

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

STATE MEDICAL BOARD

**MINUTES OF MEETING
May 9-10, 2019**

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, May 9-10, 2019 in Anchorage, Alaska.

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Catherine Hyndman, MD, Chair, at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Board members present:

Cam Carlson, Public Member
Brück A. Clift, MD
Sai-Ling Liu, DO (by teleconference)
Doug Mertz, Public Member
Joy M. Neyhart, DO
Timothy Olson, PA-C
Catherine Hyndman, MD

Board member Craig Humphreys, MD, was unable to attend the meeting.
Board staff present: Debora Stovern, Executive Administrator

The following visitors were present: Kathleen Todd, MD, Kristin Kinstrey, PA-C, and Board investigative staff: Senior Investigator Sonia Lipker, Investigators Brian Howes, Michelle Wall-Rood, Autumn Roark, and Billy Homestead.

- Report from safety officer – Ms. Stovern noted appropriate emergency exits and gathering location.

Agenda Item Review Agenda

The Board reviewed the agenda.

Agenda Item 1 Board Business

The following Board Business was addressed:

- Ethics Reporting – there were no ethics conflicts to report.

- Board Disciplinary Guidelines – the Board has well-established policies and procedures to investigate complaints and malpractice settlements, and take disciplinary action as appropriate. The Board has worked with its investigative staff to develop specific disciplinary guidelines in order to mete out consistent and effective sanctions when violations occur. In addition, the Board has adopted regulations to implement statutory requirements regarding the registration and use of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), and professional standards for prescribing controlled drugs.

The Board reviewed their disciplinary guidelines and discussed violations related to registration and use of the PDMP.

- The Board directed staff to confirm compliance with the PDMP registration requirements by reviewing all new license applications, and conducting a random audit of renewals. Licensees will be given 30 days to come into compliance and to confirm that they have not issued prescriptions that require review of the PDMP. Investigative referrals will be made for those that do not come into compliance within 30 days and those that have issued prescriptions that require review of the PDMP

The Board discussed violations related to unauthorized access to the PDMP database. It was noted that such violations are Class C felonies. The Board determined that they do not want to provide barriers to registration and use of the PDMP, and want to support safe patient care. The following Board determination was read onto the record:

- Change the Disciplinary Guidelines to add a subcategory to the category for allowing an unlicensed individual to perform duties that require a license, for violations not directly related to hands-on patient care (such as PDMP access violations). The proposed sanction for a first violation is a \$1,000 imposition of civil fine, unless there are mitigating factors; the proposed sanction for a second violation, or if there are mitigating factors, is a reprimand and fine of up to \$10,000, subject to the severity of the violation.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Liu, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved unanimously, the Board determined to implement changes to their Disciplinary Guidelines, as read onto the record.

The Board directed Ms. Stovern to notify the Alaska State Medical Association (ASMA) that the Board supports any ASMA efforts to change the statutory requirement that PDMP delegates must be licensed.

Agenda item 3 Board Actions

In the Matter of Case No. 2018-000867

The Board reviewed a proposed consent agreement from an investigation of a physician assistant who practiced after their license lapsed.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Neyhart, seconded by Dr. Clift, and approved unanimously, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing investigative matters; with Board staff remaining during the session.

The Board entered executive session at 10:00 a.m. The Board went back on the record at 10:25 a.m.

The Board noted that the proposed consent agreement includes a reduced fine based on the facts of the case, and that the unlicensed practice was unintentional.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Neyhart, seconded by Dr. Clift, and approved unanimously, the Board adopted the Consent Agreement, Case No. 2018-000867, signed by Kristin Kinstrey, PA-C.

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

Visitors Dr. Todd and Ms. Kinstrey departed from the meeting.

In the Matter of Case No. 2019-000330

The Board reviewed a proposed nondisciplinary memorandum of agreement for an extension of time to obtain the required continuing medical education (CME) for license renewal.

Ms. Stovern reported that the license had been reinstated upon receipt of the signed agreement, in accordance with Board policies and procedures, and that the respondent had asked to have the reinstatement backdated to reflect no lapse in license. The Board declined to consider the request to backdate the reinstatement because the respondent did not qualify for the license until he submitted a renewal application and entered into the memorandum of agreement to resolve the CME issue,

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Clift, seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved unanimously, the Board adopted the Memorandum of Agreement, Case No. 2019-000330, signed by Edward William Zeff, MD.

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

In the Matter of Case No. 2018-001442

The Board reviewed a proposed imposition of civil fine from an investigation of a physician who failed to report another state licensing action within the required timeframe.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Clift, seconded by Mr. Olson, and approved unanimously, the Board adopted the Imposition of Civil Fine Agreement, Case No. 2018-001442, signed by Steve Boyer, MD.

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

In the Matter of Case No. 2019-000018

The Board reviewed a proposed imposition of civil fine from an investigation of a physician who failed to report another state licensing action within the required timeframe.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Clift, seconded by Mr. Olson, and approved unanimously, the Board adopted the Imposition of Civil Fine Agreement, Case No. 2019-000018, signed by Kelton Oliver, MD.

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

In the Matter of Case No. 2019-000028

The Board reviewed a proposed imposition of civil fine from an investigation of a physician who failed to report a criminal charge within the required timeframe.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Clift, seconded by Mr. Olson, and approved unanimously, the Board adopted the Imposition of Civil Fine Agreement, Case No. 2019-000028, signed by Thomas Mego, MD.

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

Agenda Item 4 Investigative Unit

Investigators Sonia Lipker, Michelle Wall-Rood, Autumn Roark, and Billy Homestead were in attendance.

Investigative Reports

Inv. Roark presented the investigative report. Inv. Homestead presented the probation report.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Neyhart, seconded by Mr. Olson, and approved unanimously, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing probation matters; with Board staff remaining during the session.

The Board entered executive session at 10:40 a.m. The Board went back on the record at 11:10 a.m.

Investigative Training

Inv. Wall-Rood introduced the investigative training. Staff distributed a printed copy of the Investigative Training power point presentation, which was included in the meeting materials for further review.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Clift, seconded by Dr. Neyhart, and approved unanimously, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing investigative matters; with Board staff remaining during the session.

The Board entered executive session at 11:12 a.m. The Board went back on the record at 11:35 a.m.

Agenda Item 5 Probation Monitoring

John Pappenheim, MD

Dr. Pappenheim was present for his probation interview.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Neyhart, seconded by Dr. Clift, and approved unanimously, 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 probation matters; with Board staff and Dr. Pappenheim remaining during the session.

The Board entered executive session at 11:36 a.m., and went back on the record at 11:50 a.m.

Dr. Pappenheim and investigators departed from the meeting.

Agenda Item 2 Board Business (continued)

- Discuss Licensure Compacts – the Board continues to support the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact for physician licensure. At their last meeting, the Board received a briefing from the State Office of Emergency Medical Services regarding the Recognition of EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate CompAct (REPLICA). They have not taken a position regarding the REPLICA compact related to paramedic licensure.
- PDMP Threshold Reports – the Board reviewed aggregate information regarding medical practitioners who received reports of prescriptions that met or exceeded the 5-5-3 threshold (their patients obtained certain prescriptions from five or more prescribers AND five pharmacies over a 3-month period).

When reviewing the last PDMP report at the November 2018 meeting, the Medical Board discussed whether they would like to require a response from the prescriber after each notice, or after there have been multiple notices. The Board determined to set no requirements at that time, and to review each report to determine if any action is required. The Board will continue this practice.

The PDMP program has also requested feedback regarding threshold reports, and whether certain practitioners should be excluded from these reports. The Board determined that the reports should not exclude any practitioners, but should identify those that are practicing in emergency rooms or specializing in pain medicine.

Recess for lunch

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

The Board went back on the record at 1:00 p.m.

Board members present:

Cam Carlson, Public Member
Brück A. Clift, MD
Sai-Ling Liu, DO (by teleconference)
Doug Mertz, Public Member
Joy M. Neyhart, DO
Timothy Olson, PA-C
Catherine Hyndman, MD

Board member Craig Humphreys, MD, was unable to attend the meeting.

Board staff present: Debora Stovern, Executive Administrator

Agenda Item 6 Malpractice Report Review

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Neyhart, seconded by Dr. Clift, and approved unanimously, 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 malpractice cases; with Board staff remaining during the session.

The Board entered executive session at 1:03 p.m., and went back on the record at 1:38 p.m.

The Board declined to consider malpractice reports for Case No. 3PA-18-1478-CI, pending receipt of additional information.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Clift, seconded by Dr. Neyhart, and approved unanimously, the Board accepted the malpractice reports for Case No. 2016-18540, Case No. 07-C-16-000293, Case No. 1:17-cv-00305, Case No. 4FA-17-02113-CI, Case No. “n/a,” Case No. 251-02-1143-C, and Case No. 2017-CV-2814, with no further action at this time.

Agenda item 7 Full Board Interviews

William Young-Bae Oh, MD

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

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Neyhart, seconded by Dr. Clift, and approved unanimously, 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 the application of Dr. Oh; with Board staff and Dr. Oh remaining during the session.

The Board entered executive session at 1:45 p.m., and went back on the record at 2:10 p.m.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Clift, seconded by Mr. Olson, and approved unanimously, the Board granted a full unrestricted license to William Young-Bae Oh, MD.

Judy Lea Mabry McDonald, MD

Dr. McDonald was unable to attend the meeting.

Johannes Michael Gruenwald, MD

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

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Neyhart, seconded by Dr. Clift, and approved unanimously, 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 the

application of Dr. Gruenwald; with Board staff and Dr. Gruenwald remaining during the session.

The Board entered executive session at 2:12 p.m., and went back on the record at 2:29 p.m.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Neyhart, seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved unanimously, the Board granted a full unrestricted license to Johannes Michael Gruenwald, MD.

Richard Joseph Skorey, MD

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Neyhart, seconded by Dr. Clift, and approved unanimously, 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 the application of Dr. Skorey; with Board staff remaining during the session.

The Board entered executive session at 2:30 p.m., and went back on the record at 2:32 p.m.

Dr. Skorey joined the meeting to discuss his license application with the Board.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Clift, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved unanimously, 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 the application of Dr. Skorey; with Board staff and Dr. Skorey remaining during the session.

The Board entered executive session at 2:33 p.m., and went back on the record at 2:40 p.m.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Liu, seconded by Mr. Olson, and approved unanimously, the Board granted a full unrestricted license to Richard Joseph Skorey, MD.

Agenda Item 8 Continuing Medical Education (CME) Audit

Audit status

Statistics for the audit from the last license renewal period were included in the board packet for further review; one audit remains outstanding and has been referred to the Division Paralegal to resolve.

Ms. Stovern reported that notices had been sent to those randomly selected for the audit of the most recent license renewal period.

Audit Process

The Board Policies and Procedures regarding the audit process was included in the Board packet for further review.

Agenda Item Public Comment Forum

Visitors present included:

Dustin Larma of the Residential Youth Center in Ketchikan – discussed his concerns with the licensing requirement for graduates of a foreign medical school requiring that they must have graduated from a school on 2006 list of medical schools recognized by the Medical Board of California. His letter to the Board was also included in the Correspondence section of the Board packet for further review.

Public Comment period closed 3:15 p.m.

Agenda Item 9 Board Review of Requests

In the Matter of Steven R. Steinhuble, MD

The Board reviewed a request from Dr. Steinhuble regarding his application for an Alaska physician license. He has practiced cardiology for a number of years, but in 2013 became a researcher with minimal cardiology care. He recently returned to clinical practice after recertifying his cardiology specialty certification.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Clift, seconded by Dr. Neyhart, and approved unanimously, the Board accepted Dr. Steinhuble’s recent practice, along with his recent specialty recertification, as meeting the active practice requirement to qualify for an Alaska physician license.

In the Matter of Christopher J. Jensen, MD

The following visitors joined the meeting: Investigative Staff Sonia Lipker and Billy Homestead, Assistant Attorney General Megyn Weigand, Christopher Jensen, MD, and Lee Holen (counsel for Dr. Jensen.)

The Board reviewed a request from Dr. Jensen to reinstate his suspended license. Ms. Stovern noted that all materials provided by Dr. Jensen in the past couple of days had been provided to the Board for their consideration.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved unanimously, 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 the request by Dr. Jensen; with Board staff Ms. Stovern only, Dr. Jensen, and his attorney Ms. Holen, remaining during the session.

The Board entered executive session at 3:10 p.m., and went back on the record at 3:45 p.m.

(Note: there was a fire alarm and building evacuation during executive session, from 3:15 to 3:30 p.m.; upon reassembling, the executive session was resumed.)

All visitors departed from the meeting.

Agenda Item 10 Regulations Information and Updates

Potential regulation projects:

- The Board reviewed their requirements regarding graduates of international medical schools. The Board had previously adopted regulations setting requirements for graduates of foreign medical schools, which are not accredited by the Association of American Medical Colleges and the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association. The Board had determined that it was imperative to ensure that an applicant's medical education meets appropriate minimum standards, regardless of the quality of their postgraduate training. Because there is no accrediting body for foreign medical schools, and because the Board did not have the resources to adequately vet foreign medical schools, it chose to accept the California Medical Board's vetting process, and adopted a regulation (12 AAC 40.016) requiring an applicant who is a graduate of an unaccredited foreign medical school to have graduated from a school on the October 11, 2006 list titled *Medical Schools Recognized by the Medical Board of California*. As required by the Office of the Attorney General, the Board adopted the specific version of the California list that was current at that time (2006.)

Note: The Board's authority to adopt the California list was challenged in a 2013 Alaska Superior Court case; the court upheld the Board's authority to adopt the regulations, and also denied alleged violations of equal protection guarantees.

At the last meeting, Ms. Stovern reported that it has come to the attention of staff there may be some potentially unintended consequences of relying on the 2006 California list. For example: An applicant may have graduated from a foreign medical school that is or was on the California list at the time of attendance and graduation, but was not on the 2006 California list. Or an applicant may have graduated from a foreign medical school at a time when the school was not on the list, but the school is on the 2006 list. At that meeting, the Board discussed the potential options, including adopting a more current version of the California list (which may or may not correct the issue), or requiring that the school appear on the list that was current as of the time they attended and graduated from the school (which may be problematic in determining whether the school was on the list at that time.)

Ms. Stovern reported that she had contacted the California Board, and learned that they would be discontinuing their evaluation of foreign medical schools and increasing the requirements for graduates of foreign medical schools, effective January 2020.

A copy of the current California list of approved foreign medical schools had been provided, and could be adopted by the Alaska Board, if desired. The list does include some inclusive and exclusive dates, but does not indicate when a school was approved and added to the list, nor are there other records to verify that information.

The Board determined to draft regulations at their next meeting to change the Alaska requirements for graduates of foreign medical schools, similar to the new requirements being implemented by the California Board. They discussed some of those requirements under consideration, including: the medical school must be included on the directory of medical schools published by the World Health Organization (WHO), a one-year period of accredited postgraduate training required in general medicine, at least three years of accredited postgraduate training with a minimum of 24 continuous

months completed in one program, required licensing exam (USMLE, NBME, or FLEX) with no substitutes or exam combinations accepted.

- Opioid education for new applicants – the Board determined that the opioid education requirement for new license applicants must have been completed within the two years preceding the application. At their next meeting, the Board will draft regulations changes to implement this requirement.

Approved regulation projects:

The Board reviewed their draft regulations regarding delegation of routine duties to unlicensed assistive personnel, medical licensing process, Codes of Ethics, Podiatrist residency program requirements, and meeting requirements. The regulations project was public noticed on April 22, 2019 and will be presented to the Board, along with any public comments, for adoption at the next meeting.

Regulation Process

A Division publication regarding the steps in the regulation process was included in the Board packet for further review.

Agenda Item 11 Legislative Information and Updates

Guidance for Board Members

A Division publication regarding participation in the Legislative process was included in the Board packet for further review.

Legislative Updates

The Board reviewed the following proposed legislation:

- SB 44 and HB 97 (companion bills) PA Telehealth – would add Physician Assistants (PAs) as authorized practitioners of telemedicine. When the telemedicine bill was passed by a previous Legislature, it was specific to physicians. This bill would expand that authority to PAs. The bill was requested by the Alaska Academy of Physician Assistants (AKAPA), who believe that this change will expand the availability and reduce costs of health care, especially mental health care, in rural areas. The Board reviewed the bills at their February 2019 meeting and took a position in support. A copy of the bills, sponsor statements, and Board letter in support, were included in the Board packet for further review. It was noted that SB 44 had passed in the Senate and would likely pass in the House.
- HB89 Opioid Prescription warning – would require specific patient education on the risk of opioid dependence and alternative treatments prior to issuing a prescription. The bill would also require health care boards to adopt regulations regarding sanctions for a prescriber for not providing the specific patient education. A copy of the bill and sponsor statement were included in the Board packet for further review. The Board had previously opposed similar legislation. Since this bill did not appear to be moving, the Board determined to review it at their next meeting, along with a copy of their previous letter of opposition to a similar bill.
- HB91 Naturopathy – would expand the scope of practice and prescriptive authority for naturopaths. A copy of the bill, sponsor statement, and opposition letter from the Alaska State Medical Association (AMSA) were included in the Board packet for further review. The Board had

previously opposed similar legislation, and they considered opposing this bill. Since this bill did not appear to be moving, the Board determined to review it at their next meeting.

The Board recessed at 4:40 p.m.

Friday, May 10, 2019

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Catherine Hyndman, MD, Chair, at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Board members present:

Cam Carlson, Public Member
Brück A. Clift, MD
Sai-Ling Liu, DO (by teleconference)
Doug Mertz, Public Member
Joy M. Neyhart, DO
Catherine Hyndman, MD

Board member Timothy Olson, PA-C, arrived at 10:00 a.m.; Board member Craig Humphreys, MD, was unable to attend the meeting.

Board staff present: Debora Stovern, Executive Administrator

There were no visitors present.

Agenda Item 9 Board Review of Requests (continued)

In the Matter of Christopher J. Jensen, MD

The Board reviewed a request from Dr. Jensen to reinstate his suspended license, as well as the investigative memo regarding compliance with his consent agreement.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Neyhart, seconded by Dr. Clift, and approved unanimously, 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 the request by Dr. Jensen; with Board staff remaining during the session.

The Board entered executive session at 9:01 a.m., and went back on the record at 9:35 a.m.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Mertz, seconded by Dr. Clift, and approved unanimously, the Board tabled consideration of Dr. Jensen's petition for reinstatement until he documents successful completion of the PACE program and recommendations,

successful completion of the 3-day Family Program at Hazelden, and successful completion of the 14-day stay at Hazelden; subject to compliance with all other recommendations, and provisions of his consent agreement

Agenda item 7 Full Board Interviews

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Neyhart, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved unanimously, 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 the application interviews; with Board staff remaining during the session.

The Board entered executive session at 9:40 a.m., and went back on the record at 9:43 a.m.

Michael Hoaglin, MD

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

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Neyhart, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved unanimously, 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 the application of Dr. Hoaglin; with Board staff and Dr. Hoaglin remaining during the session.

The Board entered executive session at 9:45 a.m., and went back on the record at 9:53 a.m.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Neyhart, seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved unanimously, the Board granted a full unrestricted license to Michael Hoaglin, MD.

Sara Breann Langford, PA-C

Ms. Langford was present to discuss her license application with the Board.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Clift, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved unanimously, 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 the application of Ms. Langford; with Board staff and Ms. Langford remaining during the session.

The Board entered executive session at 9:57 a.m., and went back on the record at 10:04 a.m.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Liu, seconded by Dr. Neyhart, and approved unanimously, the Board granted a full unrestricted license to Sara Breann Langford, PA-C.

Agenda Item **Division Update**

Financial Reports

The Board reviewed financial reports prepared by the Division, including the current report (3rd quarter of FY 2019), Year-end Report for Fiscal Year 2018, and Division Annual Fiscal Report to the Legislature for Fiscal Year 2018.

Sunset Audit

Ms. Stovern reported that the Board's sunset audit had been completed and expect a draft report to be provided approximately late June. The report will be considered confidential until it is submitted to the Legislature for their consideration.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Neyhart, seconded by Mrs. Carlson, and approved unanimously, 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 the sunset audit and potential recommendations; with Board staff remaining during the session.

The Board entered executive session at 10:20 a.m., and went back on the record at 10:45 a.m.

Travel Policy

Ms. Stovern provided information about new State travel restriction which would limit Board travel in the upcoming fiscal year to only one in-person meeting. Other required or necessary meetings would need to be conducted by teleconference or video conference.

The Board remains committed to holding four in-person meetings per year. They noted that Board members do extensive work year-round, and that Board business is conducted by mail vote or special teleconference meetings, as appropriate for a single or less complex action. However, it is essential that the Board meet in-person quarterly, as required by statute, to conduct complex business and address multiple topics, which is problematic by teleconference. Each quarterly meeting has a full two-day agenda and includes: required in-person interviews with 4-6 applicants for initial licensure; annual probation interviews with licensees under consent agreements; consideration of disciplinary actions for adoption; review of required malpractice reports; review of approximately 160 new license applications for approval; consideration of public comments and adoption of regulations to implement legislation or make necessary changes or updates; review investigative and fiscal reports from Division staff; reports from the FSMB annual meeting (including interstate medical licensure compact, prescription drug monitoring programs, the opioid epidemic, impairment issues, etc.); and conduct regular Board business.

The Board noted that they have implemented cost saving measures which have greatly reduced travel costs, including holding meetings at inexpensive geographic locations (instead of remote sites), meeting at no-cost facilities, working through lunch on day two to adjourn in time for afternoon departures, and using electronic meeting materials. In addition, several members regularly decline travel reimbursement to conserve travel budget.

Ms. Stovern noted that the Board could request a travel waiver through the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions; the Division Director has asked to be copied on such requests.

Dr. Hyndman, as president of the Board, will follow up to request a travel waiver.

New Business

There was no new business for consideration.

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

It was noted that the FSMB Annual meeting was held April 25-27, 2019 in Ft. Worth, TX. The Board had directed Dr. Neyhart and Ms. Stovern to attend. Although Dr. Neyhart attended, the Department had denied Ms. Stovern's attendance, due to State travel restrictions. The Board noted that Ms. Stovern's travel would have been fully funded by FSMB, and determined to include this matter in the upcoming travel waiver request.

Dr. Neyhart reported that she had been elected to the FSMB Nominating Committee. She reported on the following topics highlighted at the annual meeting: opioid prescribing issues and "Big Pharmacy" business practices, artificial intelligence, and sexual predators.

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

- 1) Annual Meeting information
- 2) Advocacy Information
- 3) News from Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission (IMLCC)
- 4) PDMP federal funding issue
- 5) Continuity of care issue
- 6) E-news (February - April editions)

Agenda Item 15 Correspondence

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

- 1) Inquiry regarding the 2006 California Board list of approved foreign medical schools (discussed during Public Comment Forum)
- 2) Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) reports, news
- 3) National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) news, exams, annual report
- 4) Federation of Podiatric Medical Boards (FPMB) news
- 5) International Conference on Opioids (ICCOO) news
- 6) American Board of Cosmetic Surgery news
- 7) Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) information, press releases
- 8) State of Reform news
- 9) Center for Telehealth (CTel) news briefs
- 10) American Telemedicine Association (ATA) news briefs

Agenda Item 16 Administrative Businesses

Financial Reports

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

- Current report (3rd quarter of FY 2019)
- Year-end Report for Fiscal Year 2018
- Division Annual Fiscal Report to the Legislature for Fiscal Year 2018

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 continuing medical education (CME) and renewals, PDMP, opioid education requirements, fee changes, application timeframe, requests for expedited processing, and AIM inquiries/polls by other state boards
- Participation activities of national organizations – Ms. Stovern attended FSMB webinars (topics included continuing medical education, USMLE examination updates), followed activities of the Interstate Medical Compact Commission, 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 attended CTel webinars regarding telehealth and e-health issues.
- Tracking of Board actions – a report of the Board's recent actions (including confirmation that the actions were properly reported) was provided for Board review.
- Tracking of licensing process – statistics and a detailed spreadsheet covering processing of recent applications was provided for Board review.
- Status of CME Audit – Ms. Stovern has been working with Division Paralegal on resolving noncompliant audits from the previous audit; she recently sent out notices regarding audit of December 31, 2018 renewals, and will be reviewing submittals for approval, following up on noncompliant audits, and working with Division Paralegal on resolving noncompliant audits
- Status of regulations projects – Ms. Stovern has been working to update applications, checklists, and the Board website to implement new opioid education requirements for new and renewal applications, PDMP requirements, and new fees. She has been working with the Division Regulations Specialist to public notice the Board-approved regulations for implementation of recent legislation including delegation to medical assistants, medical licensing process, physician assistant licensing, codes of ethics, podiatrist residency requirements, meeting requirements
- Board administrative tasks – Ms. Stovern continues to monitor the status of legislation, attend committee hearings, provide information to management regarding the impact on Medical Board programs, board position, etc.; she continues to update the Board website, as needed (including revised forms, regulations, FAQ, opioid education requirements, PDMP info, telemedicine registry info, etc.); 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

works with attorneys at the Department of Law on litigation and regulations projects, and works with the Division Paralegal to resolve noncompliant CME audits; and she regularly attends Division meetings regarding Medical Board matters and processes, the legislative session, hiring/training/supervising medical staff, new database and online application process, PDMP program and requirements, new telemedicine business registry, OnBoard software, board management processes, legislation, medical process changes, medical staff changes, etc.

Annual Report

The last annual report was included in the Board packet for further review. Ms. Stovern will work with Dr. Hyndman to finalize the current report.

Sunset Audit

The Board will plan to review and respond to the Sunset Audit report at their next meeting.

Review Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of their last meetings.

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Clift, seconded by Dr. Liu, and approved unanimously, the Board approved the minutes of the February 7-8, 2019 meeting, as presented.

Record of mail votes since the last meeting

Amended order, Case No. 2017-000940 – Board members voted on a motion to adopt an amended order to denote the correct case number.

Mail ballot vote:

Mrs. Carlson-Yes
Dr. Clift-Yes
Dr. Humphreys-Yes
Dr. Liu-Yes
Mr. Mertz-Yes
Dr. Neyhart-Yes
Mr. Olson-Yes
Dr. Hyndman-Yes

Meeting Scheduling

The Board confirmed the schedule for upcoming meetings:

- August 8-9, 2019 in Anchorage
- November 7-8, 2019 in Anchorage

At their next meeting, the Board will set the 2020 meeting schedule

Agenda Item 13 License Application Review

Information about the license application process and Board approval process was included in board packets for further review.

The Board declined to consider the application of Crystal Joy Beal, MD, pending additional information.

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

*Frances Marie Aledo
Corey Dean Anderson
Peter Matthew Antall
John Marshall Armitage
James William Bales
John Browning Bass
Michael Scott Bernstein
Harrison Burman
Shawn Lewis Call
Andrew Chandranesan
Christine G. Charles
Bianca K. Chun
Franklin Roberto Confresi-Meja
Timothy Allen Conner
Ryan Marshall Corrick
Richard Burns Cunningham
Barbara Ruth Curry-Kaufman
Jose Luis de los Santos
Joseph Ringwalt Deitz
Gur Raj Deol
Erkeda Derouen
Christina Lorraine Diller
Frederick Earl Dixon
Barbara Jane Ehler
Deniz Eker
David Michael Erani
Karana Renee Fairley
Whitney Grace Fallahian
Muhammad Umar Farooq
Kristin Ann Flowers
Barbara Jean Fox
Blayne Lynden Fritz
Christine George-Wray
Vinod Gollapalli
Rajen Goyal
Katharine Marie Greenfield
Xianyong Gui
Michael Y. Han
Ryan Matthew Harris
Michael R. Harvey*

*George B. Hightower
Jeffrey Dale Hoffman
Kimberly Dotha Houghton
Andrew Hwang
Obinna Gift Isiguzo
Grace Elizabeth Jackson
Andrew Charles Lawrence Johnson
Bonu Kapoor-Mohimen
Bup-Jong Jennifer Kum
Christina Ann Kwong
Joan A. Lederer
Neil Matthew Leibowitz
Daniel Nathan Lucas
Henry Raouf Samy Magharyous
David Samuel Markenson
Laura Frances Martin
Kamlar Massrouf
William James McGuinn
Vikram Mehra
John Daniel Mesaros
Michael Maurice Messer
David John Morrow
Manal Emad Moustafa
Brian Donald Nelson
Karen Ni
Sarah Beth Nossov
Bamidele Ayoola Olatunbosun
Stevani Nike Parrisbalogun
James Randolph Peacey
Kaia Erickson Pearson
Richard Gregory Perrin
Lee Moschler Pierson
Jason Eric Polchinski
Syed Mushfgur Rahman
Deepti Muraleedharan Reddi
Sanjit Reddy
Michael Joseph Reznicek
Mark Richard Robidoux
Rebecca Ann Robinson
Jennifer Katherine Rossi*

*Lissa C. Sakata
Shilpa Manoj Saxena
Robert Kilian Schafer Jr.
Cyril Eugene Severns
Helen Ann Short
Daniel Martin Sieble
Pamela Sue Smith
Christy South
Joan Hazel Sutcliffe
Alan Kenji Swenson
Constance Tambakis-Odom
Dogan Hasan Temizer
Wei Tian*

*Miria Nabil Toukatly
Kelly Lynn Vanderhave
Ranjitha Veerapan
James Christopher Watson
Nicholas Tsvi Weiss
Ronald Lemond White
Brian Keith Williams
Chelsea Samantha Williams
Alexander Glen Wright
Ji Yoon
Sajad Zalzal
Ling Zhou*

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

*Barbara L. Baldwin
Selina Andrea Burt
John Evan Ellison
Neal Eugene Everson
Elisabeth Mary Harding
Austin John Henry
Virginia Elizabeth Hunter
Taylor Stewart McCorkle*

*Britney Blair Mensen
Robert Mitchell
Terrance James O'Malia
Scott Robert Rennie
Sergey Alexander Robinson
Donna Silowski
Nathan Tillotson
Charles Lloyd Wilson*

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Clift, seconded by Dr. Neyhart, and approved unanimously, the Board approved the following podiatrist for licensure in Alaska, pending completion of the application file:

Regina Christine Fiacco

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

*David Walter Bartal
Robert Douglas Booth
Josef W. Burwell
Tien Ho My Do
Sarah Roxanne Frenzel-Lee
Riki Hehe-Amai Gifford-
Ferguson
Christopher Michael Jobes*

*Christopher Michael Jones
Alesia Khmelnytsky
Vanessa Tamera Rosen
Brian James Rouse
John Todd Walters
Mio Watanabe
Julia Nadine Wilson*

Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Clift, 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

*Cole Matthew Abarr
Alishia N. Cox
Brent Curtis Davenport
Jessica Marie Dean
Paul J. Hammerquist
Angelica M. Hess
Ellis D. Lamb*

*Brandy Malidore
David Scott Meyer
Naomi D. Scheffel
Timothy A. Swicegood
Ian Andrew Teeple
Patrick James Terra
William Dwayne Womack*

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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

/s/
Catherine Hyndman, MD, President
Alaska State Medical Board

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