

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

**STATE MEDICAL BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
February 5-6, 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, February 5-6, 2015 in Kodiak, Alaska.

**Thursday, February 5, 2015**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by David A. Miller, MD, Chair, at 9:00 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Board members present:

Cam Carlson, Public Member  
Sai-Ling Liu, DO  
Grant T. Roderer, MD  
David A. Miller, MD

Kevin Luppen, PA-C  
Kathleen Millar, Public Member  
David J. Powers, MD

Board member Craig Humphreys, MD, was not able to attend the meeting.

Board staff present:

Debora Stovern, Executive Administrator

There were no visitors present.

**Agenda Item 1      Review Agenda**

The Board reviewed the agenda; no changes were made.

**Agenda Item 2      Board Business**

**Announcements**

Ms. Stovern reported that the Governor has filled the vacant seat on the Board, although the new member, Dr. Craig Humphreys, was unable to attend the meeting.

**Ethics Reporting**

There were no ethics conflicts to report.

**Agenda Item 3 CME Audits Updates and Actions**

Ms. Stovern provided a status report for the continuing medical education (CME) audit from the last license renewal. She reported that there is currently 1 case outstanding which will be resolved with Board adoption of the consent agreement.

	Physicians	MICP	Total
Number of licenses selected for audit	172	22	194
Number of audited licenses not renewed	17	2	19
Number of licenses audited	155	20	175
Number of approved audits	146	15	161
Noncompliant audits requiring further action:	9	5	14
Noncompliant audits resolved by Board action	6	0	6
Noncompliant audits pending resolution	2	0	2
Noncompliant audits referred to Paralegal	1	1	2
Noncompliant audits otherwise outstanding	0	1	1

**In the matter of Case No. 2014-001482**

The Board reviewed a proposed consent agreement with a licensee who failed to verify compliance with the continuing medical education requirements of the license renewal. The agreement provides for sanctions consistent with Board disciplinary history and guidelines, including a reprimand, fine of \$3,500 (with \$2,500 suspended), a requirement to complete the deficient coursework, and a mandatory audit for the next two licensing renewals

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Roderer, seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved by roll call vote, it was:**

**RESOLVED to adopt the consent agreement, Case No. 2014-001482, signed by Tanya Lange (MICP).**

**Roll Call Vote:**

- Dr. Liu-Yea
- Mr. Luppen- Yea
- Ms. Millar-No
- Dr. Powers-Yea
- Dr. Roderer-Yea
- Mrs. Carlson-Yea
- Dr. Humphreys-Absent
- Dr. Miller-Yea

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

**Agenda Item 4 Board Actions**

**In the Matter of Case No. 2014-002023**

The Board reviewed a proposed consent agreement regarding an applicant's disclosure of confidential issues that were not practice-related. The signed nondisciplinary consent agreement is a confidential document.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Millar, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to adopt the confidential nondisciplinary consent agreement, Case No. 2014-002023, signed by Roger W. Spencer, MD.**

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

In the Matter of Case No. 2014-001485

The Board reviewed a proposed consent agreement regarding an applicant's disclosure of confidential issues that were not practice-related. The signed nondisciplinary consent agreement is a confidential document.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to adopt the confidential nondisciplinary consent agreement, Case No. 2014-001485, signed by Paul Lin Patton, PA-C**

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

In the Matter of Case No. 2014-001769

The Board reviewed a proposed agreement from an investigation of an applicant who intentionally failed to disclose material information on his license application. The agreement included a reprimand and fine of \$1,000.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Roderer, seconded by Mr. Luppen, and approved by roll call vote, it was:**

**RESOLVED to adopt the consent agreement, Case No. 2014-001769, signed by Charles S. Blackadar, MD.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Dr. Roderer-Yea  
Mrs. Carlson-No  
Dr. Humphreys-Absent  
Dr. Liu-Yea  
Mr. Luppen- Yea  
Ms. Millar-Yea  
Dr. Powers-Yea  
Dr. Miller-Yea

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

In the Matter of Case No. 2014-002345

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.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Millar, and approved by roll call vote, it was:**

**RESOLVED to adopt the imposition of civil fine agreement, Case No. 2014-002345, signed by Dennis S. McFadden, DO.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

**In the Matter of Case No. 2014-001772**

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.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Millar, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to adopt the imposition of civil fine agreement, Case No. 2014-001772, signed by Isaac R. Grindeland, MD.**

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

**In the Matter of Case No. 2010-000420**

The Board reviewed a proposed agreement from an investigation of a licensee who intentionally failed to disclose material information on his renewal application. The agreement included a reprimand and fine of \$1,000.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Roderer, and approved by roll call vote, it was:**

**RESOLVED to adopt the consent agreement, Case No. 2010-000420, signed by Dennis R. Beckworth, MD.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Dr. Liu- Yea  
Mr. Luppen-Yea  
Ms. Millar-Yea  
Dr. Powers-Yea  
Dr. Roderer-Yea

Mrs. Carlson-Yea  
Dr. Humphreys-Absent  
Dr. Miller-Yea

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

In the Matter of Case No. 2010-000422

The Board reviewed a proposed agreement from an investigation of a licensee who intentionally failed to disclose material information on his renewal application. The agreement included a reprimand and fine of \$1,000.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to adopt the consent agreement, Case No. 2010-000422, signed by Steven Y. Liu, MD.**

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

In the Matter of Case No. 2014-001247

The Board reviewed a proposed agreement from an investigation of a licensee who failed to properly report a license action in another state. The agreement included a reprimand and fine of \$1,000. Mr. Luppen noted that he would recuse himself from the vote because he was the consulting Board member during the investigation.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Liu, seconded by Dr. Powers, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to adopt the consent agreement, Case No. 2014-001247, signed by Melodye L. Gilbert, PA-C.**

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

In the Matter of Case No. 2014-001053

Ms. Stovern distributed a proposed agreement from an investigation of a licensee who practiced as a physician assistant without a collaborative plan on file with the Division. The agreement included a reprimand and fine of \$1,000.

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Luppen, seconded by Dr. Roderer, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to adopt the consent agreement, Case No. 2014-001053, signed by Aaron D. Dahle, PA-C.**

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

## **Agenda Item 5      Investigative Unit**

### **Investigative Report**

Medical Board Investigator Susan Winton, Probation Monitor William Harlan, and Senior Investigator Ed Riefle, joined the meeting by teleconference. Ms. Winton reviewed the investigative report provided to the Board. She noted that investigative volume remains high, with 32 new matters opened in January. The report included 9 open medical cases, 6 open physician assistant cases, and 16 closed cases and complaints. An additional 6 cases would be closed with Board actions taken at this meeting.

Investigative staff reported that the Division is working to increase staffing to the Medical Board.

### **Probation Report**

A current probation monitoring report was included in the board packet for further review. Investigator Harlan had additional information for the Board regarding a probation referral.

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Luppen, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing probation matters.**

The Board entered executive session at 9:58 a.m.; Board staff remained for the session.  
The Board went back on the record at 10:07 a.m.

## **Agenda Item 8      Full Board Interviews**

### **Howard L. Smith, MD**

Dr. Smith was present to discuss his license application with the Board. He declined the opportunity to enter into executive session to discuss the “yes” answers on his application regarding previous malpractice claims.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved by roll call vote, it was:**

**RESOLVED to grant an unrestricted license to Howard L. Smith, MD.**

### **Roll Call Vote:**

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

**Agenda Item 6 Board Review of Requests/Issues**

The Board reviewed a Physician/Pharmacist Cooperative Practice Agreement submitted by Dr. John Nels Anderson, including protocols for vaccines.

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Luppen, seconded by Dr. Roderer, and approved by roll call vote, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the Physician/Pharmacist Cooperative Practice Agreement proposed by Dr. John Nels Anderson.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Mrs. Carlson-Yea  
Dr. Humphreys-Absent  
Dr. Liu- Yea  
Mr. Luppen-Yea  
Ms. Millar-Yea  
Dr. Powers-No  
Dr. Roderer-Yea  
Dr. Miller-Yea

**Agenda Item 7 Malpractice Report Review**

The Board reviewed malpractice reports, Case No. 550000092551131, Case No. 3AN-13-08560, Case No. CL11-1992T-01, Case No. 13-2-01156-1, Case No. 2013-CCI-10370, Case No. 3AN-12-10372-CI, Case No. 11SO-CV01332, Case No. 10-CV-00944, and Case No. 3AN-11-8154.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Millar, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to accept malpractice reports Case No. 550000092551131, Case No. 3AN-13-08560, Case No. CL11-1992T-01, Case No. 13-2-01156-1, Case No. 2013-CCI-10370, Case No. 3AN-12-10372-CI, Case No. 11SO-CV01332, Case No. 10-CV-00944, and Case No. 3AN-11-8154.with no further action.**

The Board directed Ms. Stovern to write a letter of concern regarding the standard of care reported in Case No. 3AN-12-10372-CI.

**Agenda Item 13 Correspondence**

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

- 1) Licensee letter of concern re: marijuana issues – the Board directed Ms. Stovern to send thanks for the letter and note that they are awaiting legislative action and will “weigh in” at the appropriate time.

- 2) American Osteopathic Association October news
- 3) Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) newsletters November 2014, December 2014, and January 2015
- 4) Alaska Health Care Commission updates
- 5) Department of Health and Social Services press releases
- 6) American Telemedicine Association updates
- 7) cTel Roundtable Summit agenda and information
- 8) International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA) newsletter

Ms. Stovern distributed an additional item of correspondence for Board review:

- 9) Letter of concern regarding care received by her mother from Alaska-licensed physicians – she did not wish to file a complaint, but wanted to provide the information to the Board.

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

The next annual meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is scheduled for April 22-25, 2015 in Dallas, TX. Dr. Powers and Ms. Stovern will represent the Board at the meeting. Ms. Stovern will also attend the concurrent Administrators in Medicine (AIM) meeting.

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

- 1) Notice re: FTC case in Supreme Court
- 2) Interstate Medical Licensure Compact
- 3) Notice re: ABMS verification service
- 4) Save the date notice re: Annual Meeting
- 5) Notice to public members regarding FSMB Nominating Committee
- 6) Call for annual meeting submissions
  - a. Call for appointment recommendations
  - b. Call for nominations of candidates for elected office
  - c. Call for resolutions
  - d. Call for associate member nominations
  - e. Call for awards nominations
- 7) Newslines, Fall 2014 edition

8) E-news (August through January editions)

## **Agenda Item 15 Administrative Businesses**

### Financial Report

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

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

### 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 telemedicine inquires re: impact of HB 281 (from practitioners, legislators, telemedicine providers, etc.); she responded to AIM inquiries/polls by other state boards; she followed activities of Alaska Healthcare Commission; and she spoke with Alaska State Medical Association (ASMA) staff about Board needs.
- Participation activities of national organizations – Ms. Stovern attended FSMB webinars (topics included uniform application, interstate licensure compact); she continues to work with FSMB to implement the Uniform Application; 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 – for the 2012 renewal, Ms. Stovern completed work on all noncompliant audits; the remaining noncompliant audit has been resolved by a consent agreement for Board consideration at this meeting.
- Status of regulations\_projects – Ms. Stovern has begun work on educational materials and applications to implement the recently adopted regulations regarding military postgrad options; she will continue to provide the Board's request for legislative assistance regarding statutory authority for delegation of routine duties; and she has requested the Division to send out for public comment the board's draft regulations for telemedicine practice, reporting requirements, and tribal health program exemptions.
- Board Policies and Procedures – Ms. Stovern completed work on renewal applications and set up the online renewal process; she has begun the review of "yes" answer renewals and is preparing for the continuing medical education (CME) audit; 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; and she regularly attends Division meetings regarding policies, mission, finances, and travel.

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 Mr. Luppen, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the November 6-7, 2014 meeting.**

#### Meeting Scheduling

The Board confirmed the schedule for upcoming meetings:

- May 7-8, 2015 in Juneau
- August 6-7, 2015 in Nome
- November 5-6, 2015 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 was 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:

At their November 6-7, 2014 meeting, the Board approved regulations changes to go out for public comment. A copy of the draft prepared by the Division was included in the Board packet for further review. The Board does not anticipate the proposed regulations will result in any significant costs to private persons, other state agencies, or municipalities. They reconfirmed their November approval and directed the Division to send them out for public comment as soon as possible, so that they may 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.”
- Telemedicine: The Board previously discussed the practice of telemedicine and how to implement House Bill 281, which allows for general telemedicine practice.

The Board does not support licensing physicians for the type of telemedicine practice in the legislation. They determined that this type of telemedicine is not the best practice of medicine and is not in the best interest of the public, and they do not support lowering practice standards in the State of Alaska in order to promote telemedicine.

In order to implement HB 281, and to preserve the existing Board-sanctioned “telemedicine” practice, the Board approved regulations that would set professional and recordkeeping standards for telemedicine practice, and establish two types of “telemedicine” practice they would allow in the State of Alaska:

- 1) The long-standing Board-sanctioned practice by a physician who is not physically present with the patient when:
  - there is an established physician-patient relationship based on an in-person physician exam; or
  - there is an appropriate (licensed) health care provider on the other side of the transaction (with the patient) to assist the physician with their examination and diagnosis processes; or
  - the physician is providing on-call or cross-coverage emergency care and the physician has access to the patient records; or
  - the physician is caring for a patient in a community where there is no physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, nurse, or community health aid, to conduct a physician examination; or
  - the physician is a radiologist or pathologist and is only reading or interpreting films or samples.

This type of practice does not require the physician to be located in the State of Alaska, but does require the physician to practice in accordance with all relevant laws and practice standards.

- 2) The practice of telemedicine authorized under Alaska Statute (AS) 08.64.364 (effective November 28, 2014) by a physician prescribing, dispensing, or administering a prescription drug without first conducting an in-person physical examination of the patient, if:
  - the prescription drug is not a controlled substance;
  - the physician is located in the State of Alaska and a licensed health care provider is available to provide follow-up care; and
  - the patient consents to sending, and the physician sends, a copy of the records to the patient’s primary care provider.

This type of practice does require the physician to be located in the State of Alaska, and does require the physician to practice in accordance with all relevant laws and practice standards, including compliance with

- the American Medical Association (AMA) guiding principles for telemedicine practice (adopted June 2014); and
- the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Model Policy for the Appropriate Use of Telemedicine Technologies in the Practice of Medicine (adopted April 2014).

- 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) 14, relating to the appointment of an MICP to the Medical Board, as well as other emergency medical services items. At the January 17-18, 2013 meeting, the Board considered a resolution offered by the Paramedic Association of Alaska. The Board continues to support their resolution to add a paramedic seat to the Board.
- 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 proposed 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.

Recess for lunch

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.  
The Board went back on the record at 1:16 p.m.

Board members present:

Cam Carlson, Public Member  
Sai-Ling Liu, DO  
Grant T. Roderer, MD  
David A. Miller, MD

Kevin Luppen, PA-C  
Kathleen Millar, Public Member  
David J. Powers, MD

Board member Craig Humphreys, MD, was not able to attend the meeting.

Board staff present:  
Debora Stovern, Executive Administrator

Agenda Item 12 License Application Review

Board members reviewed license application files.

**Agenda Item 9 Ombudsman Preliminary Report/Recommendations**

The report and recommendations were included in the Board packet for review and response. It is a preliminary report, so is considered confidential. Investigator Susan Winton joined the meeting by teleconference.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Liu, seconded by Dr. Roderer, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing the Ombudsman's report and recommendations.**

The Board entered executive session at 2:23 p.m.; Board staff remained for the session.  
The Board went back on the record at 2:56 p.m.

**Agenda Item 8 Full Board Interviews**

James Pullano, MD

Dr. Pullano did not appear for his scheduled interview to discuss his application for a locum tenens permit with the Board. Upon the recommendation of a reviewing Board member, the permit had already been issued, subject to his appearance for a full Board interview to complete the application process.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Liu, seconded by Mr. Luppen, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing the application of Dr. Pullano.**

The Board entered executive session at 3:16 p.m.; Board staff remained for the session.  
The Board went back on the record at 3:23 p.m.

The Board declined to take action on the application.

**Agenda Item 12 License Application Review (continued)**

Board members reviewed license application files.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Roderer, seconded by Mr. Luppen, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following applicants for licensure in Alaska subject to agreements adopted by the Board on February 5, 2015:**

*Paul Lin Patton, PA-C*  
*Charles S. Blackadar, MD*

*Dennis S. McFadden, DO*  
*Isaac R. Grindeland, MD*

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Roderer, and seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following physicians for licensure in Alaska, pending completion of their application files:**

*Carlos Alejandro Alvarado-Valdes  
Theodora Anthony Braich  
Gurkamal Singh Chatta  
Michele Anne Chernesky  
Donald Eugene Conklin  
Irena Rita Danys  
Beth Ellen Davis  
Michael William Eby  
Keren Fogelfeld  
Andrew George Folley  
Gregory Todd Goldstein  
Mary Jo Drexler Groves  
Stephanie Lorraine Illanes  
Norris Jerome Jackson  
Teresa Karen Johnson  
Janelle Denise Jones  
Jonathan Tzvi Klein  
Stanley Ting-Chieh Leung  
Johan Martin Lundebye  
Glenn Alan Mason  
Patricia Leeann McPherson  
Ursula A McVeigh  
Darius Mohammad Moshfeghi  
Sarah Anne Murphy  
Austin Tyler Nelson  
Nidhi Singh Nikhanj*

*Kristi Anne Nix  
Francis Joseph Podbielski  
Douglas Ryan Porter  
Stephen Parry Roberts  
Michele Theresa Rooney  
Kevin Paul Rosenblatt  
Gisella L Sandy  
Valerie A Seabaugh  
Bhavish Jogendra Shah  
Perves Arshad Siddiqui  
David G Smith  
Wolfgang Stehr  
Mary Aldrene Lee Tan  
David Brian Trowbridge  
Michelle Elizabeth Trowbridge  
Zahid Q Virk  
Marie Jane Westphal  
Jamie Rose Wiseman  
Liqun Yin  
Suzanne Michelle Yoder*

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Roderer, seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following osteopathic physicians for licensure in Alaska, pending completion of their application files:**

*Heather Macomber Beauparlant  
Blair Kennedy Curtis  
John Edward Khazin  
Donal Kaoru Maxwell*

*James Imre Piko  
George Enrique Polanco  
Anthony Martin Toth*

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Luppen, seconded by Ms. Millar, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following physician assistants for licensure in Alaska, pending completion of their application files:**

*Jessica Rachel Alexander*

*Alexis Marlena Baird*

*Nicholas Reid Baker  
Thomas Brian Boden  
Kaitlin Dawn Buckner  
Morgan Leigh Copeland  
Jennifer Anne Crowley  
Kimberly Sue Dahm  
Samuel Paul Deblauw  
Michael Dexter Dennis  
Robert Sidney Feinberg  
Cherise Janice Hug  
Janet Lee Iocco  
Marc E Marchiolo  
William Raymond Martin  
Daniel Maxwell McLean*

*Robert Vernon McRorie Jr  
Arren Nicole O'Callaghan  
Deborah Anne Petteway  
Meagan Meekin Rector  
Mark David Roman  
Jessica Denise Rowley  
Paul Allen Schranz  
Scott Paul Seager  
Carrington Lee Sedgwick  
Quana Lee Ticket  
Stacy Theresa Vroman  
Olivia J Wall  
Daniel Clayton Pridgen Watkins*

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Luppen, seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following mobile intensive care paramedics for licensure in Alaska, pending completion of their application files:**

*Michael Allen Brock  
Matthew Joseph Deatherage  
Jessica R Gunderson  
Robin Renee Keesler  
Zachery Read Manchester*

*Benjamin Jon Nabinger  
Ian James Richey  
Stacy Marie Skoda  
John Karl Youse*

### **Agenda Item            Public Comment Forum**

Visitors present included:

- Jen Webster, representing herself – reported that she believes there are unlicensed midwives currently practicing in the State. She believes that all midwives should be licensed or certified.

It was noted that the Board does not have jurisdiction over practitioners licensed by the Board of Direct-entry Midwives. The Board referred her to investigators for that Board to file a complaint about a licensee or a complaint about unlicensed practice, or substandard practice.

The Board recessed at 4:05 p.m.

**Friday, February 6, 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:

Cam Carlson, Public Member  
Sai-Ling Liu, DO  
Grant T. Roderer, MD  
David A. Miller, MD

Kevin Luppen, PA-C  
Kathleen Millar, Public Member  
David J. Powers, MD

Board member Craig Humphreys, MD, was not able to attend the meeting.

Board staff present:

Debora Stovern, Executive Administrator

Visitors present:

Bob Carlson  
Harold Gear

## **Agenda item 11 Full Board Interviews:**

William Joseph Guthrie, DO

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

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Roderer, seconded by Mr. Luppen, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing the application of William Joseph Guthrie, DO.**

The Board entered executive session at 9:36 a.m.; Board staff remained for the session.  
The Board went back on the record at 9:45 a.m.

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Luppen, seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved by roll call vote, it was:**

**RESOLVED to grant an unrestricted license to William Joseph Guthrie, DO.**

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Dr. Powers-Yea  
Dr. Roderer-Yea  
Mrs. Carlson-No  
Dr. Humphreys-Absent

Dr .Liu-Yea  
Mr. Luppen-Yea  
Ms. Millar-Yea  
Dr. Miller-Yea

Roger Spencer, MD

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

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Roderer, seconded by Ms. Millar, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOLVED to enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing the application of Roger Spencer, MD.**

The Board entered executive session at 9:48 a.m.; Board staff remained for the session.  
The Board went back on the record at 9:58 a.m.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved by roll call vote, it was:**

**RESOLVED to grant a physician license to Roger Spencer, MD, subject to the confidential nondisciplinary consent agreement adopted by the Board on February 5, 2015.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Dr. Roderer noted that he recused himself from the vote because he was the consulting Board member during the application process.

**Agenda Item            New Business**

There was no new business for consideration.

**Agenda Item 5            Investigative Unit (continued)**

Board Investigator Susan Winton joined the meeting by teleconference to poll Board members for a cease and desist order regarding a violation of unlicensed practice and violation of a Board-ordered license revocation. All members approved of the order.

**Agenda Item**      **Division Update**

Division Director Sara Chambers, Licensing Supervisor Dawn Hannasch, and Licensing Examiner Mary Sikes joined the meeting by teleconference to discuss Board and Division matters.

Ms. Chambers reported on the following items:

- Financial reports – Ms. Chambers provided a brief summary of the financial reports that were included in the Board packet. She noted that the first quarter information was compiled before the license renewal period, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter summary included renewal revenue. She expects the high number of recent new applications to impact revenues, as well.
- Division Director position – Ms. Chambers reported that the Governor had appointed a new Division Director, Janey Hovenden, effective March 2. Ms. Chambers will be moving back to her previous position as Operations Manager, so the Board may expect to see continuity in program services.
- Space standards – the Board previously had questions regarding the vendor used for Division office remodeling; Ms. Chambers reported that the bidding process was at the statewide level, subject to state procurement requirements, and the contract was awarded to Capital Office.
- Division database – Ms. Chambers reported that the new database would be launching soon. The Division has employed Colleen Kautz, the previous Operations Manager, as a temporary program coordinator to facilitate the process.
- Staffing vacancy – Ms. Chambers reported that the Division has recently filled the vacant licensing examiner position (Ms. Sikes) and promoted Ms. Hannasch to a licensing supervisor position. She will supervise staff to the Medical Board, as well as other programs, and will continue with licensing examiner duties while she recruits staff to fill her previous position.

She also responded to Board concerns about the length of time it takes to fill staffing vacancies. She noted that Division turnover may be attributed to two main causes: employees who move out of state, and employees who are promoted to a higher paying position. She reviewed the State requirements in the recruitment process.

The Board noted that there continues to be a need for a third licensing examiner to handle the volume of work in the Juneau office.

- Classification study – Ms. Chambers reported on the status of the Division-initiated classification study to increase the pay range for licensing examiners and licensing supervisors. She noted that the division believes that re-classification is extremely important to ensure staff competency and retention.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business:

**Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Millar, seconded by Mr. Luppen, and approved by unanimous consent, it was:**

**RESOVLED to adjourn the meeting of the Alaska State Medical Board**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Debora Stovern, Executive Administrator  
Alaska State Medical Board

s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
David A. Miller, President  
Alaska State Medical Board

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