

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

STATE MEDICAL BOARD

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL
TELECONFERENCE MEETING**

August 24, 2016

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a special teleconference meeting of the Alaska State Medical Board was held on Wednesday, August 24, 2016.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Craig Humphreys, MD, Chair, at 4:07 p.m.

Roll Call

Board members present:

Cam Carlson, Public Member
Brück A. Clift, MD
Craig Humphreys, MD

Kathleen Millar, Public Member
Joy M. Neyhart, DO

Board member Sai-Ling Liu, DO joined the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

Board members Grant T. Roderer, MD, and Kevin Luppen, PA-C, were not able to attend the meeting.

Board staff present: Debora Stovern, Executive Administrator

There were no visitors present. Ms. Stovern noted that Christopher Kennedy, Deputy Chief Administrative Law Judge, was available by phone in the event the Board had any questions for him.

In the Matter of Case No. 2015-002049

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Humphreys, seconded by Dr. Clift, and approved by roll call vote, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing Case No. 2015-002049.

Roll Call Vote:

Dr. Clift-Yea
Dr. Liu-Absent
Mr. Luppen-Absent

Ms. Millar-Yea
Dr. Neyhart-Yea
Mrs. Carlson-Yea
Dr. Roderer-Absent
Dr. Humphreys-Yea

The Board entered executive session at 4:10 p.m.; Board staff remained for the session. The Board went back on the record at 4:20 p.m.

The Board's draft Order was read into the record:

The Alaska State Medical Board ("Board") has examined the Surrender of Physician License by Mahmood Ahmad, MD, license MED S 7923, in case number 2015-002049. Based on the findings of fact and conclusions of law in the Decision on Summary Suspension adopted by the Board on August 4, 2016, the Board found that Dr. Mahmood Ahmad, M.D. poses a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if he continues to practice medicine.

The Board hereby accepts the Surrender of Physician License in this matter, in lieu of potential revocation of licensure for professional incompetence, gross negligence, repeated negligent conduct, and unprofessional conduct, by Dr. Ahmad's opioid prescribing practices that included overprescribing high dose opioids, failing to provide adequate patient assessment and obtain patient background information, failing to provide sufficient monitoring of patients after initiating high dose prescriptions, and failing to maintain complete patient records.

This Order is effective immediately upon approval of the Board.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Millar, seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved by roll call vote, the Board accepted the Surrender of Physician License by Mahmood Ahmad, MD, as read into the record; the order to be effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote:

Dr. Liu-Absent
Mr. Luppen-Absent
Ms. Millar-Yea
Dr. Neyhart-Yea
Mrs. Carlson-Nay
Dr. Roderer-Absent
Dr. Clift-Yea
Dr. Humphreys-Yea

Mrs. Carlson noted that she had voted against the motion because she felt that Dr. Ahmad's violations were so egregious that she felt revocation proceedings were more appropriate. Ms. Millar noted that, although she voted to accept the surrender, she agreed that Dr. Ahmad's violations were particularly egregious; and if Mrs. Carlson had not made the protest vote, she would have made it.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

/s/

Debora Stovern, Executive Administrator
Alaska State Medical Board

/s/

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

November 4, 2016

Date

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