **the session:**

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7 **Janet Abadir, MD, Case # 3KO1700026CI**
8 **Deryk Anderson, DO, 3AN-17-11445 CI**
9 **Steven Becker, MD, 9th District, Fremont County, WY-Civil 42104**
10 **Meghan Beddow, MD D-202-2109-01169**
11 **Shannon Calhoun, MD 5:18-CV-04014-SAC-KG**
12 **Sean Keenan, MD, Case # CJ-2018-1536**
13 **Matthew Peterson, MD, MOA/Alonge Interventional Pain clinic**

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15 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein
16 Absent for Vote: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Olamikan

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18 The Board entered executive session at 2:35 p.m. The Board was back on the record at 3:31 p.m.

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20 During executive session the Board reviewed seven self-reported malpractice cases by licensees to
21 determine whether further action by the Board is warranted.

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23 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll**
24 **call vote, the Board agreed to take no further action after reviewing the matters concerning:**

25 **Janet Abadir, MD, Case # 3KO1700026CI**
26 **Deryk Anderson, DO, 3AN-17-11445 CI**
27 **Steven Becker, MD, 9th District, Fremont County, WY-Civil 42104**
28 **Meghan Beddow, MD D-202-2109-01169**
29 **Sean Keenan, MD, Case # CJ-2018-1536**
30 **Matthew Peterson, MD, MOA/Alonge Interventional Pain clinic**

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32 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein
33 Absent for Vote: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Olamikan

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35 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll**
36 **call vote, the Board agreed to direct the Executive Administrator to draft an advisory letter to**
37 **Shannon Calhoun, MD regarding malpractice case # 5:18-CV-04014-SAC-KG**

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39 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein
40 Absent for Vote: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Olamikan

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42 **15. Chair Updates/Closing Business**

- 43 • **Physician Assistant Work Group** – As approved during the last quarterly Board meeting, the
44 Medical Board has started a Physician Assistant Work Group with Board members Dr. Wein and
45 Sarah Bigelow Hood representing the Board. The purpose of the work group is to discuss and
46 review proposed edits to the licensing regulations for Physician Assistants submitted by the
47 Alaska Association of Physician Assistants. A primary focus of the proposed edits pertains to

1 changes to the collaborative practice agreements. Board members were encouraged to read
2 the proposed edits and participate in upcoming work group meetings. Members of the public
3 are also invited to participate in this open work group. Final edits will be presented to the Board
4 for consideration at a future Board meeting.

- 5 • **Telehealth work** – Chair Wein and Ms. Norberg have been meeting regularly to examine the
6 implications of the expanded practice of telehealth in Alaska with the goal to identify strategies
7 to streamline the application process for telehealth providers while ensuring the public is
8 protected. Some key considerations include the need to be able to track the scope of practice,
9 employer, record retention and emergency referral policies. The goal of this work is to provide
10 the Board with a white paper at a future meeting with recommendations for possible regulation
11 and policy changes.
- 12 • **MICP Transfer** – Plans are underway for the transfer of the Mobile Intensive Care Paramedic
13 licensing program to DHSS in January 2022.
- 14 • **Military Courtesy License** – The draft regulation language approved by the Board during the
15 special October 28, 2021 to address the new Military courtesy license requirements is being
16 reviewed by the Department of Law and will be out for public comment in the near future.
- 17 • **Approved – Emergency Regulations Made Permanent** –Emergency Regulations approved
18 earlier this year were made permanent related to 1) the prescription of buprenorphine via
19 telemedicine during emergency situations; 2) changes to the requirements for monthly direct
20 contact between physician assistants and their collaborating physician only during the periods
21 the PA is actively practicing under the collaborative plan; and 3) redundant language removed
22 related to the review of pharmacy cooperative plans.
- 23 • **Special Meeting Dates** – Chair Wein advised that the Board will need to identify some
24 additional dates for meetings to address certain items that cannot wait until the next quarterly
25 meeting. The next special meeting will be related to addressing COVID-19 treatment issues.
26 Ms. Norberg will send a poll to Board members to identify a date workable for all. The next
27 quarterly board meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 17-18, 2021. This meeting may be
28 reduced to a one-day meeting schedule if so agreed upon by Board members.

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30 **16. Adjournment**

31 The Chair expressed his appreciation to the Board and to the members of the public for their
32 participation in the meeting.

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34 The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

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37 Respectfully submitted:

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39 /s/ 

40 Natalie Norberg, Executive Administrator
41 Alaska State Medical Board

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43 February 18, 2022

44 Date

Approved:

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Richard Wein, MD, President
Alaska State Medical Board

March 2, 2022

Date