

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

**STATE MEDICAL BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
February 11-12, 2016**

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 11-12, 2016 in Ketchikan, Alaska.

**Thursday, February 11, 2016**

**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  
Craig Humphreys, MD  
Sai-Ling Liu, DO  
Kevin Luppen, PA-C

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

Board member Craig Humphreys, MD, was not able to attend the meeting in person; he joined the meeting by teleconference.

Board staff present: Debora Stovern, Executive Administrator

There were no visitors present.

Mr. Luppen, Safety Officer, noted appropriate emergency exits and gathering location.

**Agenda Item 1      Review Agenda**

The Board reviewed the agenda. Ms. Stovern noted the addition of items under Agenda Section 4 Board Actions, and Agenda Section 6 Board Review of Requests.

**Agenda Item 2      Board Business**

**Announcements**

There were no announcements

### Ethics Reporting

There were no ethics conflicts to report.

### Board Appointments

The new Board roster, effective March 1, 2016 was included in the Board packet for further review. It was noted that Mrs. Carlson, Dr. Humphreys, and Dr. Roderer were reappointed by the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions. Two new Board members, Dr. Neyhart and Dr. Clift, were appointed to replace outgoing Board members Dr. Miller and Dr. Powers, effective March 1, 2016. Appointments and reappointments are subject to Legislative confirmation.

### Agenda Item 3 Continuing Medical Education (CME) Audit

Statistics for the audit from the last license renewal period were included in the board packet for further review. Ms. Stovern reported that she had completed review of CME documents for approval or referral of noncompliant audits to Division paralegal for action.

### Agenda Item 4 Board Actions

Board investigative staff joined the meeting.

#### In the Matter of Case No. 2015-001617

The Board reviewed a proposed consent agreement from an investigation of a physician who failed to disclose criminal convictions and who practiced while his license was lapsed. The agreement included sanctions consistent with Board disciplinary history and guidelines, including a reprimand, fine of \$3000, and a three-year probation.

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Luppen, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved unanimously, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing Case No. 2015-001617.**

Board staff remained for the session. The Board entered executive session at 9:07 a.m.; and went back on the record at 9:19 a.m.

**Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Millar, seconded by Dr. Roderer, and approved by roll call vote, the Board adopted the consent agreement, Case No. 2015-001617, signed by Jordan H. Greer, DO.**

#### Roll Call Vote:

Mrs. Carlson-Nay  
Dr. Humphreys-Yea  
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. 2015-001006

The Board reviewed a proposed imposition of a civil fine agreement from an investigation of a physician assistant who failed to report a malpractice claim within the required 30-day timeframe.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Roderer, seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved unanimously, the Board adopted the imposition of civil fine agreement, Case No. 2015-001006, signed by Kenneth Hunter Johnson, PA-C.**

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

In the Matter of Case No. 2014-001768

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Roderer, seconded by Dr. Powers, and approved unanimously, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing Case No. 2014-001768.**

Board staff remained for the session. The Board entered executive session at 9:24 a.m.; and went back on the record at 9:58 a.m.

For the record, Dr. Miller summarized the Board's deliberation on Case No. 2014-001768. The Board chose to reject the proposed agreement presented for Board consideration, because it did not include the violation under Professional Regulation 12 AAC 40.967(17) for unprofessional conduct, including a conviction of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude. Although the conviction for solicitation of prostitution is not specifically included in the list under the cited regulation, it was noted that the list is not all-inclusive. It was the unanimous agreement of the Board that solicitation of prostitution is a crime of moral turpitude. The fact that the criminal conviction did not involve patient care was considered relevant by the Board. Had it involved patient care, the sanctions by the Board would have been more severe.

It was further noted that every physician and physician assistant takes the Hippocratic Oath, and is expected to uphold the dignity of humanity and to hold themselves to the highest of standards.

The Board determined to refer the case back to Investigations with recommended sanctions for:

- (1) the violation involving the conviction of a crime of moral turpitude to include a \$5,000 fine and a reprimand, and
- (2) the violation involving failure to disclose the conviction to include an imposition of \$1,000 fine.

**Upon a motion duly made by Mrs. Carlson, seconded by Ms. Millar, and approved by roll call vote, the Board rejected the consent agreement, Case No. 2014-001768, and referred it for further investigation.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Dr. Humphreys-Yea

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

## **Agenda Item 5      Investigative Unit**

### **Investigative Report**

Medical Board Investigative staff reviewed the investigative report provided to the Board. The report included 11 open cases and 18 closed cases/complaints with 8 actions. There are no particular trends noted by investigators.

Investigative staff also reported that they will transition cases being reviewed by departing Board members to other continuing Board members.

### **Probation Report**

A current probation monitoring report was included in the board packet for further review.

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

### **In the matter of Olga I. Wasile, MD**

The Board reviewed a request to remove prescriptive authority restrictions placed on her license as required under the terms of the Consent Agreement adopted by the Board at their August 2015 meeting. The Board noted that there is a specific policy regarding petitions to change conditions of a consent agreement, and that they had been impressed with Dr. Wasile's progress when she appeared for her probation interview at the November 2015 meeting.

It was further noted that the Board policy is not to change conditions of an agreement just because a licensee is in compliance; that such action may be considered only when progress is exceptional. The Board determined that Dr. Wasile's compliance was exceptional because she immediately turned over care of her pain patients to other providers, and she promptly paid her fine and completed the additional required education.

The following proposed modification order was read onto the record:

On August 6, 2015, the Alaska State Medical Board ("Board") adopted a Consent Agreement in the above cited case. In addition to other terms and conditions, the Proposed Decision and Order contained a fine, reprimand, probation period, continuing medical education, and a restriction on prescriptive authority.

Pursuant to discussion when adopting the Decision and Order, the Board determined Dr. Wasile could pay the fine, properly document completion of the required continuing education, and request an Order from the Board lifting the restricted prescription authority.

The Board hereby modifies Section J. of the Proposed Decision and Order, dated August 6, 2015, by lifting the Restricted Prescription Authority. Effective immediately, and for the duration of her probation, Dr. Wasile shall comply with a quarterly review of 10% of her patient charts, as selected by the Board's Representative. All other conditions of the previous Proposed Decision and Order remain unchanged.

This Order modifying the Proposed Decision and Order is a public action of the Board and shall be reported to entities as required by law.

The Board determined to change the chart review section to read: Dr. Wasile shall comply with a quarterly review of a minimum of 10% of her patient charts, as selected by the Board's Representative.

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Luppen, seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved by roll call vote, the Board adopted the draft modification order, as read onto the record and revised, regarding the restricted prescriptive authority of Dr. Wasile.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

The Board Secretary will sign the modification order once it has been revised by Division staff.

**In the matter of Jay Dean Stearns, MD**

The Board reviewed a request from Dr. Stearns regarding the verification requirements to qualify for a license to practice medicine in the State of Alaska. He graduated from an international medical school in 1988, and completed a 3-year ACGME-accredited residency programs at a U.S. facility in 1992. He has been licensed in several states (no disciplinary action), and was previously licensed in Alaska (expired in 2000.) His previous license file does not include a verification completed by his medical school, and he has been unable to obtain the verification from them. In accordance with Professional Regulations 12 AAC 40.010(g), he is asking the Board to waive the verifications requirement. A copy of his application checklist, along with his waiver request and supporting documentation was provided for Board review, including additional information related to his medical school from the Vermont Board, in the FSMB report, and in the AMA profile.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Millar, and approved unanimously, the Board approved the request by Dr. Stearns for waiver of the requirement for verification sent directly from his medical school, under the provisions of Professional Regulations 12 AAC 40.010(g).**

**Physician/Pharmacist Cooperative Practice Agreement**

The Board reviewed a Physician/Pharmacist Cooperative Practice Agreement submitted by Dr. Jenny Love, including protocols for anticoagulation management.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved unanimously, the Board approved the Physician/Pharmacist Cooperative Practice Agreement proposed by Dr. Jenny Love.**

Investigative staff disconnected from the teleconference.

### **Agenda Item 7 Malpractice Report Review**

The Board reviewed malpractice reports, Case No. 4FA131554, Case No. 0314-02, Case No. 12-2448C, Case No. 3AN-13-07385-CI, and Case No. 107-008862

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved unanimously, the Board accepted malpractice reports, Case No. 4FA131554, Case No. 0314-02, Case No. 12-2448C, Case No. 3AN-13-07385-CI, and Case No. 107-008862, with no further action at this time.**

### **Recess for lunch**

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:38 a.m.  
The Board went back on the record at 1:00 p.m.

Board members present:

Cam Carlson, Public Member  
Craig Humphreys, MD  
Sai-Ling Liu, DO  
Kevin Luppen, PA-C

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

Board member Craig Humphreys, MD, attended by teleconference.

Board staff present: Debora Stovern, Executive Administrator

There were no visitors present.

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

Donny D. Elshire, MD

Dr. Elshire was unable to appear for his interview and had rescheduled for the May 2016 meeting.

Bradford W. Fenton, MD

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

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved unanimously, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing the application of Bradford W. Fenton, MD.**

Board staff remained for the session. The Board entered executive session at 1:10 p.m.; and went back on the record at 1:30 p.m.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Humphreys, seconded by Ms. Millar, and approved by roll call vote, the Board granted an unrestricted license to Bradford W. Fenton, MD.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**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.

Dr. Liu volunteered to contact Senator Olson to follow up on this matter. The Board directed Ms. Stovern to provide her additional information.

Approved Regulation Projects:

Board had previously adopted regulations changes regarding reporting requirements and tribal health program exemptions. Ms. Stovern reported that the regulations were under review by the Department of Law.

Legislative information

Legislative guidance information from the Division was included in the Board packet for further review:

Pending legislation

- The Board reviewed Senate Bill (SB) 98, relating to the expansion of telemedicine practice. The bill proposes 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. A response from the bill sponsor was included in the Board packet for review. Dr. Powers and Dr. Liu both noted that the comments in the letter regarding bush medicine were incorrect. Dr. Powers volunteered to contact the sponsor to discuss the Board's concerns with the legislation.

Ms. Stovern provided a copy of the Division's fiscal note for the bill, which provides for additional licensing and investigative staff to accommodate the increased volume of applications and enforcement anticipated if the bill passes.

The Board directed Ms. Stovern to notify Board members when hearings on the bill are scheduled.

- The Board reviewed House Bill (HB) 278, relating to the expansion of telemedicine practice. This is the companion bill to SB 98 which replaces the previous version HB 181 which was introduced and withdrawn last year.

The Board confirmed their position opposing the this legislation, the same as SB 98, and directed Ms. Stovern to provide the same position statement to the sponsor of this bill.

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

The Board had previously drafted a position statement opposing the legislation.

- 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, when the bill was revised to replace one of the two public members with an MICP member, they determined to oppose the bill.

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 confirmed their previous position opposing the current version of the bill, and taking a neutral position on the proposal to add an MICP member to the Board.

- The Board reviewed Senate Bill (SB) 29, relating to the appointment of a Mobile Intensive Care Paramedic (MICP) to the Medical Board. It was noted that this bill proposes to add an MICP member to the Board, rather than replacing a public member with an MICP member as in SB 14.

The Board confirmed their neutral position on this legislation to appoint an MICP as an additional member 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 had previously expressed concerns with 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 had not taken a position.

- The Board reviewed House Bill (HB) 237, which proposes to authorize the State Medical Board to participate in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. Correspondence from the sponsor of the bill (Rep. Seaton), a Sponsor statement, and information about the Compact, were provided in the Board packet for review.

The Board agreed with the sponsor that participation in the Compact would be in the best interest of the state. They directed Ms. Stovern to respond to Rep. Seaton to let him know that they support the bill and appreciate his efforts. Mr. Luppen volunteered as the point person for this legislation.

- The Board reviewed Senate Bill (SB) 113 and House Bill (HB) 215, companion bills which propose to expand access to experimental drugs by terminally ill patients. The bills include language to prohibit disciplinary action of physicians by the Medical Board for dispensing or administering such drugs, prevent hospitals and health facilities from restricting the use of such drugs, and establish immunity for the use of such drugs as long as informed consent was obtained.

The Board determined that the legislations was in conflict with the physician oath to do no harm, and noted that it is not ethical to prescribe treatment that is not known to be beneficial to a patient. They noted that terminally ill patients who have exhausted other treatments currently have the option to participate in clinical trials for such experimental drugs. The clinical trials are conducted in a controlled setting, under established protocols with oversight, so that the results are useful in determining the future of the experimental drugs. The general use of experimental drugs may limit the effectiveness of established clinical trials. Given the existence of such clinical trials, it was also not clear what problem the bills are attempting to correct.

The Board also expressed concern that such legislation may open a gate to assisted suicide and removes protection to the most vulnerable patients. They noted that there are too many variables to make safe recommendation of such experimental drugs, and too much opportunity for harming patients.

The Board suggested that the language of the bill is too broad and open-ended by allowing use of experimental drugs that are only in Phase 1 of clinical trials, that it may be more appropriate to limit such use of experimental drugs to those in Phase 3 of clinical trials.

The Board opposes legislation that limits the ability of the Board to discipline physicians who practice outside of professional standards of care.

- The Board reviewed House Bill (HB) 159, which would authorize insurance coverage for physician practice groups.

The Board determined that they are more concerned with the standard of care provided to patients, not with how it is paid or covered by insurance. They did not take a position on the proposed legislation.

- The Board reviewed Senate Bill (SB) 23, which would provide certain immunities to health care providers, overdose program workers, and other persons, for the prescription, supply, possession, and use of opioid antidotes to patients suffering overdose of opioid drugs. It was noted that the current version of the bill adds a section regarding pharmacist guidelines and training.

The Board noted that the opioid antidotes authorized under the bill are safe effective, and prevent death; the sooner it is administered the more effective; and that they should be available to first responders and to family members. The Board determined to support the bill.

- The Board reviewed Senate Bill (SB) 166, which proposes to update the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), including provisions to increase participation in the program by prescribers and dispensers, to allow for access by agents and employees of the prescriber, and to allow the program to send out periodic unsolicited reports to providers with information about their prescribing history.

The Board determined to support the bill, as written, to include appropriate accessibility by approved agents or employees of the practitioner.

- The Board reviewed House Bill (HB) 234, which would authorize insurance coverage for mental health telemedicine.

The Board noted that they continue to support telemedicine use in the treatment of mental health patients in remote communities. They have continued to oppose the expanded use of telemedicine in primary care (see position on SB 98 and HB 278.) They determined their position to be neutral on this bill.

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

There were no members of the public present to speak with the Board.

The Board recessed at 3:45 p.m.

### **Friday, February 12, 2016**

### **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  
Craig Humphreys, MD  
Sai-Ling Liu, DO  
Kevin Luppen, PA-C

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

Board member Craig Humphreys, MD, was not able to attend the meeting in person; he joined the meeting by teleconference.

Board staff present: Debora Stovern, Executive Administrator

There were no visitors present.

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

Duane E. Vanderslice, MD

Dr. Vanderslice was unable to appear for his interview and had rescheduled for the May 2016 meeting.

Phillip G. Johnson, MD

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

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Roderer, seconded by Mr. Luppen, and approved unanimously, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing the application of Phillip G. Johnson, MD.**

Board staff remained for the session. The Board entered executive session at 9:05 a.m.; and went back on the record at 9:20 a.m.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, seconded by Ms. Millar, and approved by roll call vote, the Board granted an unrestricted license to Phillip G. Johnson, MD.**

### **Roll Call Vote:**

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

## **Agenda Item New Business**

There was no new business for consideration.

### **Agenda Item 13 Correspondences**

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

- 1) Citizen Advocacy Center white paper “Addressing the Supreme Court’s North Carolina Dental Decision: Options for States”
- 2) NTSB Safety Recommendations
- 3) American Osteopathic Association news releases
- 4) International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities (IAMRA) annual conference, call for abstracts
- 5) State of Reform news
- 6) Alaska Department of Health and Social Services press releases
- 7) American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry notices
- 8) American Telemedicine Association (ATA) news briefs
- 9) Info. on Compounded and Repackaged Medications
- 10) National Board of Osteopathic Examiners (NBOME) Newsletter

### **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 28-30, 2016 in San Diego, CA. The Board had previously appointed Ms. Stovern and Dr. Liu to attend the meeting. Dr. Liu reported that she is unable to attend this year. The Board appointed Dr. Humphreys to attend as their voting delegate. Mr. Luppen noted that he was also available, in the event Dr. Humphreys was not able to attend.

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

- 1) Notice of annual meeting, April 28-30, 2016
  - a. Call for nominations
  - b. Call for committee appointments
- 2) Notice of meeting to discuss antitrust issues, March 8, 2016
- 3) Information on Interstate Medical Licensure Compact
- 4) Notice of draft report on Marijuana and Medical Regulation for comment
- 5) Physician workforce article published in Journal of Medical Regulation
- 6) Committee reports for 2016 House of Delegates meeting
  - a. Report from by-laws committee
  - b. Report from nominating committee
  - c. Info, on nominations by petition
- 7) E-news (November - January editions)
- 8) Newslines (Fall 2015 edition)

## Agenda Item 15 Administrative Businesses

### Financial Report

The Board financial report for the first quarter of Fiscal Year 2016 and the year-end financial report for Fiscal Year 2015 were included in the Board packet for review. The Board noted that indirect detail information was not provided with the reports.

### Executive Administrator's Report

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

Outreach efforts – Ms. Stovern responded to inquiries regarding application timeframe, and requests for expedited processing; she responded to inquiries regarding the Board's position on legislative proposals (telemedicine, interstate compact, opioid abuse, experimental drugs, etc.); she spoke to classes at Alaska Family Medicine Residency about licensing and Board processes; and she responded to AIM inquiries/polls by other state boards

Participation activities of national organizations – Ms. Stovern continued work with FSMB to implement Uniform Application (she is currently working on Board-specific forms and procedures); she attended FSMB webinars (topics included advocacy issues, 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 webinar re: telehealth and e-health issues

Tracking of Board actions – a report of the Board's recent actions was provided for Board review.

Tracking of licensing process – statistics and a detailed spreadsheet covering processing of recent applications was provided.

Status of CME Audit – Ms. Stovern has been completing the audit of continuing medical education (CME) for the December 2014 renewals; she has reviewed the audit responses for approval and will refer noncompliant audits to Division paralegal for action.

Status of regulations projects – the Board adopted regs regarding reporting requirements and tribal health program exemptions (the regulations are waiting for Department of Law review and filing). Ms. Stovern will continue to request assistance from 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 is working on updates and revisions to the applications forms; she continues to revise and update the Board policies and procedures as changes are made (copies of the updated telemedicine guidelines and draft pain policy guidelines were included for further review); she updates and distributes the orientation manual to new Board members; she regularly attends Division meetings regarding Medical Board matters, legislative items, travel and hiring changes, the new database, policies, mission, and finances; 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) audit.

### Review Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of their November 3-4, 2015 meeting.

**Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Millar, seconded by Mr. Luppen, and approved unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the November 3-4, 2015 meeting.**

### Meeting Scheduling

The Board discussed their schedule of upcoming meetings. They considered changing the location of their meetings to Anchorage in an effort to save travel costs. They noted that they are conscious of fiscal responsibility, but determined that it is important that the meetings be accessible to the public. They also noted that their expenditures are supported by license fees, not the state general fund, that they have reduced fees while still maintaining a surplus to handle legal costs.

The Board determined to continue to schedule meetings the various geographical areas of the state, but limiting them to Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, and one additional remote location that is relatively inexpensive to access.

They confirmed the schedule for upcoming meetings:

- May 5-6, 2016 in Soldotna
- August 4-5, 2016 in Fairbanks
- November 3-4, 2016 in Anchorage

It was noted that one Board member had a conflict with the May meeting dates. They directed Ms. Stovern look into the possibility of rescheduling for Thursday and Friday, May 12-13. She will confirm that the meeting facility and lodging are available on the proposed new dates, and poll Board members about their availability on the proposed new dates.

### Agenda Item            Division Update

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

Ms. Chambers reviewed the Fiscal Year 2015 year-end financial report and the Fiscal Year 2016 first quarter financial report that was included in the Board packet. The Board noted that they continue to ask for indirect detail information in the reports, but are only provided with summary information. They asked about the increase in indirect costs. Ms. Chambers noted that indirect costs are somewhat higher during renewal years due to additional accounting support, etc. She also reported that the Division has corrected the issue of “double counting” temporary permits for the purposes of assessing indirect expenses proportionally to the various Division programs based on number of licenses.

Ms. Hovenden responded to Board inquiries regarding the need for resources to handle electronic files instead of shipping numerous boxes of files to Board meetings. She noted that a past challenge had been IT security concerns, but that directives for financial savings have prioritized solutions.

Ms. Hovenden also responded to Board inquiries about limiting staff attendance at Board meetings. She reported that the Governor had instituted a travel and hiring freeze, but the Department had obtained a

conditional waiver for Board meeting travel. However that waiver limited staff travel to only one person. She recommended that the Board write their concerns to Chris Hladick, Commissioner of the Department, and to John Hozey, Deputy Chief of Staff with Boards and Commissions.

### **Agenda Item      Annual Election of Officers**

Dr. Miller reviewed the duties of the Board officers:

- The Board president acts as the meeting chair and schedules meetings and teleconferences to conduct board business, works closely with the executive administrator to conduct routine business, provides guidance on investigations and irregular applications, and is the point person for Division matters, legislation, etc.
- The Board secretary may sign documents on behalf of the Board, and chairs meetings if the president is absent.

Nominations for Board president included Dr. Roderer and Mr. Luppen. Mr. Luppen declined. Nominations for Board secretary included Ms. Millar, who agreed to continue in that role.

**Upon a motion duly made by Mrs. Carlson, seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved unanimously, the Board appointed Dr. Roderer as Board president.**

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Liu, seconded by Mr. Luppen, and approved unanimously, the Board appointed Ms. Millar as Board secretary.**

Dr. Humphreys disconnected from the teleconference at 10:20 a.m. It was noted that there was a quorum to continue conducting business.

### **Agenda Item 12      License Application Review**

Board members reviewed license application files.

The Board declined to consider the application of Robin Michelle Ober, DO, pending further information.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, and seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved unanimously, the Board approved the following physicians for licensure in Alaska, pending completion of their application files:**

*Joshua Raymond Albrekton  
Robert Wayne Allen  
Fernando Luis Andreu  
Shannon Bridget Antekeier  
David Hershel Berns*

*Derek Jay Bowers  
David Gerard Burger  
Ian Yen Ch'en  
Alice Van-Heng Cheuk  
Jaime Clavijo*

*Daniel Jacob Conrad*  
*Matthew Vincent Cronin*  
*Dana P Damron*  
*Sandra Marie Demars*  
*William Joseph DePaso*  
*Don Ricardo Dickerson*  
*Kim David Edhegard*  
*Sandra Pauline Ewaskow*  
*Benjamin Thomas Feeney*  
*Hannah Joann Fellers*  
*James Hanna Finigan*  
*Oren Kadouri Fix*  
*James Patrick Ford*  
*Elliott Bruce Gagnon*  
*Morgan Cheatham Haile*  
*Tatiana Havryliuk*  
*Hilton M. Hudson*  
*Donald Jenny*  
*Alexander Shelton Judy*  
*Catherine Nguen Keegan*  
*Sean Christopher Keenan*  
*Yong Han Kim*

*Edson Lee Knapp*  
*Joseph Aloysius Kuhn*  
*Michael J Longo*  
*Todd Robert Looney*  
*Kenneth Edward Lyn-Kew*  
*Lucinda Ann MacNeal*  
*Adam Alexander Morgan*  
*John Travis Nelson*  
*Mark Ombrellaro*  
*Karla Marie Perrizo*  
*Angelique Marie Ramirez*  
*Mark R Rangitsch*  
*Zina Semenovskaya*  
*Christopher Richard Sidden*  
*Carla Sue Smith*  
*Gregory Charles Strohmeyer*  
*Ronald Lewis Teed*  
*Rachel Vogt Walden*  
*Steven Curtis Weissfeld*  
*Barry Kirk Wilson*  
*Phillip Michael Hobbs*  
*William J. Magnuson*

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved unanimously, the Board approved the following osteopathic physicians for licensure in Alaska, pending completion of their application files:**

*Peter Voss Abraham*  
*Kimberly Christine Capp*  
*Richard Joseph Carregal*  
*Joseph James Krakker*

*Tzvi Yehuda Neuman*  
*Marlena Grace Purchiaroni*  
*Todd Russell Stephens*  
*Rebecca Virginia Taylor*

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved unanimously, the Board approved the following physician assistants for licensure in Alaska, pending completion of their application files:**

*Patricia McGarity Ackley*  
*Lee Edward Ackley*  
*Alexander Michael Alonso*  
*Jon Todd Baughman*  
*Paul Andrew Becker*  
*Leah Ann Besh*  
*Renee Alynn Bond*  
*Jodie A Brewer*  
*Marvin Ray Butler*  
*Paul Slade Clemens*  
*Adam Reed Corneliussen*

*Gilia Monnett Degange*  
*Michelle P Drollinger*  
*Amber Marie Faherty*  
*Auanna Saran Galloway*  
*John C Gardiner*  
*Deana Katherine Glick*  
*Dusty Jeanne Goodman*  
*Kathryn Lee Grace*  
*Chelsey Deann Jacobs*  
*David Edward Kingston*  
*Scott Lee Krueger*

*Elena Nicole Larranaga  
Timothy Cho Olson  
Mark Francis Overas  
Michael Wayne Rice  
Zachary Michal Ritter*

*Maria Drita Rollins  
Gilbert Lewis Trout III  
Marc Anthony Vetri  
Alisa Margaret Vickrey*

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Powers seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved unanimously, the Board approved the following mobile intensive care paramedics for licensure in Alaska, pending completion of their application files:**

*David Paul Aromin  
Val Jean Blackburn  
Jeffrey Charles Bugh Jr.  
Caleb Crockett  
William James Halleran IV  
Kimberlee Johnson  
Kelsey Maureen Klein  
Tracey Anne Loscar  
Elizabeth Maurer  
Joshua Charles Moreman  
Sarah Ann Orr*

*Justin Ortolano  
John Carl Saari  
Brian Douglas Short  
Tanya Rose Stugart  
Gregory L. Taylor  
Ivan M. Voronin  
Benjamin Scott Wagner  
Dane Nigel Wallace  
Shayne Anthony Wescott  
Gerald Leroy Winchester*

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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

/s/  
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Grant T. Roderer, MD, President  
Alaska State Medical Board

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