

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, August 6, 2020
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10 *These are DRAFT minutes prepared by staff of the Alaska State Medical Board. They have not been*
11 *reviewed or approved by the Board.*
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13 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a video-conference
14 meeting of the Alaska State Medical Board was held on Thursday, August 6, 2020.
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16 **Thursday, August 6, 2020**
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18 **1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

19 The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.
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21 **Roll Call**

22 Board members present, constituting a quorum:

23 Sarah Bigelow Hood, PA
24 Maria Freeman, MD
25 Christopher Gay, MD
26 Lydia Mielke, Public Member
27 Steve Parker, MD
28 Richard Wein, MD (Chair)
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30 Mr. Boswell and Dr. Larry Daugherty were not in attendance. Dr. Parker joined the meeting at 4:04 p.m.
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32 Board staff:

33 Alysia Jones, Executive Administrator
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35 Visitors present for portions of the meeting:

36 Dr. Robert McIntyre
37 Dr. James Matthews
38 Dr. Helen Fountain
39 Paul Perry, UAA Kenai Peninsula College, Paramedic Program Director
40 Todd McDowell, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, EMS Office Manager
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42 **2. Review Agenda**

43 The board reviewed the agenda.
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45 **On a Motion duly made by Dr. Freeman, seconded by Dr. Gay, and approved**
46 **unanimously by acclamation, the Board approved the agenda as presented.**
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48 Dr. Parker joined the meeting.

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2 **3. Review/Approve the July 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

3 The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the July 23, 2020 meeting.

4 **On a Motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved**
5 **unanimously, the Board accepted the minutes of the July 23, 2020 meeting as presented.**

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7 **4. Board Interviews**

8 Dr. Robert McIntyre did not appear to be present, so the Board moved to Agenda Item 5.

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10 **5. Executive Session**

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12 **On a motion duly made Dr. Gay, seconded Dr. Freeman, and approved unanimously,**
13 **the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2) and Alaska**
14 **Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing the application of Dr.**
15 **Matthews with the board executive administrator remaining during the session to provide**
16 **technical support, and Dr. Matthews being invited to join the session at such time the board**
17 **requests his presence.**

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19 The Board went off the record at 4:13 p.m. The Board went back on the record at 4:37 p.m.

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21 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Dr. Gay, and approved by a**
22 **majority vote the board granted a full, unrestricted to Dr. James Michael Matthews.**

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24 **Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Gay, Ms. Mielke, and Dr. Parker voted “Yes”. Chair Wein**
25 **voted “No”. Motion carried.**

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27 Dr. Matthews left the meeting.

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29 Dr. McIntyre announced he was in attendance, but previously had technical difficulties unmuting
30 himself. The Board returned to Agenda Item 4.

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32 **4. Board Interview**

33 Dr. McIntyre was present to discuss his license application with the board and requested the interview
34 be conducted in executive session.

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36 **On a motion duly made Dr. Freeman, seconded by Dr. Gay, and approved**
37 **unanimously, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2)**
38 **and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing the**
39 **application of Dr. Robert McIntyre with the board executive administrator remaining during**
40 **the session to provide technical support, and Dr. Robert McIntyre being invited to join the**
41 **session at such time the board requests his presence.**

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43 The Board went off the record at 4:44 p.m. Dr. McIntyre joined the Board in executive session at 4:55
44 p.m. and was excused at 5:07 p.m. The Board went back on the record at 5:09 p.m.

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46 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved**
47 **unanimously the board granted a full, unrestricted to Dr. Robert McIntyre.**

1 **6. Board Interview**

2 Dr. Fountain was present to discuss her locum tenens and permanent license applications with the
3 board, and requested her interview be conducted on the record.

4 **On a motion duly made Dr. Gay, seconded by Ms. Mielke, and approved unanimously,**
5 **the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2) and Alaska**
6 **Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing the application of Dr.**
7 **Helen Fountain with the board executive administrator remaining during the session to**
8 **provide technical support, and Dr. Fountain being invited to join the session at such time the**
9 **board requests her presence.**

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11 The Board went off the record at 5:15 p.m. The Board was back on the record at 5:18 p.m.

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13 Dr. Fountain responded to the board's questions.

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15 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Gay, seconded by Dr. Parker, and approved**
16 **unanimously the board granted a full, unrestricted to Dr. Helen Fountain.**

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18 **7. Public Comment**

19 There were no persons to be heard.

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21 Dr. Fountain left the meeting.

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23 **8. Proposal re: Paramedic Licensure Requirements**

24 The Chair invited Paul Perry to address the board. Mr. Perry introduced himself as the Paramedic
25 Program Director at UAA Kenai Peninsula College. Mr. Perry provided an overview of the UAA paramedic
26 program and stated that the pandemic has created a problem and is preventing twenty students from
27 completing the final phase of paramedic school, the capstone internship. Most of the capstone
28 internship sites have closed and the program does not have placement for those students as a direct
29 result of COVID-19.

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31 Mr. Perry reported that as of 7:45 a.m. this morning, the Commission on Accreditation of Educational
32 Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP) extended the original guidelines
33 associated with CAAHEP Standards III.A.2. Hospital/ Clinical Affiliations and Field/Internship Affiliations
34 and III.C.3. Curriculum to permit the use of alternative evaluation methods to include scenarios, case
35 studies, and simulation as well as the adjustment of minimum competencies to satisfy the requirements
36 of these standards for Paramedic educational programs through July 1, 2021.

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38 Mr. Perry provided an overview of the clinical component, which will be done with high fidelity
39 simulators.

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41 Mr. Perry requested the board allow a paramedic student who completes this virtual capstone be
42 allowed to apply for full, permanent mobile intensive care paramedic licensure in the State of Alaska.

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44 The Chair thanked Mr. Perry for his presentation and noted that the documents were very thoughtful.
45 The Chair asked the Board if there were any questions for Mr. Perry.

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47 Dr. Freeman asked if other states had instituted this type of program. Mr. Perry responded affirmatively
48 and indicated that is why the accreditation parties have come out with the above referenced guidelines.

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2 Dr. Parker asked if there was any outcome data for the virtual program vs. the in-person training. Dr.
3 Perry confirmed that the virtual program is new and comparative data was not yet available. Mr. Perry
4 added that prior to coming to the board, program staff confirmed the students had completed all their
5 requirements for graduation except this field internship, including 250-300 hours on ambulances and
6 field experiences, 300-400 hours in hospital settings. Mr. Perry stated that there are 22 different areas
7 of the hospital that paramedic students will go into.

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9 The Chair circled back to the CoAEMSP extension of guidelines to July 1, 2021 and asked if there had
10 been any stipulation related to the declaration of emergency and how that may affect the extended
11 deadline. Mr. Perry indicated that the program hoped the board would allow the waiver/ change in
12 capstone internship for the 20 students that have completed all other requirements, and the incoming
13 class that is scheduled to start August 26, 2020. Mr. Perry did indicate the program's intent to send
14 students out of state to complete their capstone internships as soon as sites reopened and it was safe to
15 do so.

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17 The Chair asked about evaluation. Mr. Perry responded that the accreditation parties require an annual
18 report and the current students will be evaluated next year, so students will be tracked for at least a
19 year after they've completed the program through employment surveys and student surveys.

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21 The Chair explained that the boards intent is to assist the paramedics in completing their program
22 during the declaration of emergency.

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24 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Ms. Mielke, and approved**
25 **unanimously the Board resolved to start an emergency regulation project with the intent to**
26 **waive the clinical part of the capstone.**

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28 **It was noted that the proposed regulation language would reference a declaration of**
29 **emergency.**

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31 **9. Adjourn**

32 There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at **5:55 p.m.**

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35 Respectfully submitted:

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38 /s/ _____
39 Alysia D. Jones, Executive Administrator
40 Alaska State Medical Board

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43 Date

Approved:

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38 /s/ _____
39 Richard Wein, MD, President
40 Alaska State Medical Board

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43 Date