

1 STATE OF ALASKA
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
4

5 STATE MEDICAL BOARD
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7 MINUTES OF MEETING
8 Thursday, August 20 – Friday, August 21, 2020
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10 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a regularly scheduled
11 meeting of the Alaska State Medical Board was held on Thursday, August 20 – Friday, August 21, 2020
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13 **Thursday, August 20th**
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15 **1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

16 The meeting was called to order by Chair Wein at 10:03 a.m.
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18 **Roll Call**

19 Board members present, constituting a quorum:

20 Sarah Bigelow Hood, PA
21 David Boswell, Public Member (Secretary)
22 Larry Daugherty, MD
23 Maria Freeman, MD
24 Christopher Gay, MD
25 Lydia Mielke, Public Member
26 Steve Parker, MD
27 Richard Wein, MD (Chair)
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29 Board staff:

30 Alysia Jones, Executive Administrator
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32 Visitors present for portions of the meeting:

33 Sara Chambers, Division Director, Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
34 Sonia Lipker, Senior Investigator
35 Michele Wall-Rood, Investigator
36 Billy Homestead, Investigator
37 Karina Medina, Probation Officer
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39 **2. Review Agenda**

40 The board reviewed the meeting agenda.

41 **On a Motion duly made by Dr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Boswell and approved**
42 **unanimously, the Board approved the agenda as presented.**
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44 **3. Review/Approve Meeting Minutes**

45 The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the May 21-22, 2020.
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1 **On a Motion duly made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved**
2 **unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the May 21-22, 2020 as presented.**

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4 The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the August 6, 2020 meetings.

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6 **On a Motion duly made by Dr. Gay, seconded by Dr. Freeman, and approved**
7 **unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the August 6, 2020 as presented.**

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9 Ms. Jones read the following statement into the record:

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11 Please note that this meeting is being recorded. The audience may not participate in the
12 meeting with the exception of public comment, which is scheduled for 1pm today. If the board
13 enters into executive session, all public attendees will be placed in the waiting room until the
14 executive session concludes and the board returns to the record. Please note that if an
15 attendee disrupts the meeting and does not allow the board to conduct the business scheduled
16 on the agenda, that attendee may be removed from the meeting. Thank you.

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18 **4. Ethics Reporting**

19 Ethics reporting is done on a quarterly basis and as such a standing item on the quarterly meeting
20 agenda. The Chair requested Ms. Jones query each board member.

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22 There were no other ethics disclosures reported.

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24 **5. Investigative Unit**

25 Senior Investigator Sonia Lipker joined the meeting along with investigators Michele Wall-Rood and Billy
26 Homestead.

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28 **A. Presentation**

29 Ms. Lipker spoke to the board about the need for consistency in the application of disciplinary sanctions
30 and explained any significant departure from case precedent and/or the disciplinary matrix requires a
31 clear explanation in the findings of fact or board order.

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33 Ms. Lipker reviewed the following with the board:

- 34 • Alaska Statute 08.64.331. Disciplinary sanctions
- 35 • Section IV. of *Guide to Excellence in Regulation for Professional Licensing Boards & Commissions*
36 pertaining to board and commission framework for decision making, and
- 37 • A recent opinion from the Alaska Supreme Court regarding consistency for the Alaska State
38 Medical Board.

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40 The board and Ms. Lipker also discussed reporting requirements and deadlines, and expectations for
41 case reviews.

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43 Probation Monitor Karina Medina joined the meeting.

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45 **B. Investigative Report**

1 Ms. Wall-Rood presented the investigative report for May through August 2, 2020. She reported that
2 there are currently 77 matters open, and 8 matters had been closed in that period.

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4 **C. Probation Report**

5 Ms. Medina reported there are 10 licensees currently on probation and two that were released from
6 probation in early August.

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8 **D. Request for Modification**

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10 In the matter of Case Nos. 2017-000051 and 2017-000827

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12 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Boswell, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved**
13 **unanimously, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.060(c)(4)**
14 **matters involving consideration of government records that by law are not subject to public**
15 **disclosure to discuss a request to modify probation requirements with probation monitor**
16 **Karina Medina and the board executive Alysia Jones remaining in the session**

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18 The board entered executive session at 10:47 a.m. The Board was back on the record at 11:04 a.m.

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20 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Gay, seconded by Dr. Daugherty, and approved**
21 **unanimously, the Board approved the modification request for Case No. 2017-000051 and**
22 **2017-000827 and release the licensee from the restrictions on access to controlled substances**
23 **and retain all other requirements related to the consent agreement.**

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26 **6. Board Actions**

27 The board considered Case No. 2019-001192, Case No. 2019-000339 and Case No. 2019-000888.

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29 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Dr. Gay, and approved**
30 **unanimously, the Board adopted the consent agreement for Case 2019-001192.**

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33 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Gay, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved**
34 **unanimously, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.060(c)(4)**
35 **to discuss Case No. 2019-000339 and Case No. 2019-000888 with investigative staff and the**
36 **board executive Alysia Jones remaining in the session.**

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38 The Board entered executive session at 11:18 a.m. The Board went back on the record at 11:43 a.m.

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40 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Boswell, seconded by Ms. Mielke, and approved by a**
41 **majority, the Board adopted the consent agreement for Case 2019-000339.**

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43 **With Ms. Bigelow Hood, Mr. Boswell, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, and**
44 **Chair Wein voted “yes”, and Dr. Gay abstained.**

1 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Dr. Gay, and approved**
2 **unanimously, the Board adopted the imposition of civil fine for Case 2019-000888.**

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4 The Board recessed for lunch at 11:48 a.m. The Board went back on the record at 1:04 p.m.

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6 **Roll Call**

7 Board members present, constituting a quorum:

8 Sarah Bigelow Hood, PA

9 Larry Daugherty, MD

10 Maria Freeman, MD

11 Christopher Gay, MD

12 Lydia Mielke, Public Member

13 Steve Parker, MD

14 Richard Wein, MD (Chair)

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16 Mr. Boswell joined the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

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18 Ms. Jones read the following statement into the record:

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22 enters into executive session, all public attendees will be placed in the waiting room until the
23 executive session concludes and the board returns to the record. Please note that if an
24 attendee disrupts the meeting and does not allow the board to conduct the business scheduled
25 on the agenda, that attendee may be removed from the meeting. Thank you.

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27 **7. Public Comment**

28 Members of the public who wished to comment on the proposed changes to 12 AAC 40.450 and 12 AC
29 40.976 regarding registration and reporting with the prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP)
30 invited to speak.

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32 The Chair invited David Decker to speak.

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34 My name is David Decker. I'm a PA and I had a few questions for the board that I hadn't seen answered
35 anywhere. And I'm trying to establish what mandatory compliance, how that would change the program
36 in so much as, do we have any evidence that it's currently changing the over use or diversion? And
37 secondly, is the time and complexity. That's the increases, every time we add one more thing. Is it
38 worthwhile in this case?

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40 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Ms. Mielke and approved**
41 **unanimously through affirmation, the board suspended the rules to allow discussion with Mr.**
42 **Decker.**

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44 The Chair responded that these are two timely questions. Some of your questions may be answered at
45 the end of this meeting when we have our PDMP report and which would give the details of the
46 program. And believe it or not, this is a fluid issue as it relates to, I'll say all prescribing boards, but also
47 to the medical board. Is it worth it? I think there's enough data there which does indicate that the

1 monitoring has reduced usage and that is something which is beneficial - not to have so many drugs out
2 there on the market. That's just an initial comment. Please, anyone from the board who wishes to
3 weigh in on Mr. Decker's questions.
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5 Dr. Parker commented: I did limited research on a some of literature and in some locations these
6 measures did decrease opiate prescription by about 40 percent, so very significant. However, I do balk
7 at the idea of forcing physicians and physician assistants to check everyone in the PDMP. I think that
8 that should be based on the insight of the clinician and not enforced by the rule of law. It kind of forces
9 you to check a whole lot of medications and a whole lot of people who would otherwise not necessarily
10 need it. So, I find myself doing probably hundreds of unnecessary PDMP checks, with a tremendous
11 amount of wasted time where I could be focusing my energies on people who are clearly piquing my
12 suspicion.
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14 The Chair asked if any other board members wished to comment. Hearing none, Chair Wein invited Mr.
15 Decker to join tomorrow's meeting for the PDMP report.
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17 As no other members of the public identified themselves to comment on the proposed changes to
18 changes to 12 AAC 40.450 and 12 AC 40.976, the Chair requested the board open it up for general
19 comments.
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21 The Chair invited Karl Kisser to speak.
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23 Hi, my name is Karl Kisser. I'm a paramedic here in the state of Alaska and I was attending the board
24 meeting, because I was curious about what changes were going to be made to the continuing education
25 requirements for paramedics, as I understand that we're going to be moving over to the Department of
26 emergency medical services at the end of the year anyway. It's kind of difficult to express an opinion or
27 discuss it when actually you guys aren't going to be talking about this topic until later today, but that is
28 the reason I'm here in the meeting.
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30 The Chair explained that the board would be discussing paramedic licensure requirements later this
31 afternoon and noted that there was fifty-percent reduction in continuing medical education
32 requirements for the current licensing period.
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34 Ms. Jones clarified that the bill to transfer paramedics from the State Medical Board to the Alaska
35 Department of Health and Social Services did not pass during the previous legislative session, so
36 paramedics would not be transferring at the beginning of January 2021. It was noted that the bill would
37 likely be reintroduced in the upcoming legislative session.
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39 Seeing no additional persons to be heard, the Chair asked the board to move on to the next item of
40 business, with the understanding that the board may circle back if anyone joined to testify during the
41 scheduled public comment period.
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45 **8. Correspondence Received**

46 **A. Request for examination waiver** – The board reviewed correspondence from Dr. Baruch Friedman
47 requested a waiver of the examination requirement, as he had taken the last ECFMG examination
48 before the new FLEX examinations were available.

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2 The board reviewed AS 08.64.250, which gives the board the authority to waive the examination
3 requirement for an applicant that is applying by credentials and meets the requirements of AS
4 08.64.200.

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6 The Chair suggested the board consider reviewing the rules and regulations to ensure
7 applicants in similar circumstances were considered within the regulations. Dr. Gay raised the
8 question of what type of language was incorporated in the states where Dr Friedman was
9 licensed and suggested the board review that language.

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11 The board directed Ms. Jones to research the regulations from the jurisdictions in which Dr. Friedman
12 was already licensed, obtain confirmation from Department of Law regarding the board's authority to
13 waive the examination requirement, and proceed with preparing Dr. Friedman's application for board
14 review.

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16 **9. Malpractice Report Review**

17 Ms. Jones presented two malpractice cases to the board and reviewed the reporting requirements and
18 process with the board.

19 Donald Hudson joined the meeting. The Chair asked the board to return to public comment. The board
20 responded affirmatively.

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22 **7. Public Comment**

23 The Chair invited Dr. Hudson to speak.

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25 Donald Hudson stated: Well, you and I have gone together for 40 years we've been working back and
26 forth between medi-vacs and stuff, so I know you. My question is about the pharmaceutical change. I
27 got the message, but exactly what does that mean in terms of the writing of prescriptions.

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29 The Chair responded: I apologize, I'm not exactly clear as to the question.

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31 Dr. Hudson responded: There's a note that the board is going to change how we have the
32 pharmaceutical review of all the patients and I don't know if that's every prescription or if that's just
33 twos and threes. But there was a letter that came out that there was part one and part two of AAC
34 numbers that said you are going to change the regulation on how we addressed the review through this
35 new – it's kind of like the secondary evaluation of who has written for what and where. Do you know
36 much about that?

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38 The Chair confirmed that the question pertained to the public notice regarding proposed changes to 12
39 AAC 40.450 and 12 AC 40.976 regarding registration and reporting with the prescription drug monitoring
40 program (PDMP).

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42 The Chair also stated that the board is working with the Board of Pharmacy and a work group has been
43 established with all six prescribing boards to undergo discussions at how we might improve the
44 efficiency. The Chair invited Dr. Hudson to attend the PDMP Report tomorrow afternoon and asked if he
45 wished to address the board further.

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1 Dr. Hudson stated: Well, since I'm Medical Director for a whole bunch of places. I want to know how it's
2 going to affect the mid-levels, who have their DEA license, as well as myself, so that's my interested.

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4 The Chair commented: I think that it will, at the end of the day, everybody who is associated with the
5 PDMP will be affected in a similar way. And I know on the board, we've had some vigorous discussions
6 as to the PDMP and how to improve its efficiency.

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8 Dr Hudson: Good. Well, it needs some improvement. That's good

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10 Dr. Hudson thanked the board for the opportunity to address the board and left the meeting.

11 **9. Malpractice Report Review**

12 Ms. Jones presented two malpractice cases.

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15 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Daugherty, seconded by Ms. Mielke and approved**
16 **unanimously, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.060(c)(4)**
17 **to discuss the malpractice cases.**

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19 The Board entered executive session at 1:39 p.m. The Board went back on the record at 1:58 p.m.

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21 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Dr. Gay, and approved**
22 **unanimously, the Board resolved to obtain further information on the settlement claim from**
23 **5/15/2020.**

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25 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Gay seconded by Mr. Boswell, and approved**
26 **unanimously, the Board resolved to obtain additional information on the settlement claim**
27 **from 7/27/2020.**

28 29 **10. Follow up: Paramedic Licensure Requirements**

30 **A. Emergency Regulations** – At the August 6th meeting, Paul Perry, UAA-Kenai Peninsula College
31 Paramedic Program Coordinator presented a proposal to allow paramedic students to complete their
32 field internship requirement through competency-based scenarios since out-of-state internships have
33 been suspended due to COVID-19.

34 The board made a motion to start an emergency regulation project with the intent to waive the current
35 clinical part of the capstone and requested Ms. Jones draft regulations reflecting the boards intent.

36 Ms. Jones presented a draft of the regulations for the board's consideration and explained she had
37 incorporated changes to address provisional certifications from the National Registry of Emergency
38 Medical Technicians (NREMT) to be eligible to obtain a provisional license.

39 Dr. Daugherty expressed his concern with the proposed changes. As a former paramedic and firefighter,
40 Dr. Daugherty provided the board with background information on the three levels of EMT,
41 qualifications for paramedics, the capstone experience and different between having a simulated
42 experience versus real world situations.

43 The board deliberated on how to maintain standards of care while recognizing the current
44 circumstances and inability to meet the requirements due to the pandemic.

1 The board requested Ms. Jones update Mr. Perry and invite him to address the board’s concerns at a
2 future meeting.

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4 **B. CME guidance**

5 Ms. Jones presented the current version of the *Guidelines Regarding Paramedic CME* and asked the
6 board to consider revising the guidelines due to the fifty percent reduction in CMEs for the 2019-2020
7 licensing period.

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9 The board requested additional input from instructors and subject matter experts to determine the
10 most appropriate requirements.

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12 The Chair encouraged the board to resolve both topics under Agenda Item 10 at their next meeting.

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14 **11. Application Review**

15 The board reviewed 139 applications for permanent licensure, including 99 physicians, 15 osteopathic
16 physicians, 17 physician assistants, and 8 paramedics. Information about the license application review
17 process, application files, and assignments were provided to the board members prior to the meeting.

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19 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Boswell, seconded by Dr. Freeman, and approved**
20 **unanimously, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.060(c)(2)**
21 **subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the**
22 **person may request a public discussion to discuss applications.**

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24 The Board entered executive session at 2:57 p.m. The Board went back on the record at 4:00 p.m. There
25 was no action taken.

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27 **14. Recess for the Day**

28 The Chair thanked the board for the thoughtful and interesting discussion during today’s portion of the
29 meeting. The board recessed for the day at 4:01 p.m.

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31 **Friday, August 21, 2020**

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

34 The meeting was called to order by Chair Wein at 9:03 a.m.

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36 **Roll Call**

- 37 Board members present, constituting a quorum:
- 38 Sarah Bigelow Hood, PA
 - 39 David Boswell, Public Member (Secretary)
 - 40 Larry Daugherty, MD
 - 41 Maria Freeman, MD
 - 42 Christopher Gay, MD
 - 43 Lydia Mielke, Public Member
 - 44 Steve Parker, MD
 - 45 Richard Wein, MD (Chair)

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47 Board staff:

1 Alysia Jones, Executive Administrator
2 Steven Alvarado, Licensing Examiner
3 Jason Kaeser, Licensing Examiner
4 Olena Ziuba, Licensing Examiner
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6 Visitors present for portions of the meeting:

7 Thomas Olsen, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
8 Samuel Curtis, DEA
9 Ariel Flores, DEA
10 David Riffer, DEA
11 Sonia Lipker, DCCED/CBPL Senior Investigator
12 Michele Wall-Rood, DCCED/CBPL Investigator
13 Billy Homestead, DCCED/CBPL Investigator
14 Sara Chambers, Division Director, Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
15 Dr. Sarah Spencer
16 Paul Perry, Paramedic Program Director, UAA-KPC
17 Eugene Wiseman, Department of Health and Social Services, EMS Office
18 Rachel Kuenzi
19 Sarah Kehoe
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21 **14. Q & A with Representatives from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)**

22 The Chair invited the guests the DEA to speak. Mr. Curtis provided an overview of the DEA, staffing
23 structure and how they intake information from local, state, and other federal agencies to generate an
24 investigation or strengthen an investigation. The DEA is focused on investigating all aspects of the drug
25 controlled substance act as it relates to the misuse of prescription drugs.
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27 Mr. Olsen commended the board's investigative staff, noting their extremely effective working
28 relationship with DEA staff. The group discussed potential ways for the DEA and State Medical Board to
29 continue to strengthen the collaborative relationship and work proactively.
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31 Mr. Curtis discussed how data from the controlled substance database is analyzed and broken down to
32 view different dynamics.
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34 The board requested a sample report and Mr. Curtis agreed to follow up with Ms. Jones and provide a
35 redacted sample.

36 The Chair thanked the DEA representatives for attending and indicated that the board looked forward to
37 strengthening the relationship and collaborative efforts.
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39 The board took a short recess.
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41 Director Sara Chambers joined the meeting.
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44 **15. Right Touch Regulation Presentation**

45 Director Chambers gave a presentation on regulatory reform, encouraging the board to rethink options
46 to manage risk, be open to different perspectives, evaluate current and proposed management
47 strategies and propose statute, regulation, or administrative changes to the existing regulatory
48 landscape to maintain relevancy while reducing unnecessary barriers.

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2 The board and Direct Chambers also reviewed the licensing regulatory workbook, which is intended to
3 be a tool for evaluating occupational licensing regulation. Both Director Chambers and Ms. Jones
4 provided examples of how other programs had utilized the workbook in varying degrees to rethink
5 current statutes, regulations and administrative policies.

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7 Director Chambers reiterated that this is a priority of the governor for all agencies to review these
8 concepts and evaluate current statutes and regulations.

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10 The Chair thanked Director Chambers for the presentation.

11 **16. Collaborative Relationships for Physician Assistants**

12 Prior to the meeting, board members Dr. Parker and Ms. Bigelow Hood were tasked with reviewing the
13 regulations pertaining to collaborative relationships. Upon their review, they had the following
14 comments/ recommendations for the Board:
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- 16 • The current regulations are too complicated and burdensome.
- 17 • Identify ways to lessen the burden on the collaborating physician to address one of the key
18 issues of finding a physician that is willing to make the commitment to have a collaborative
19 relationship with a PA
- 20 • Allow flexibility with collaborating physicians
- 21 • Consider establishing a workgroup with representatives from MED Board and AKAPA to put
22 together recommendations and/or reach out to physician assistants to get their perspectives on
23 how the regulations have affected them.

24
25 The board walked through the current regulations and discussed potential updates, including removal of
26 the requirement for an alternate physician.

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28 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Daugherty, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and**
29 **approved unanimously, the board resolved to start a regulation project to explore changes to**
30 **Article 5 of the State Medical Board regulations.**

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32 The board recessed at 12:20 p.m. for lunch.

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34 The board reconvened at 1:04 p.m. Board members present, constituting a quorum:

35 Sarah Bigelow Hood, PA
36 David Boswell, Public Member (Secretary)
37 Larry Daugherty, MD
38 Maria Freeman, MD
39 Christopher Gay, MD
40 Lydia Mielke, Public Member
41 Steve Parker, MD
42 Richard Wein, MD (Chair)

43 **17. Telemedicine beyond emergency**

44 The board discussed the morning's presentations as it relates to telemedicine and it was suggested the
45 board gather information on how other states are using telemedicine. Additionally, the board indicated
46 that they would also reach out to the DEA to understand how they are handling multiple providers in
47 different states.

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2 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Boswell, seconded by Dr. Freeman, and approved**
3 **unanimously by affirmation, the board suspended the rules to allow Dr. Spencer to speak.**
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5 Dr. Sarah Spencer thanked the board for allowing her to speak. Dr. Spencer explained that she is in a
6 consulting role as an addiction medicine specialist to help edit and rewrite the state's guide on
7 medication treatment plan and works with organizations all over the state to improve addiction
8 treatment programs. Dr. Spencer reiterated her previous request for clarification regarding the statutes
9 pertaining to telemedicine and the requirements for in person visit. Dr. Spencer also asked about federal
10 internet eligible providers IHS designation.

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12 Due to technical difficulties Chair Wein temporarily left the meeting. In his absence Secretary Boswell
13 asked the board how they wished to proceed. Dr. Spenser suggested a written statement explaining the
14 board's interpretation of the statute. The board reviewed AS 08.64.364 and requested Dr. Spencer
15 provide her recommendations to the board for consideration.

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17 The Chair thanked Dr. Spencer for her commentary.
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19 **18. Professional Fitness Question Updates**

20 The board reviewed an updated draft of the proposed changes to the professional fitness
21 questions asked on initial applications. The revised draft reflected the board's comments to
22 date and recommendations provided by Assistant Attorney General Megyn Weigand.
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24 The Chair reiterated his concern for applicant confidentiality. Ms. Jones reconfirmed that if the
25 documentation fell under HIPAA it would remain confidential, but that a statutory change would be
26 required

27 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Gay, seconded by Dr. Parker, and approved by a**
28 **majority, the board resolved to incorporate the suggested changes to the professional fitness**
29 **questions as presented at today's meeting.**
30

31 **Ms. Bigelow Hood, Mr. Boswell, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Gay, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, and Dr.**
32 **Wein voting yes, and Dr. Daugherty abstaining.**
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34 **19. PDMP Report & Discussion**

35 Laura Carrillo, Executive Administrator for the Board of Pharmacy and PDMP Coordinator Lisa Sherrell
36 joined the meeting.
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38 Ms. Sherrell presented the Alaska PDMP August 2020 Summary which included updates, registration
39 and compliance information, MME use, and recommendations for the board's consideration. Ms.
40 Sherrell reported that the license integration enhancement was scheduled to go live in the coming
41 weeks and would provide automatic verification of licensure status, between the Division's licensing
42 database and the AWARxE platform.
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1 It was noted that a potential discrepancy in registration numbers may exist. Ms. Jones indicated that she
2 would work with Ms. Carrillo and Ms. Sherrell to confirm and resolve any issues to ensure accurate
3 reporting.

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5 Ms. Carrillo and Ms. Sherrell offered the following recommendations:

- 6 • Education about registration requirements. Currently the board allows 30 days from date of
7 licensure, however, providers should be notified they cannot prescribe until their account in
8 AWARxE has been approved.
- 9 • Encourage increased reviewing, including the use of delegates
- 10 • Provide guidance to licensees on prescribing practices related to the use of dangerous
11 combinations
- 12 • Encourage licensees to verify their user roles and specialties in AWARxE to improve the accuracy
13 of reporting.

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15 The board thanked Ms. Sherrell and Ms. Carrillo for the report and discussion.

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17 Paul Perry and Gene Wiseman joined the meeting.

18 19 **20. Review of Board Goals & Priorities**

20 The board reviewed goals and priorities for FY 2021 and their respective statuses.

- 21 • **Address Sunset Audit Findings** – proposed changes to clarify PDMP out for public comment
- 22 • **Reframe PDMP** – collaborate with Board of Pharmacy and other health care related programs to
23 increase understanding and requirements of this tool
- 24 • **Regulatory Reform** – reviewing and evaluating effectiveness of current statutes and regulations.
25 Current areas of focus including collaborative plans and telemedicine.
- 26 • **Understand compact licensure requirements** – Plan to gather information about interstate
27 medical licensure compact and criteria.
- 28 • **National Engagement** – Participate in Federation of State Medical Board activities and
29 discussions
- 30 • **Effective Communication & Outreach** – Review and submit feedback on potential updates to
31 the ASMB website, establish a Listserv, work to promote use MyLICENSE.

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33 The board decided to add the following goal to its list for FY2021:

- 34 • **Application Review** – Explore ways to modernize data collection and streamline application
35 review process.

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37 The Chair acknowledged Mr. Perry and Mr. Wiseman and asked the board to consider revisiting
38 yesterday's discussion concerning paramedic licensure requirements. The board agreed.

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40 Dr. Daugherty expressed his concern with the current proposal and asked for additional information
41 regarding the program and whether the students might be able to complete the program locally. Mr.
42 Perry stated that several fire departments are not taking students at this time and explained the
43 variation in volumes of calls between in state and out of state options.

44 Members of the board also asked questions pertaining to simulation vs. real world and course
45 requirements. Dr. Gay requested information regarding what other programs consist of and more
46 details on training in Alaska and what the training to date has consisted of. Ms. Bigelow Hood agreed.
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1 Mr. Boswell acknowledged Mr. Perry’s time and effort in preparing the proposal. He also indicated that
2 while current circumstances call for flexibility, he felt any changes should be made to only pertain to the
3 current state of emergency.

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5 The board re-reviewed the proposed emergency regulations pertaining to 12 AAC 40.310 and 12 AAC
6 40.356. Ms. Jones confirmed that the language in the draft proposal is specifically related to the
7 emergency disaster.

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9 **A motion was made by Mr. Boswell, seconded by Dr. Parker to approve the proposed**
10 **changes to 12 AAC 40.310 and 12 AAC 40.356 as read into the record by Mr. Boswell. Vote was**
11 **4 in favor, 2 against and 2 abstentions.**

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13 **A motion to rescind the vote was made by Dr. Daugherty, seconded by Ms. Bigelow**
14 **Hood and approved unanimously.**

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16 **A motion was made by Mr. Boswell, seconded by Dr. Parker to approve the proposed**
17 **changes to 12 AAC 40.310 and 12 AAC 40.356.**

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19 **The motion failed, with Mr. Boswell, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Parker, and Chair Wein voting “Yes”,**
20 **and with Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Gay, and Ms. Mielke voting “No”.**

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22 The Chair thanked Mr. Perry for his time and noted the request for additional information.

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24 Mr. Perry thanked the board and asked for direction and a timeline to provide to the university and
25 paramedic students.

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27 The Chair suggested Mr. Perry work with Ms. Jones to address the questions posed by the board
28 members including:

- 29 • An outline of the curriculum they have had to date and how it compares to the internship,
30 showing hands-on vs. theoretical
- 31 • Certification letters
- 32 • Discussion of a policy that is more of a hybrid approach (example provided state of Georgia’s
33 approach) or provisional pathway

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35 Several members expressed their willingness to call a special meeting to revisit the topic.

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37 Mr. Perry and Mr. Wiseman left the meeting.

38 39 **21. Read Applications into the Record**

40 Ms. Jones reviewed the process for reading applications into the record and updated procedures to
41 submitting approvals. The board also confirmed requests for additional information and/or board
42 interviews.

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44 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Ms. Mielke, and approved**
45 **unanimously, the Board approved the following list of physicians for licensure with the**

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stipulation that the information in the applicants' files take precedence over the information in the minutes.

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| MD | La Tania | | Akers-White |
| MD | Yaima | | Alonso-Jeckell |
| MD | Russell | | Alpert |
| MD | Danica | | Barron |
| MD | Rita | | Beckford |
| MD | Jagdeep | | Bijwadia |
| MD | Molly | | Booy |
| MD | Joshua | | Brinkerhoff |
| MD | Chelsea | | Campbell |
| MD | Kelsey | | Campolong |
| MD | Michael | Penn | Chanin |
| MD | Blake | | Charlton |
| MD | Vanina | | Chavarri |
| MD | Rochelle | Deanne | Cochrane |
| MD | Andrew | | Cunningham |
| MD | Todd | | Carter |
| MD | Herman | | Feringa |
| MD | Geoffrey | | Fey |
| MD | Derrick | Allen | Foge |
| MD | John | | Duttenhaver |
| MD | Steven | Gerald | Gibson |
| MD | James | | Giles |
| MD | Jessica | | Goodman |
| MD | Katie | | Gray |
| MD | Juan | | Grimaldos |
| MD | Erik | | Hauswald |
| MD | Benjamin | | Head |
| MD | Satyanarayan | | Hedge |
| MD | Timothy | | Horton |
| MD | Deloar | | Hossain |
| MD | Jaspal | | Hothi |
| MD | Daniel | | Hyman |
| MD | John | Paul | Jones |
| MD | Charles | Go | Jose |
| MD | Kevin | Arthur | Kearney |
| MD | Christine | Alice | Kerr |
| MD | Mark | | Kummer |
| MD | Asra | | Khan |
| MD | Steven | Howard | Kirtland |
| MD | Jarret | | Kuo |
| MD | Thomas | Ho | Lee |
| MD | Honore | | Lansen |
| MD | Luke | | Law |

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| MD | Gary | | Levy |
| MD | Derrick | Anthony | Manzlak |
| MD | Mitchell | | Marzo |
| MD | JiWon | Esther | Lee |
| MD | Jesse | Dean | Matthews |
| MD | Ryan | | McClaine |
| MD | Louise | | Lettich |
| MD | Steven | | Novick |
| MD | James | Bruce | Odone |
| MD | Mark | | Parker |
| MD | Alexander | | Pasturszak |
| MD | John | Charles | O'Horo |
| MD | Elizabeth | Ann | Parker |
| MD | Yehuda | | Paz |
| MD | Jennifer | | Olson |
| MD | Robert | | Reed |
| MD | Alyssa | | Rizzuto |
| MD | Kelsey | Johnson | Ripp |
| MD | Andrew | | Robbins |
| MD | Alexa | | Rodin |
| MD | Asha | | Robinson-Parks |
| MD | Jason | Erik | Rogers |
| MD | Emily | | Rosenfeld |
| MD | James | | Roy |
| MD | Rebecca | | Rowen |
| MD | Jade | | Schechter |
| MD | Laurie | | Senol |
| MD | Dane | | Sandquist |
| MD | Roshan | | Shah |
| MD | Sachita | | Shah |
| MD | Amanda | | Smith |
| MD | Ted | | Souza |
| MD | Kishan | | Patel |
| MD | Patricia | | Siza |
| MD | Ryan | | Tade |
| MD | John | Edward | Varallo |
| MD | Matthew | | Thompson |
| MD | Risheet | Rajendra | Patel |
| MD | Natalie | | Wallace |
| MD | Ryan | | Wallace |
| MD | James | | Wang |
| MD | Curt | Edward | Wengel |
| MD | Haven | | Ritchie |
| MD | Nicholas | | White |
| MD | Justin | Lawrence | Willis |
| MD | Barry | | Worchel |

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| MD | Maurice | | Yoskin |
| MD | Fang | | Yu |
| MD | Jason | | Suh |
| MD | Chandler | | Villaverde |
| MD | Sarah | | Virnig |

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On a motion duly made by Ms. Bigelow Hood, seconded by Mr. Boswell, and approved unanimously, the Board approved the following list of physician assistants with the stipulation that the information in the applicants' files take precedence over the information in the minutes.

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| PA | Amayaa | | Bhatti |
| PA | Conor | | Cahalan |
| PA | Marlo | | Castelo |
| PA | Chelsie | | Coffman |
| PA | Geraldine | Mercedes | Dodge |
| PA | Adam | Russell | Hall |
| PA | Diana | | Hardy |
| PA | Scott | D. | Hunt |
| PA | Shannen | | McNamara |
| PA | Ulyana | | Nepokulchytska |
| PA | Michele | | Nicely |
| PA | John | Patrick | Quigley |
| PA | Ashley | | Reeder |
| PA | Hannah | | Richards |
| PA | Shaddin | Maher | Tirhi |
| PA | Cora | | Kuhns |

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On a motion duly made by Mr. Boswell, seconded by Ms. Mielke, and approved unanimously, the Board approved the following list of mobile intensive care paramedics with the stipulation that the information in the applicants' files take precedence over the information in the minutes.

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| MICP | Alexander | | Abel |
| MICP | Bryan | | Brouhard |
| MICP | Andrea | Leigh | Cameron |
| MICP | Holly | | Garcia |
| MICP | John | Cory | Hubbard |
| MICP | Bryan | | Lowen |
| MICP | Vadim | | Sinenko |
| MICP | Misty | | Strong |

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2 **On a motion duly made by Chair Wein, seconded by Dr. Freeman, and approved**
3 **unanimously, the Board approved the following list of osteopathic physicians for licensure**
4 **with the stipulation that the information in the applicants' files take precedence over the**
5 **information in the minutes.**
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| DO | Anne | Elizabeth | Bealer |
| DO | Zachary | | Buck |
| DO | David | | Felsted |
| DO | Scott | | Habakus |
| DO | Brian | Daniel | James |
| DO | Christopher | | Maritato |
| DO | Chere | Elizabeth | McCormick |
| DO | Jerry | | Noel |
| DO | Anish | | Mirchandani |
| DO | Lanhuong | | Nguyen |
| DO | Larry | | Simmons |
| DO | Mary | Alyssa | Terra |
| DO | Amy | | Vagedes |
| DO | Scott | Robert | Wambolt |

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9 **26. Adjournment**

10 The Chair expressed his appreciation to the board.

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12 The next meeting of the State Medical Board is scheduled for **September 17, 2020.**

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14 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:21 p.m.
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18 Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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20 /s/ _____

/s/ *Richard J. Wein, M.D.*

21 Alysia D. Jones, Executive Administrator
22 Alaska State Medical Board
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Richard Wein, MD, President
Alaska State Medical Board

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September 18, 2020

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