

1 STATE OF ALASKA
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
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5 STATE MEDICAL BOARD
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7 MINUTES OF MEETING
8 Thursday, June 18, 2020
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11 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a video-conference
12 meeting of the Alaska State Medical Board was held on Thursday, June 18, 2020.
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14 **Thursday, June 18, 2020**
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16 **1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

17 The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
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19 **Roll Call**

20 Board members present, constituting a quorum:

21 David Boswell, Public Member
22 Larry Daugherty, MD
23 Christopher Gay, MD
24 Lydia Mielke, Public Member
25 Steve Parker, MD
26 Richard Wein, MD (Chair)
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28 Ms. Bigelow Hood joined the meeting at 4:07 p.m.
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30 Board staff:

31 Alysia Jones, Executive Administrator
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33 The following applicants attended portions of the meeting:

34 John Adan, MD
35 Kenneth Carr, MD
36 Jeremiah Donovan, MD
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38 **2. Review Agenda**

39 The board reviewed the agenda.
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41 **On a Motion duly made by Dr. Daugherty, seconded by Ms. Mielke, and approved**
42 **unanimously by acclamation, the Board approved the agenda as presented.**
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44 Ms. Bigelow Hood joined the meeting.
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47 **3. Review/Approve June 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

48 The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the June 11, 2020 meeting.

1 **On a Motion duly made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Bigelow Hood, and approved**
2 **by majority vote, the Board accepted the minutes of the June 11th meeting as presented.**

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4 **The motion passed with Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Daugherty, Dr. Gay, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker and**
5 **Dr. Wein voting in favor and Dr. Daugherty abstaining.**

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7 **4. Board Interviews**

8 The board conducted three full board interviews requested during the May 21-22, 2020 meeting.

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10 A. John Adan, M.D.

11 Dr. Adan was present to discuss his license application with the board, and requested to remain on
12 record.

13 **In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310 (c)(2), on a motion duly**
14 **made by Dr. Daugherty, seconded by Mr. Boswell, and approved unanimously, the board**
15 **entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing Dr. Adan’s application, with the**
16 **Board staff to remain during the session.**

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18 The board entered executive session at 4:11 p.m. and went back on the record at 4:14 p.m. No action
19 was taken.

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21 Dr. Adan was readmitted to the meeting and Dr. Carr joined the meeting.

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23 Dr. Adan responded to the board’s questions.

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25 **In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310 (c)(2), on a motion duly**
26 **made by Mr. Boswell, seconded by Dr. Daugherty, and approved unanimously, the board**
27 **entered into executive session, for the purpose of discussing Dr. Adan’s application with the**
28 **Board staff to remain during the session.**

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30 The board entered executive session at 4:29 p.m. and went back on the record at 4:31 p.m.

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32 **On motion duly made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Boswell, and approved**
33 **unanimously, the board granted a full, unrestricted physician license to John Adan, M.D**

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35 Dr. Adan left the meeting.

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37 B. Kenneth Carr, M.D.

38 Dr. Carr was present to discuss his license application with the board, and requested to remain on
39 record.

40 **In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310 (c)(2), on a motion duly**
41 **made by Mr. Boswell, seconded by Ms. Mielke, and approved unanimously, the board entered**
42 **into executive session for the purpose of discussing Dr. Carr’s application with the Board staff**
43 **to remain during the session.**

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45 The board entered executive session at 4:36 p.m. and went back on the record at 4:41 p.m. No action
46 was taken.

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48 Dr. Carr responded to the board’s questions.

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2 **In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310 (c)(2), on a motion duly**
3 **made by Mr. Boswell, seconded by Dr. Daugherty, and approved unanimously, the board**
4 **entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing Dr. Carr's application with the**
5 **Board staff to remain during the session.**
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7 The board entered executive session at 4:49 p.m. and went back on the record at 4:51 p.m.

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9 Dr. Carr was readmitted to the meeting and Dr. Donovan joined the meeting.

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11 **On motion duly made by Dr. Daugherty, seconded by Ms. Mielke, and approved**
12 **unanimously, the board granted a full, unrestricted physician license to Kenneth Carr, M.D**
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15 C. Jeremiah Donovan, M.D.

16 Dr. Donovan was present to discuss his license application with the board, and requested to remain on
17 record.

18 **In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310 (c)(2), on a motion duly**
19 **made by Mr. Boswell, seconded by Ms. Mielke, and approved unanimously, the board entered**
20 **into executive session for the purpose of discussing Dr. Donovan's application with the Board**
21 **staff to remain during the session.**
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23 The board entered executive session at 4:56 p.m. and went back on the record at 5:02 p.m. No action
24 was taken.

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26 Dr. Donovan responded to the board's questions.

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28 **In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310 (c)(2), on a motion duly**
29 **made by Mr. Boswell, seconded by Dr. Daugherty, and approved unanimously, the board**
30 **entered into executive session for the purpose of discussing Dr. Donovan's application with**
31 **the Board staff to remain during the session.**
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33 The board entered executive session at 5:11 p.m. and went back on the record at 5:18 p.m.

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35 Dr. Donovan was readmitted to the meeting.

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37 **On motion duly made by Dr. Daugherty, seconded by Ms. Mielke, and approved**
38 **unanimously, the board granted a full, unrestricted physician license to Jeremiah Donovan,**
39 **M.D.**
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41 Dr. Donovan thanked the board for their time and left the meeting.

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44 **5. Public Comment**

45 There were no person's to be heard.
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1 **6. Correspondence**

2 **A. Responses from Board of Pharmacy** – Chair Holt provided a preliminary response to the board
3 indicating the BOP interest discussing the board’s concerns in more detail and working with all boards/
4 programs that interact with PDMP.
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6 **B. Update on USMLE Step 2 Clinical Skills** – The USMLE program has decided to suspend Step 2 CS
7 test administrations for the next 12-18 months. FSMB reviewed statutes for all boards to determine
8 if Step 2 CS is cited by name – as opposed to a general reference such as “USMLE” or “USMLE Steps
9 1, 2, 3.” FSMB staff did not find any statutes that specifically reference or cite Step 2 CS as a
10 requirement for medical licensure. Staff did find language to this effect in several boards’ rules,
11 regulations, or administrative code.
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13 **7. Follow Up: Previously Asked Questions**

14 The Chair briefly walked through the topics included in the Follow Up: Previously Asked Questions
15 document which included:

16 • **Emergency Courtesy License (ECL) Applications**

17 To date, the ASMB has issued 30 emergency courtesy licenses including:

- 18 ○ 2 Osteopathic physicians
- 19 ○ 22 Physicians
- 20 ○ 6 Physician Assistants

21 An PDF of an Excel spreadsheet was included in the meeting materials.

- 22 • **PDMP Work Group** – Work group task complete. Letter sent to Board of Pharmacy on 6/12 and
23 preliminary response from Chair Holt was included in the 6/18 meeting materials under
24 Agenda Item 6 Correspondence.
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26 The Chair noted that the healthcare related boards were in the process of establishing a PDMP
27 meeting and encouraged the board to continue to bring questions, concerns and ideas to the
28 board to be forwarded on.
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- 30 • **CARES Act Funding** – The board is not eligible for the CARES Act funding.
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- 32 • **PDMP Regulation DRAFT language meeting requirements of the sunset audit** – Due to board
33 interviews, AAG Megyn Weigand has been rescheduled to attend the June 25th meeting to
34 discuss the draft language regarding PDMP registration requirements. Board members were
35 encouraged to review the board’s disciplinary matrix.
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- 37 • **Professional Fitness Questions** – AAG Weigand will also work with the board on updates to the
38 Professional Fitness Questions on initial applications during the June 25th meeting.
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- 40 • **Emergency Reviews / Expired Temporary Permits** – In response to the board’s concern
41 regarding requests for time sensitive reviews and expired temporary permits, Ms. Jones
42 reported that going forward she will pull a report from the licensing database to show
43 expiration dates for the upcoming two months and follow up with the board accordingly. Ms.
44 Jones also met with staff to determine best practices for monitoring reviewed applications that
45 are missing items.
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2 • **Quarterly Meeting Tasks (short list)**

- 3 ○ **Applications** – All permanent licenses approved at the May 21-22 have been issued
4 except for those awaiting board interviews (4) and two applications that require
5 additional follow up, which is in process.
6 ○ **Interviews**– Following today’s meeting, there is one remaining interview scheduled
7 for 6/25. Going forward, board members will be required to include a brief
8 explanation detailing the reason an interview is requested on the check sheet
9 ○ **Annual Report** – A draft of the report will be provided to the board for review
10 following completion of the May 21-22, meeting minutes. Ms. Jones stated that she
11 anticipates submitting a draft for board review no later than Monday, June 22nd.

12 • **The following topics remain on the board’s radar:**

- 13 ○ Asset Data – Staff are gathering scope of practice data for ECL applications.
14 ○ Data collection of staffing needs
15 ○ Why AK is the only state not to require licensure for respiratory therapist
16 ○ SB 173 Transfer of MICPs to DHSS/EMS
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18 Mr. Boswell asked about the dates of the August meeting. Ms. Jones confirmed the dates of the next
19 quarterly meeting are August 20-21 and noted that travel for board meetings was still on hold due to
20 the pandemic. Ms. Jones also asked the board to consider a meeting before July 17th for the board to
21 consider the public comments received regarding the proposed regulation changes to 12 AAC 40.943
22 Standards of Practice for Telemedicine. The Chair requested the comments be provided to board
23 members to review and suggested the board could meet that deadline.
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25 **9. Adjourn**

26 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **5:32 p.m.**
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29 Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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32 /s/ _____
33 Alysia D. Jones, Executive Administrator
34 Alaska State Medical Board

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32 /s/ *Richard J. Wein, M.D.*
33 Richard Wein, MD, President
34 Alaska State Medical Board

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