

DRAFT - Alaska State Medical Board Quarterly Meeting

Board: Richard Wein, MD (Chair)	Lydia Mielke, Public Member
Sarah Bigelow Hood, PA	Sola Olamikan, MD
Maria Freeman, MD	Steve Parker, MD
Matt Heilala, DPM	

*Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkdOmtrzotG9xjXMW1cwdv_FPtTfekPHwL

Friday, November 19 Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. 1. Call to Order/Roll Call
- Introduction of new Board Member
- 8:40 a.m. 2. Review / Approval of Agenda
- 8:45 a.m. 3. Review/Approval of Minutes
- May 27, 2021 Meeting
 - August 20, 2021 Meeting
 - October 28, 2021 Meeting
- 8:55 a.m. 4. Ethics Disclosures
- 9:00 a.m. 5. PDMP Update – Lisa Sherrell, Program Coordinator
- 9: 20 a.m. 6. Full Board Review (Executive Session)
- 9:45 a.m. 7. Physician Health Committee Update & Request for Changes to Professional Fitness Questions – Dr. Foland
- 10:00 a.m. 8. Investigations Unit (Executive Session)
- 11:00 a.m. 10. Applicant Review/License Approvals
- 12:00 p.m. 11. Lunch Break
- 12:30 p.m. 12. Public Comment/Board Communications*
- *The first 30 individuals who registered online will be allowed 2 minutes each to speak. Please see below.
- 1:30 p.m. 13. Division Update – Director Chambers
- 2:30 p.m. 14. Break
- 2:45 p.m. 15. Malpractice Case Reviews (Executive Session)

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- 4:15 p.m. 16. Chair Updates/Closing business
- Physician Assistant Work Group
 - Telehealth Work
 - Special Meeting Dates

- 5:00 p.m. 17. Adjourn
- Next quarterly meeting date: February 18, 2022

Recent news media have generated hundreds of letters to the State Medical Board regarding COVID treatment practices. The Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing—in partnership with the State Medical Board—is issuing this informational statement to clarify processes and expectations surrounding board investigations and its upcoming meeting this Friday, November 19.

PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS

The State Medical Board is holding a regular meeting to address several agenda items this Friday, November 19. The board has set aside one hour for public comment during the November 19 meeting. The deadline to be included in this meeting packet or to register for public comment was 4:30 p.m. on November 16. Registration for the meeting is required and has been posted online. Due to the limited amount of time available for the board to conduct all its scheduled business, the first 30 individuals who registered online by the deadline will be allowed 2 minutes each to speak.

As always, the board will continue to accept all written comments from the public at medicalboard@alaska.gov and will be forwarded to the board after the meeting. The public comment period is designed for the board to actively listen; participants should not expect the board to respond to public comments during the meeting or to act on COVID-related complaints, investigations, or regulations at this meeting.

INVESTIGATIVE PROCESS

Licensing boards may only act on violations of state statute and regulation. They adhere to the Administrative Procedures Act in receiving, investigating, and responding to allegations of practice that may fall short of Alaska statutes and regulations. Every case is deliberated individually. Given the context of current COVID treatment concerns, it is important to note current state law under AS 08.64 regarding the practices of providers licensed by the State Medical Board, particularly the grounds for imposition of disciplinary sanctions under AS 08.64.326.

The investigative process utilized by all licensing boards is posted on the division's web site. While boards welcome comments on jurisdictional matters from the public, details of investigations are not made available to the public until a final determination of the board after an investigation has been conducted.

Each board takes complaints about potential violations of state statute and regulation seriously. The division encourages anyone with complaints about medical practice to report them in detail using the contact form at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/Investigations>. If the division does not receive adequate information to pursue an investigation of a violation of state law, the board cannot take further action.