

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, October 15, 2020
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10 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a video-conference
11 meeting of the Alaska State Medical Board was held on Thursday, October 15, 2020.
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13 **Thursday, October 15, 2020**
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15 **1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

16 The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.
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18 **Roll Call**

19 Board members present, constituting a quorum:
20 David Boswell, Public Member (Secretary)
21 Christopher Gay, MD
22 Lydia Mielke, Public Member
23 Steve Parker, MD
24 Richard Wein, MD (Chair)
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26 Ms. Bigelow Hood and Dr. Freeman were unable to attend. Dr. Daugherty arrived at 5:03 p.m.
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28 Board staff:

29 Alysia Jones, Executive Administrator
30 Sher Zinn, Regulations Specialist
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32 Visitors present for portions of the meeting:

33 Dr. Jeffrey Masi
34 Benjamin Robinson
35 Dr. Carmen Ramirez
36 Dr. Danita Koehler
37 Todd McDowell
38 Dr. Michael Levy
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40 **2. Review Agenda**

41 The board reviewed the agenda and approved the revisions by affirmation.
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43 **3. Review/Approve the September 17, 2020 minutes**

44 The board reviewed the minutes from the September 17, 2020 meeting. Ms. Jones noted two incorrect
45 dates on page one.

46 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Boswell, seconded by Ms. Mielke, and approved**
47 **unanimously, the Board accepted the minutes of the September 17, meeting with the above**
48 **noted corrections.**

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2 **4. Board interviews**
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4 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Boswell, seconded by Dr. Gay, and approved**
5 **unanimously, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2)**
6 **and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing Jeffrey**
7 **Masi’s application with the board executive administrator remaining during the session to**
8 **provide technical support.**
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10 Ms. Jones requested Sher Zinn, who will be Acting Executive Administrator be allowed to join the
11 session. The Chair, seeing no objections from the board, invited Ms. Zinn to attend.
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13 The Board went off the record at 4:16 p.m. The Board went back on the record at 4:37 p.m.
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15 Dr. Jeffrey Masi was present to respond to the Board’s questions regarding his application. The Board
16 requested Dr. Masi follow up with staff to address technical issues with his application.
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18 Dr. Masi thanked the board and left the meeting.
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20 Mr. Robinson was present to respond to the Board’s questions regarding his application.
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22 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Boswell, seconded by Dr. Gay and approved**
23 **unanimously, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2)**
24 **and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing the**
25 **application of Benjamin Robinson with the board staff remaining during the session to provide**
26 **technical support, and Benjamin Robinson being invited to join the session at such time the**
27 **board requests his presence.**
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29 The board went off the record at 4:52 p.m. Mr. Robinson joined the board at 4:53 p.m. The Board went
30 back on the record at 5:09 p.m.
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32 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Boswell, seconded by Ms. Mielke, and approved by**
33 **majority vote the board granted a full, unrestricted license to Benjamin Robinson.**
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35 **Mr. Boswell, Dr. Gay, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker and Dr. Wein voting “yes”, and Dr. Daugherty**
36 **abstained as he arrived at 5:03 p.m.**
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38 Mr. Robinson thanked the board and left the meeting.
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40 Dr. Ramirez was present to respond to the Board’s questions regarding her application.
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42 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Boswell, seconded by Dr. Gay and approved**
43 **unanimously, the Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2)**
44 **and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing the**
45 **application of Dr. Carmen Ramirez with the board staff remaining during the session to**
46 **provide technical support, and Dr. Ramirez being invited to join the session at such time the**
47 **board requests her presence.**
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1 The Board went off the record at 5:13 p.m. Dr. Ramirez joined the Board at 5:13 p.m. The Board went
2 back on the record at 5:22 p.m.

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4 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Boswell, and approved**
5 **unanimously, the board granted a full, unrestricted license to Dr. Carmen Ramirez.**

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7 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Parker, seconded by Dr. Gay, and approved**
8 **unanimously, the board granted a full, unrestricted physician assistant license to Cynthia (C.J.)**
9 **Smith.**

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11 Dr. Ramirez and Ms. Smith left the meeting.

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13 **5. Public Comment**

14 Dr. Danita Koehler indicated that she was interested, but in the interest of time was willing to submit a
15 written testimony. The Chair thanked Dr. Koehler for her consideration and understanding as the board
16 was behind schedule.

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18 *Note:* Dr. Koehler submitted a letter that was forwarded to board members following the meeting
19 asking for the board's prioritization and support of updating the paramedic regulations.

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21 **6. Review public comment of proposed changes RE: PDMP**

22 The Board reviewed all public comments received pertaining to the proposed regulation changes to 12
23 AAC 40.450 and addition of new section 12 AAC 40.976, including both written and oral testimony from
24 the August 20-21, 2020 meeting.

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26 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Daugherty, seconded by Ms. Mielke, the board**
27 **postponed Agenda Item 6 until the quarterly meeting.**

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29 **7. Request for Board Comments – MAT Guide**

30 The Board reviewed a draft of the Mat Guide submitted by Dr. Sara Spencer. The board commented that
31 it is a very important issue, and they appreciate Dr. Spencer's time and that it reads very well.

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33 The Chair requested Ms. Jones to relay the Board's comment to Dr. Spencer.

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35 Mr. Todd McDowell and Dr. Michael Levy joined the meeting.

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37 **8. Request RE: 12 AAC 40.370 Scope of Authorized Activities**

38 The Chair invited Mr. McDowell to speak. Mr. McDowell, State of Alaska Office of EMS Manager
39 requested the State Medical Board waive 12 AAC 40.370 in order for paramedic staff to participate in
40 vaccinations, COVID testing, mobile integrated healthcare initiatives, and staffing alternate care sites.

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42 Dr. Michael Levy, State EMS Medical Director, was available to answer questions of the board members
43 regarding the specific request. The group discussed the matter both temporary and long term.

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45 The Chair asked Dr. Levy to compile and submit a list of expansion of scope for emergencies for the
46 Board's consideration

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48 Mr. McDowell and Dr. Levy thanked the Board for their time.

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9. Renewal Update/Transition of E.A. Duties

Ms. Jones introduced Ms. Zin and explained that she would be taking over as Acting Executive Director on Wednesday, October 21st.

Ms. Jones also provided an update on renewal preparations.

The Chair thanked Ms. Jones for her service and Ms. Zinn for stepping in during this transition.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, the board adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

/s/ Sher Zinn for Alysia Jones
Alysia D. Jones, Executive Administrator
Alaska State Medical Board

/s/ Richard J. Wein, M.D.
Richard Wein, MD, President
Alaska State Medical Board

11/24/2020
Date

December 3, 2020
Date