

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

STATE MEDICAL BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING
April 28, 2022

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a special meeting of the Alaska State Medical Board was held on Thursday, April 28, 2022.

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call

The meeting was called to Order by Chair Wein at 5:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Board members present:

Sarah Bigelow Hood, PA-C
Maria Freeman, MD
Matt Heilala, DPM
Lydia Mielke, Public Member
Richard Wein, MD (Chair)

Absent: David Wilson, Public Member

Board staff present: Natalie Norberg, Executive Administrator

2. Introduction to Special Issue: Recommended statute change for temporary licenses

Chair Wein and Natalie Norberg provided an overview of the special issue and rationale for expedited action. The Board must address the issue of expediting the licensure process. One tool available as outlined in statute, is a broader use of temporary licenses. A temporary license may be issued to applicants before an application is determined complete so long as the minimum requirements outlined in 08.64.270 are met. However, 08.64.270 specifies a 6-month duration with no option for renewal for temporary licenses. The statute also provides for a fee structure for physician temporary licenses. Extending the potential duration of a temporary license and eliminating the fee structure in statute will allow more flexibility in the temporary license process. These amendments in addition to other regulatory and process changes to be addressed during the May 2022 quarterly board meeting will expedite the time it takes to issue licenses to physicians and physician assistants in Alaska. Time is of the essence for the Board to approve and communicate this desired statutory change to the legislature due to the late stage of the current legislative session. It was noted that the telehealth bills (HB 265 and SB 175) currently making their way through the legislative process would be the ideal legislation to incorporate this proposed amendment.

On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke and seconded by Dr. Heilala, the Board approved by roll call vote to accept the revisions to Alaska Statute Section 08.64.270 related to temporary

permits for medical practice as presented; and to transmit the recommended changes to the sponsors of HB 265 and SB 175. (See Attachment I)

Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein
Absent: Mr. Wilson

3. Wrap up/Adjourn

The Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Natalie Norberg

Natalie Norberg, Executive Administrator
Alaska State Medical Board

05/20/2022

Date

Approved:

/s/ Richard Wein MD

Richard Wein, MD, President
Alaska State Medical Board

5/20/22

Date