

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

STATE MEDICAL BOARD

**MINUTES OF MEETING
August 6-7, 2015**

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 Thursday and Friday, August 6-7, 2015 in Anchorage, Alaska.

Thursday, August 6, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by David A. Miller, MD, Chair, at 9:10 a.m.

Agenda Item 1 Roll Call

Board members present:

Cam Carlson, Public Member
Craig Humphreys, MD
Sai-Ling Liu, DO
Grant T. Roderer, MD

Kathleen Millar, Public Member
David J. Powers, MD
David A. Miller, MD

Board member Kevin Luppen, PA-C, was not able to attend the meeting in person; he joined the meeting by teleconference at 9:50 a.m.

Board staff present:

Debora Stovern, Executive Administrator
Mary Sikes, Licensing Examiner

There were no visitors present.

Although the Safety Officer was not in attendance, the Board noted appropriate emergency exits and gathering location.

Agenda Item 2 Review Agenda

The Board reviewed the agenda. No changes were made.

Agenda Item 3 Board Business

Announcements

Dr. Miller introduced new Board member Craig Humphries, MD.

Ethics Reporting

There were no ethics conflicts to report.

Agenda Item 4 Board Actions

Board investigative staff joined the meeting.

In the Matter of Case No. 2015-000042

The Board reviewed a proposed consent agreement with a licensee who disclosed another state license action with probation, practice limitations, and additional education required. The agreement provides for a five-year probationary period, consistent with Board disciplinary history and guidelines, as well as requiring compliance with the Oregon order, practice limitations, and education.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Roderer, seconded by Ms. Millar, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board adopted the consent agreement, Case No. 2015-000042, signed by Randy Roy Boespflug, MD.

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

In the Matter of Case No. 2015-000641

The Board reviewed a proposed imposition of a civil fine agreement from an investigation of an applicant who failed to disclose material information on a new license application. The agreement included an imposition of civil fine of \$1,000, consistent with Board disciplinary history and guidelines for a technical violation.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board adopted the imposition of civil fine agreement, Case No. 2015-000641, signed by Kenneth J. Boomgaard, MD.

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

In the Matter of Case 2015-000658

The Board reviewed a proposed imposition of a civil fine agreement from an investigation of a licensee who failed to file a collaborative plan within the required timeframe. The agreement included an imposition of civil fine of \$1,000, consistent with Board disciplinary history and guidelines for a technical violation.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Roderer, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board adopted the imposition of civil fine agreement, Case No. 2015-000658, signed by John Winklmann, PA-C.

The adoption order was signed by the Chair

In the Matter of Case No. 2015-000654

The Board reviewed a proposed consent agreement from an investigation of a licensee who practiced while their license was lapsed. The agreement provides for sanctions consistent with Board disciplinary history and guidelines, including a reprimand and a fine of \$1,000.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board adopted the consent agreement, Case No. 2015-000654, signed by Joanie V. Randle, PA-C.

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

In the Matter of Case No. 2014-001248

The Board reviewed a proposed imposition of a civil fine agreement from an investigation of a licensee who failed to report a malpractice settlement within the required timeframe. The agreement included an imposition of civil fine of \$1,000, consistent with Board disciplinary history and guidelines for a technical violation.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Millar, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board adopted the imposition of civil fine agreement, Case No. 2014-001248, signed by James R. Stone, MD.

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

In the Matter of Case No. 2014-001410

The Board reviewed a proposed consent agreement from an investigation of a licensee who failed to provide appropriate care and pain management. The agreement provides for sanctions consistent with Board disciplinary history and guidelines, including a three year probationary period, a reprimand and a fine of \$1,000.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Roderer, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing Case No. 2014-001410. Board staff remained for the session.

The Board entered executive session at 9:26 a.m.; and went back on the record at 9:45 a.m.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Liu, seconded by Ms. Millar, and approved by majority consent, the Board adopted the consent agreement, Case No. 2014-001410, signed by Olga I. Wasile, MD.

Mrs. Carlson opposed the motion.

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

In the Matter of Case No. 2015-000051

The Board reviewed a license surrender agreement from an investigation of a licensee who failed to disclose disciplinary action on their renewal application

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Roderer, seconded by Ms. Millar, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board adopted the license surrender agreement, Case No. 2015-000051, signed by Minnie A. Mercer, PA-C.

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

In the Matter of Case No. 2015-000053

The Board reviewed a proposed imposition of a civil fine agreement from an investigation of a licensee who failed to report a previous conviction within the required timeframe. The agreement included an imposition of civil fine of \$1,000, consistent with Board disciplinary history and guidelines for a technical violation.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Millar, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board adopted the imposition of civil fine agreement, Case No. 2015-000053, signed by Michael J. Niemi, PA-C.

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

In the Matter of Case No. 2015-000052

The Board reviewed a proposed imposition of a civil fine agreement from an investigation of a licensee who failed to report another state licensing action within the required timeframe. The agreement included an imposition of civil fine of \$1,000, consistent with Board disciplinary history and guidelines for a technical violation.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Roderer, seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board adopted the imposition of civil fine agreement, Case No. 2015-000052, signed by Thomas M. Naughton, MD.

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

In the Matter of Case No. 2014-002022

The Board reviewed a proposed imposition of a civil fine agreement from an investigation of a licensee who failed to report a hospital privileges action within the required timeframe. The agreement included an imposition of civil fine of \$1,000, consistent with Board disciplinary history and guidelines for a technical violation.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Millar, seconded by Dr. Roderer, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board adopted the imposition of civil fine agreement, Case No. 2014-002022, signed by Darryl G. Elrod, MD.

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

In the Matter of Case No. 2012-000283

The Board reviewed a proposed imposition of a civil fine agreement from an investigation of a licensee who failed to file an Alaska DEA registration with the Division. The agreement included an imposition of civil fine of \$1,000, consistent with Board disciplinary history and guidelines for a technical violation.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Liu, seconded by Dr. Roderer, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing Case No. 2012-000283. Board staff remained for the session.

The Board entered executive session at 10:00 a.m.; and went back on the record at 10:10 a.m.

The Board declined to take further action; their position on Case No. 2012-000283 has not changed since considering the matter at their May 7-8, 2015 meeting.

In the Matter of Case No. 2015-000136

The Board reviewed a proposed consent agreement from an investigation of a licensee who failed to report an investigation and license action in another state, and failed to properly report a conviction, in violation of their probation agreement.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Roderer, seconded by Dr. Powers, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing Case No. 2015-000136. Board staff remained for the session.

The Board entered executive session at 10:12 a.m.; and went back on the record at 10:30 a.m.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Millar, seconded by Dr. Roderer, and approved by roll call vote, the Board rejected the consent agreement, Case No. 2015-000136, and referred it back to investigators for further action

Roll Call Vote:

Dr. Liu-Yea
Mr. Luppen- Yea
Ms. Millar-Yea
Dr. Powers-Yea
Dr. Roderer-Yea
Mrs. Carlson-Yea
Dr. Humphreys-Yea
Dr. Miller-Yea

In the Matter of Case No. 2013-001355

The Board reviewed a proposed license surrender agreement from an investigation of a licensee who failed to disclose investigations, license actions, and license revocation in other states, and practice that poses a danger to patient safety.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Roderer, seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board adopted the license surrender agreement, Case No. 2013-001355 signed by John J. McGroarty, MD.

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

Board member Keven Luppen, PA-C, disconnected from teleconference participation in the meeting.

Agenda Item 5 Investigative Unit

Investigative Report

Medical Board Investigative staff were introduced, including Investigator Susan Winton, Investigator

Brian Howes, Investigator July Lam, Probation Monitor Sonia Lipker, and Senior Investigator Ed Riefle.

Ms. Winton reviewed the investigative report provided to the Board. The report included 15 open physician cases, 8 open physician assistant cases, one open paramedic case, and 20 closed cases and complaints. An additional 7 cases will be closed based on actions taken by the Board today.

Probation Report

A current probation monitoring report was included in the board packet for further review. One matter was resolved by action taken by the Board today. It was reported that all other probationers are in compliance with their agreements.

Agenda Item 6 Board Review of Requests/Issues

The Board reviewed a Physician/Pharmacist Cooperative Practice Agreement; it was tabled as incomplete.

Agenda Item 7 Malpractice Report Review

The Board reviewed malpractice reports, Case No. 3AN-13-09207CI, Case No. 1PE-14-18CI, Case No. M2014-1252, Case No. 215-2011-cv-00544, Case No. 3AN-10-5766CI and 3AN-11-11405CI (consolidated), Case No. 4FA-13-02020, Case No. 1:13-CV-004-TMB, Case No. 12-2-00857-7, Case No. 104158, Case No. 13-2-33329-5, Case No. PCF 2004-00977, Case No. 10-2-15663-7, Case No. 3AN-14-4858-CI, and Case No. LACV-10344.

The Board tabled the malpractice reports in Case No. 4FA-13-02020, Case No. 3AN-14-4858-CI, and Case No. LACV-10344, pending further information or inquiry.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Millar, seconded by Dr. Powers, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board accepted malpractice reports, Case No. 3AN-13-09207CI, Case No. 1PE-14-18CI, Case No. M2014-1252, Case No. 215-2011-cv-00544, Case No. 3AN-10-5766CI and 3AN-11-11405CI (consolidated), Case No. 1:13-CV-004-TMB, Case No. 12-2-00857-7, Case No. 104158, Case No. 13-2-33329-5, Case No. PCF 2004-00977, and Case No. 10-2-15663-7, with no further action at this time.

Recess for lunch

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m.
The Board went back on the record at 1:17 p.m.

Board members present:

Cam Carlson, Public Member
Craig Humphreys, MD
Sai-Ling Liu, DO

Grant T. Roderer, MD
David J. Powers, MD
David A. Miller, MD

Board member Kevin Luppen, PA-C, was not able to attend the meeting. Public Member Kathleen Millar joined the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Board staff present:

Debora Stovern, Executive Administrator
Mary Sikes, Licensing Examiner

There were no visitors present.

Agenda Item 13 Correspondences

1) The Board reviewed a letter from a physician assistant (PA) who did not meet licensing requirements because she graduated from a PA program that was not accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for Physician Assistants (ARC-PA), in accordance with Professional Regulations 12 AAC 40.400(b)(1). The Board also reviewed a letter from the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA), noting that both they and the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) consider their PAs to have graduated from an accredited program if their educational program was accredited at the time of their matriculation. The Board determined that the applicant did meet the licensing requirements since the program was accredited when the applicant entered the program, but lost accreditation status just before graduation.

The following additional correspondence was included in the Board packet for further review:

- 2) Alaska Health Care Commission meeting information
- 3) Department of Health and Social Services press releases
- 4) Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) announcement regarding new medical schools
- 5) State of Reform news release
- 6) Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) updates

Agenda Item 14 Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) updates

1) Information regarding the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. The Board had previously discussed the status of the interstate compact and may be interested in participating. They directed Ms. Stovern to contact the Alaska State Medical Association for their feedback, support and advocacy.

The following additional FSMB items were included in the Board packet for further review:

- 2) Advocacy notices
 - Introduction of national telemedicine legislation

- Information regarding the recent Federal Trade Commission case against the North Carolina Dental Board
- 3) Highlights of the April 2015 annual meeting
 - 4) Notice regarding the Tri-Regulator Symposium
 - 5) Notice regarding resources for reentry to practice
 - 6) Updates regarding the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG)
 - 7) FSMB updates
 - 8) E-news (May through July editions)

Agenda Item 8 Full Board Interviews

Frederick Yost, MD

Dr. Yost was present to discuss his license application with the Board.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Liu, seconded by Dr. Roderer, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing the application of Frederick Yost, MD.

The Board entered executive session at 1:35 p.m.; and went back on the record at 1:50 p.m.

Upon motion duly made by Dr. Roderer, seconded by Ms. Millar, and approved by roll call vote, the Board granted an unrestricted license to Frederick Yost, MD.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Millar-Yea
Dr. Powers-Yea
Dr. Roderer-Yea
Mrs. Carlson-Yea
Dr. Humphreys-Yea
Dr. Liu-Yea
Mr. Luppen-Absent
Dr. Miller-Yea

Yaakov Friedman, MD

Dr. Yost was present to discuss his license application with the Board.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Roderer, seconded by Dr. Humphreys, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing the application of Yaakov Friedman, MD.

The Board entered executive session at 1:55 p.m.; and went back on the record at 2:00 p.m.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Millar, seconded by Dr. Roderer, and approved by roll call vote, the Board granted an unrestricted license to Yaakov Friedman, MD.

Roll Call Vote:

Dr. Humphreys-Yea
Dr. Liu-Yea
Mr. Luppen-Absent
Ms. Millar-Yea
Dr. Powers-Yea
Dr. Roderer-Yea
Mrs. Carlson-Yea
Dr. Miller-Yea

Evan D. Schmitz, MD

Dr. Schmitz was present to discuss his locum tenens license application with the Board.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Roderer, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing the application of Evan D. Schmitz, MD.

The Board entered executive session at 2:05 p.m.; and went back on the record at 2:12 p.m.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Millar, seconded by Dr. Roderer, and approved by roll call vote, the Board granted a 90-day locum tenens permit to Evan D. Schmitz, MD.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Millar-Yea
Dr. Powers-Yea
Dr. Roderer-Yea
Mrs. Carlson-Yea
Dr. Humphreys-Yea
Dr. Liu-Yea
Mr. Luppen-Absent
Dr. Miller-Yea

Agenda Item 15 Administrative Businesses

Financial Report

The Board financial reports were included in the Board packet for review, including:

- Current report (first – third quarters of Fiscal Year 2015)
- Year-end report of Fiscal Year 2014
- Annual Fiscal Report from the Division (dated November 2014)

It was noted that updated year-end and annual fiscal reports would be provided by the next meeting.

Executive Administrator's Report

The Executive Administrator's Report was included in the Board packet for review, including an update on the following:

- Outreach efforts – Ms. Stovern responded to numerous inquiries, complaints, and request for expedited processing, from applicants experiencing delays; she responded to inquiries regarding telemedicine practice (from practitioners, legislators, telemed providers, etc.); and she responded to AIM inquiries/polls by other state boards.
- Participation activities of national organizations – Ms. Stovern is continuing work with FSMB to implement Uniform Application; she attended FSMB webinars (topics included uniform application, exam transcripts); she attended American Telemedicine Association (ATA) videocasts (topics included status of proposed telemedicine legislation, state policy developments, healthcare reform, and the impact of telemedicine efforts); and she attended cTeL webinars re: telehealth and e-health issues.
- Tracking of Board actions – a report of the Board's recent actions was included for Board review.
- Tracking of licensing process – statistics and a detailed spreadsheet covering processing of recent applications was included for Board review.
- Status of CME Audit – Ms. Stovern has begun work on the audit of the 2014 renewals - documents have been received and are ready for review and approval or referral of noncompliant audits to Division paralegal for action.
- Status of regulations_projects – Ms. Stovern has requested the Division to send out for public comment the board's draft regulations for reporting requirements and tribal health program exemptions; she has begun work on educational materials and applications to implement the recently adopted regulations regarding military postgrad options; and she will continue to request assistance the Alaska State Medical Association and interested legislators for the Board's request regarding statutory authority for delegation of routine duties.
- Board Policies and Procedures – Ms. Stovern continues to update the Board website as needed; she continues to revise and update the Board policies and procedures as changes are made; she updates and distributes the orientation manual to new Board members; she regularly attends Division meetings regarding Medical Board application delays and staffing needs, new database, policies, mission, finances, travel, and the legislative session; and she continues to work on the follow-up for the recent renewal period including review of "yes" answer renewals and completing the continuing medical education (CME).

The Board reviewed the updated telemedicine guidelines, which will be published on the website. Ms. Stovern and Dr. Roderer will continue work on updating the guidelines regarding prescribing controlled substances.

Review Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of their recent meeting.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Millar, seconded by Dr. Humphreys, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board approved the minutes of the May 7-8, 2015 meeting.

Meeting Scheduling

The Board confirmed the schedule for upcoming meetings:

- November 5-6, 2015 in Anchorage
- February 11-12, 2016 in Ketchikan
- May 5-6, 2016 in Soldotna
- August 4-5, 2016 in Fairbanks
- November 3-4, 2016 in Anchorage

Agenda Item 10 Statues/Regulation Updates

Pending regulation projects:

Delegation to CMAs: The Board had previously adopted regulations setting standards for delegation of routine duties to unlicensed assistive personnel. Upon review by the Department of Law, it had been determined that a statute change is required in order to allow such delegation of routine duties. The Board has requested assistance from Senator Olsen and the Alaska State Medical Association to initiate a statute change. The Board will consider re-adopting the regulations once the legislation is enacted.

Approved Regulation Projects:

The Board had previously approved regulations changes to go out for public comment. They expect to consider them for adoption at their next meeting.

- Reporting Requirements: Investigators had previously asked the Board to clarify their intent for an unprofessional conduct item; the Board approved a change to Professional Regulation 12 AAC 40.967(26)(A) that requires a licensee “to report to the board, no later than 30 days after the effective date of the action, any criminal charge by a law enforcement agency, *or* any disciplinary action against the licensee taken by another licensing jurisdiction, health care entity, or regulatory agency.”
- Tribal Health Program federal exemptions: The Board had previously adopted regulations requiring Board recognition of the federal license exemption for licensees practicing in a Tribal Health program. Upon advise by the Department of Law, the Board withdrew and redrafted the regulations to require that practitioners working in an Alaska tribal health program must be licensed by the board unless they notify the board that they are practicing under another license in accordance with section 221 of 25 U.S.C. § 1621t (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, 2010).

Legislative information

- The Board reviewed Senate Bill (SB) 98, relating to the expansion of telemedicine practice. The bills propose to allow not only prescriptions without an in-person physical examination, but also to allow diagnosis and treatment without an in-person physical examination. It also expands telemedicine practice to out-of-state physicians, and allows for prescription of controlled substances.

The Board had previously drafted a position statement opposing the legislation; they directed Ms. Stovern to distribute it to all legislators, the Governor, and federal legislators, with a copy to FSMB.

- The Board reviewed Senate Bill (SB) 55, relating to optometry scope of practice. They noted that the Alaska Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons oppose the bill.

The Board reviewed its draft position statement opposing the legislation; they directed Ms. Stovern to distribute it to sponsoring legislators, with a copy to Alaska Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons.

- The Board reviewed Senate Bill (SB) 71, relating to the administration of vaccines by pharmacists. The Board currently allows for physicians to supervise such pharmacist-administered vaccine programs under Board-approved physician-pharmacist cooperative practice plans. The Board previously determined that they do not support expansion of these programs to include unsupervised practice by pharmacists.

The Board reviewed its draft position statement opposing the legislation; they directed Ms. Stovern to distribute it to sponsoring legislators.

- The Board reviewed Senate Bill (SB) 14, relating to the appointment of a Mobile Intensive Care Paramedic (MICP) to the Medical Board, as well as other emergency medical services items. The Board had previously determined to support the Alaska Paramedic Association resolution to add an MICP seat to the Board. However, it was noted that the current version of the bill proposes to replace one of the two public members with an MICP member.

The Board expressed the need for the public to be fully represented in the Board composition and do not support replacing a public member with an MICP member. They further determined that they would be neutral on the proposal adding an MICP member to the Board.

The Board reviewed its draft position statement regarding the legislation; they directed Ms. Stovern to distribute it to sponsoring legislators, with a copy to the Alaska Paramedic Association.

- The Board reviewed House Bill (HB) 29, which proposes to establish a licensing program for radiologic technologists, to be administered by the Division. The Board had previously considered this matter when similar legislation was previously introduced. They were concerned that the bill may affect patient care negatively, creating an extra layer of bureaucracy by requiring a license program, and additional (proprietary) training. It was unclear who would be approving training programs and how it would affect remote practitioners

The Board continues to have concerns about the proposed program, including the vague certification process and the impact on rural areas. It was also not clear what problem the bill is attempting to correct and there was no information to indicate that patient care is currently at risk. Other than expressing concern, the Board did not take a position.

Agenda Item Public Comment Forum

The following visitors joined the meeting:

- Andrew Peterson, Division Director of the Medicaid Fraud Unit – had information related to their investigation for Board consideration. The Board referred him to their investigative unit.

- Jonas Walker, Department of Law, Medicaid Fraud Unit – did not offer any comments.
- Lance Anderson, Department of Law, Medicaid Fraud Unit – did not offer any comments.

Agenda Item 12 License Application Review

Board members began reviewing license application files.

The Board recessed at 4:10 p.m.

Friday, August 7, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by David A. Miller, MD, Chair at 9:30 a.m.

Roll Call

Board members present:

Craig Humphreys, MD
Sai-Ling Liu, DO
Grant T. Roderer, MD

Kathleen Millar, Public Member
David J. Powers, MD
David A. Miller, MD

Board member Kevin Luppen, PA-C, was not able to attend the meeting. Public Member Cam Carlson joined the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

Board staff present:

Debora Stovern, Executive Administrator
Mary Sikes, Licensing Examiner

There were no visitors present.

Agenda item 11 Full Board Interviews:

Rob Nels Larsen, MD

Dr. Larsen was present to discuss his license application with the Board.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Roderer, seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing the application of Rob Nels Larsen MD.

The Board entered executive session at 9:32 a.m.; and went back on the record at 9:37 a.m.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Liu, seconded by Dr. Powers, and approved by roll call vote, the Board granted an unrestricted license to Rob Nels Larsen MD.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Luppen-Absent
Ms. Millar-Yea
Dr. Powers-Yea
Dr. Roderer-Yea
Mrs. Carlson-Yea
Dr. Humphreys-Yea
Dr. Liu-Yea
Dr. Miller-Yea

Agenda Item 12 License Application Review

Board members reviewed license application files.

The Board declined to consider the application of Debra Anne Kontny, DO and Philip M. Hobbs, MD, pending further information.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Humphreys, seconded by Dr. Roderer, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board approved the following applicants for licensure in Alaska subject to agreements adopted by the Board on August 6, 2015:

Kenneth Boomgaard, MD

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Humphreys, and seconded by Ms. Millar, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board approved the following physicians for licensure in Alaska, pending completion of their application files:

*David Eric Abel
Allan Alberton
Shoshana Cohen Aleinikoff
Peter Ian Anderson
Roy Migirdich Bak
Charles R Baldwin
Robert William Bankov
Blaise Alana Bellaus
Deann Laree Birnel
Mitchell Carl
Maria Chong
Patricia Grace Clay
Briana Mongini Cranmer
Deepak Das
Don Kent Davis
Emmy Nakasu Davison
Monica Elizabeth de Baca*

*Laura Marie Diamond
Theresa Mary Dulski
Lance Russell Dunlop
Virginia Eschbach
Dana D Espindola
Robert Paul Finch
Eric Madey Foote
Shannon Caroline Fraser
Jon M Gerry
Maryam Gholizadeh
Tania Hillary Hall
Jenna Alane Hiestand
Seth Morris Hofstetter
Mariam Imnadze
Peter Iversen
Julie Jacobs
James Thomas Kandl*

*Chung Un Lee
Donna R Long
Gregg C Mason
Madison McCulloch
Thomas Edward McNalley
Matthew Thomas Messerschmidt
Jacob Christian Miss
Chad Jeremy Nadler
Scott Newton
Rona Lin Norelius
Robert E O'Connor
Geneva M Osteen
Gina M Patrino
Rosalyn Hong Nhung N. Pham
Gene Charles Roland
Howard Lawrence Saft
Michael D. Schwartz
Loren S Seery
Charlotte Appleton Shealy
Richard Joseph Sheridan*

*Patricia J Shipley
David W Shneidman
Neal H Shonnard
Rebekah M Smith
Joshua J Solomon
Smitha Sonni
Sasha E Stiles
Keith D Strenger
Anthony Andrew Terreri
Konstantin Turchaninov
Georgia Kaye Tye
Nitun Verma
Debra Lynn Wade
Che-Yu Gary Wang
Cindy Hsin-Yao Wei
Robert Brian Wenzel
Bradley David Wiener
Jillian Marie Woodruff
Brett Madison Young*

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Humphreys, seconded by Dr. Roderer, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board approved the following osteopathic physicians for licensure in Alaska, pending completion of their application files:

*Deryk Spencer Anderson
Cassandra R Cook
Tammie Jo Sharp Davis
Scott Allan Ebenhoeh
Bradley Jackson Goad
Luke Haws
Bryn Anne Taylor Haws
William D Kirsh*

*Ralph Gary Laraiso
Wendy Sze Ting Lam Maclean
Adam Wade Meier
Anita L Showalter
Jessica Lee Sieling
Brooke Melissa Walls
Cameron Cartier*

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Humphreys, seconded by Ms. Millar, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board approved the following physician assistants for licensure in Alaska, pending completion of their application files:

*Mara Justine Becker
Richard Thomas Combs
Vickie Brian Glover
Kathryn June Gradin
Chester B Kozak II
Leo Brian Meier
Mark Richard Mencil*

*Judy Johanna Mitchelson
Nicole Christine Simms aka Newman
Amanda Elise Richardson
Monica Sulema Sanchez
Jaclyn Marie Siddall
Aaron Michael Thrasher*

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Humphreys, seconded by Ms. Millar, and approved by unanimous consent, the Board approved the following mobile intensive care paramedics for licensure in Alaska, pending completion of their application files:

*Josh Ryan Maddox Ornog
William A Soen
Zoya D Sutton*

*Roy K Uyeno
Jessica B Young*

Board President David A. Miller left the meeting early and asked Ms. Millar to chair the remainder of the meeting.

Visitor Ed Hall, PA-C joined the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Agenda Item Division Update

Division Director Janey Hovenden and Operations Manager Sara Chambers joined the meeting by teleconference to discuss Board and Division matters.

Ms. Hovenden provided an update on staffing issues and application delays. She reported that the Division has provided additional resources, including temporary staff and authorized overtime, to handle the increased volume of medical board work. She noted that the Division is catching up on the backlog and is now providing status updates within a 10 -day response time.

Ms. Hovenden also reported the Division is working on streamlining processes, including

- a form that facilities may use to request expedited processing when there is an urgent need related to public safety; and
- assistance from the Alaska Mental Health Board to help look at processes and identify potential changes for recommendation.

Ms. Chambers reported that the Division's long-term solution to fill the Board's staffing needs has been implemented, including

- assignment of an additional licensing examiner dedicating approximately 80% of her time to the Medical Board; and
- transfer of the Board's vacant Anchorage office assistant position to Juneau.

Ms. Chambers also reported on the Fiscal Year 2016 budget, noting that it is a conservative environment and, even though the Division's licensing programs are receipt supported, the Legislature is looking to cut budgets. The Department will continue to educate Legislators and stress that cuts for these programs do not help the State's budget but do reduce services.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

/s/

Debora Stovern, Executive Administrator
Alaska State Medical Board

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David A. Miller, President
Alaska State Medical Board

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