

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  
6 MINUTES OF MEETING  
7 Friday, November 4, 2022  
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9 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a quarterly meeting  
10 of the Alaska State Medical Board was held Friday November 4, 2022.  
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12 **1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

13 The meeting was called to order by Chair Wein at 9:01 a.m.  
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15 **Roll Call**

16 Board members present:

17 Sarah Bigelow Hood, PA-C  
18 Maria Freeman, MD  
19 Matthew Heilala, DPM  
20 Lydia Mielke, Public Member (Secretary)  
21 Steve Parker, MD  
22 Richard Wein, MD (Chair)  
23 David Wilson, Public Member  
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25 Board Members not present:

26 David Paulson, MD  
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28 Board staff present: Natalie Norberg, Executive Administrator, Jason Kaeser and Jacob Olsen, Licensing  
29 Examiners; Sonia Lipker, Chief Investigator, Billy Homestead, Investigator, Angel Romero, Investigator,  
30 Karina Medina, Probation Monitor  
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32 **2. Review / Approval of Agenda**

33 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke and seconded by Mr. Wilson, the Board approved by**  
34 **roll call vote to accept the draft agenda as presented.**  
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36 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Wein and  
37 Mr. Wilson.

38 Absent for Vote: Dr. Paulson  
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40 **3. Review/Approval of Minutes**

41 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke and seconded by Dr. Heilala, the Board approved by roll**  
42 **call vote to accept the minutes for the August 19, 2022, board meeting.**  
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44 Ms. Mielke noted a spelling of her name in the September 23, 2022, meeting minutes.

45 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke and seconded by Dr. Freeman, the Board approved by**  
46 **roll call vote to accept the minutes for the September 23 board meeting with one correction**  
47 **noted.**

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

4 Absent for Vote: Dr. Paulson

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6 David Paulson, MD joined the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

#### 7 8 **4. Ethics Disclosures**

9 Ethics reporting by board members is done on a quarterly basis and is a standing item on the quarterly  
10 meeting agenda. The Chair requested Ms. Norberg query each board member.

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12 There were no ethic disclosures reported.

#### 13 14 **5. Physicians Health Committee Update**

15 Per the Chair's invitation to address the Board, Dr. Maria Foland, Medical Director for the  
16 Physician's Health Committee highlighted the following:

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18 • The PHC continues to assist numerous physicians in Alaska to be "repaired, not impaired" due to  
19 substance abuse and mental health issues. The PHC is currently monitoring 15-19 people, the  
20 number varies.
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22 • The PHC continues to urge the Board to consider changing the professional fitness questions on  
23 the physician license and renewal applications to allow practitioners to not have to answer  
24 questions in the public domain related to their recovery if it has been more than two years and  
25 they are participating in the PHC and doing well. Dr. Foland recommends looking at national PHC  
26 models to allow private health information to be kept out of the public domain in order to  
27 promote truthful self-disclosure and a greater likelihood that practitioners will seek help. Dr.  
28 Wein suggested that the Board may want to consider having an entire section of the professional  
29 fitness questions kept automatically confidential.
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31 • The PHC continues to work on educating physicians and physician attorneys regarding the  
32 requirement to self-report to the Medical Board when the practitioner has been involved in an  
33 incident or charged with a crime in which drugs and alcohol were a factor. Per the  
34 recommendation from the August 19, 2022, Board meeting, the statutes and regulations  
35 pertaining to the requirements to self-report were reviewed. No changes to existing regulations  
36 were recommended.

#### 37 38 **6. Board Interview – Salahuddin Ahmed. MD**

39 Dr. Ahmed was offered the option to either go into executive session or stay in the public domain. Dr.  
40 Ahmed elected to stay on the record for his interview. Dr. Ahmed confirmed he is an anesthesiologist,  
41 currently practicing in Nevada. Upon request, Dr. Ahmed provided additional details regarding the  
42 unusual and confusing written explanation provided with respect to the circumstances surrounding the  
43 suspension of hospital privileges, malpractice suit, and criminal charges reported in his application for  
44 licensure.

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46 At the conclusion of Dr. Ahmad's interview, the Board entered executive session.

47 **In a motion duly made by Lydia Mielke, seconded by Dr. Freeman and approved by a roll call**  
48 **vote, the board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(b), and Alaska**

1           **Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing Dr Ahmed’s**  
2           **application for licensure with Board staff to remain in session.**

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4 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Paulson, Dr.  
5 Wein and Mr. Wilson.

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7 The Board went off the record at 9:59 am, and back on the record at 10:25 a.m.

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9           **In a motion duly made Ms. Mielke seconded by Dr. Freeman, and approved by roll call vote,**  
10          **the board decided to postpone a decision to grant Dr. Salahuddin Ahmed a full license to**  
11          **practice in Alaska and refer the matter to the Investigations Unit for the purpose of gathering**  
12          **additional information.**

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14 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Paulson, Dr.  
15 Wein and Mr. Wilson.

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17 **7. Investigations Unit Updates**

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19 An overview of the quarterly Medical Board Investigative Report was provided by Angel Romero,  
20 Investigator. The report covered the period of August 5, 2022 through October 19, 2022. There are 132  
21 open matters, and 17 matters were closed during this time frame.

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23 An overview of the quarterly Medical Board Probation Report was provided by Karina Medina, Probation  
24 Monitor. Eight practitioners are currently being monitored and all eight are in compliance.

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26 Investigator supervisor, Sonia Lipker introduced a license action for consideration by the Board.

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28           **In a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll**  
29          **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board decided to accept the Voluntary Surrender of License**  
30          **for Dr. Richard McGrath, as proposed.**

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32 Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Paulson, Dr.  
33 Wein and Mr. Wilson.

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35 **8. Break.** The Board went off the record at 10:39 am for a break. The Board returned on the record at  
36 10:50 am.

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38 **9. Telehealth**

39       • **National trends & FSMB Policy Update - Lisa Robins, FSMB Chief Advocacy Officer**

40 Ms. Robins was invited to discuss the FSMB’s 2022 telemedicine policy update. The presentation  
41 included data related to the expansion of telemedicine in recent years and new recommendations for  
42 the regulation of telemedicine based on lessons learned from the pandemic. Trends identified as a result  
43 of telemedicine: patients report an overall increase in access to care with their primary care providers,  
44 practitioners report higher satisfaction in work, telemedicine tends to result in a reduced cost to care.  
45 The expansion and demand for telemedicine has put pressure on state licensing entities resulting in the  
46 majority of states having either adopted being in the process of adopting the Interstate License Medical  
47 Compact for ease and timeliness of licensure.

1 It was stated that the rapid growth of non-instate, “corporate,” telemedicine providers, not familiar with  
2 Alaska’s diverse cultures and remote geography, as well as the rise of online fraudulent pharmacies and  
3 unsafe prescribing practices raise many potential concerns for public safety. It is recommended that  
4 states use the FSMB’s policy statement as a guide to create their own siderails for telemedicine policy  
5 and regulation.  
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7 **• Draft Telehealth Regulation Changes**

8 Proposed changes to 12 AAC 40.993 (Standards of practice for telemedicine) to comport with Alaska’s  
9 new Telemedicine law and to incorporate the FSMB’s 2022 updated policy statement were presented  
10 to the Board for review and consideration. Concerns were raised regarding the payment parity  
11 provisions for telemedicine in the new law and the unintended consequence of devaluing in-person  
12 medical care. Board members discussed postponing the adoption of changes to 12 AAC 40.993 until a  
13 special meeting is held on the matter.  
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15 **10. Lunch Break.** The Board voted by unanimous consent to break for lunch at 11:48 a.m. The Board  
16 returned on the record at 1:07 p.m.  
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18 **11. Public Comments**

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  - Lisa Burchett addressed the Board to introduce herself as having recently applied for physician  
20 assistant licensure in Alaska. She has accepted a position with SEARHC and is looking forward to  
21 moving from Texas to Alaska.
  - Chair Wein provided a summary of written public comments received by the Board during the  
22 last quarter.  
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25 **12. Physician Assistant Regulation Modernization Project**

26 Chair Wein initiated a detailed review of the proposed edits to 12 AAC 40. Article 5, pertaining to  
27 physician assistants. No discussion or questions were raised until section 40.410 (on page 4 of the  
28 draft), relating to the collaborative relationship and practice agreement between the physician assistant  
29 and collaborating physician. A key area of disagreement appears to be around the question of how  
30 much oversight physician assistants should have. Language that limits and requires the physician  
31 assistant’s scope of practice to exactly mirror the collaborating physician’s practice prompted extensive  
32 debate. Ms. Bigelow Hood, PA-C, advocated for less restrictive language and greater flexibility to allow  
33 PA’s the ability to perform specified procedures that they are trained to perform (even if their  
34 collaborating physician is not trained in that same procedure) as long as the procedures are described  
35 and included in the practice agreement. Chair Wein questioned how a collaborating physician could  
36 supervise procedures that the collaborating physician does not have the expertise to supervise. It was  
37 suggested that a series of special Board meetings may be needed to address each of the “hot topics” in  
38 the draft regulations before the Board considers the approval any draft changes in order to initiate a  
39 regulation project.  
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41 **13. Division Update**

42 Chair Wein introduced and invited Director Chambers to present to the Board. Director Chambers  
43 provided an overview of the Board’s 4<sup>th</sup> quarter budget report / fiscal year-end summary. FY 22 was a  
44 none-renewal year, which generally means revenue is expected to be lower. However, compared to  
45 the last none-renewal year, FY 20, there was nearly a \$500,000 increase in revenue, reflecting the  
46 observed trend of a high volume of new applicants applying for licensure in the state during the  
47 pandemic. Also of note, is that the division received general funds during FY 21, FY 22 and FY 23 to help  
48 offset licensing costs in order to fulfill Governor Dunleavy’s commitment to not raise licensing fees

1 during the pandemic. This resulted in approximately \$272,000 for the medical board. The division is  
2 being asked to consider whether to make general funds a permanent part of future budget requests.  
3 Personal service expenses were on par with previous years while investigations costs were slightly  
4 higher. Overall, the Board ended with a budget surplus in FY22. In addition to discussing the budget  
5 with Director Chambers, board members explored strategies for positively engaging with the legislature  
6 during the upcoming session.

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8 **14. Board Interview - Xing Gao, MD**

9 Dr. Gao requested to have his interview conducted in executive session.

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11 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Mr. Wilson and approved by roll call vote,**  
12 **the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS**  
13 **44.62.310 (b) and (c) (2) and (3), and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the**  
14 **purpose of discussing Dr. Gao's application for licensure, with Board staff to remain during**  
15 **session.**

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17 Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Paulson, Dr.  
18 Wein and Mr. Wilson.

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20 The Board went off the record and entered executive session at 2:53 p.m. The Board returned on the  
21 record at 3:34 p.m.

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23 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Dr. Freeman and approved by roll call**  
24 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved full license for Dr. Xing Gao.**

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26 Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Paulson, Dr.  
27 Wein and Mr. Wilson.

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29 **15. Break.** The Board went off the record at 3:17 p.m. for a break. The Board returned on the record at  
30 3:34 p.m.

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32 **16. Malpractice Case Reviews**

33 The Chair recommended that the Board enter executive session.

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35 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Dr. Freeman and approved by roll call**  
36 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS**  
37 **44.62.310 (b) and (c) (2) and (3), and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the**  
38 **purpose of discussing malpractice cases involving the following practitioners:**

- 39 1. John Lapkass, MD
- 40 2. Bret Mason, DO
- 41 3. Vincent Perino, PA-C
- 42 4. Swee Lian Tan, MD
- 43 5. Shook-Ming Taylor, DO
- 44 6. Anne Zink, MD

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46 The Board went off the record and entered executive session at 3:36 p.m. The Board returned on the  
47 record at 4:30 p.m.

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2 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Dr. Freeman, and approved by roll call**  
3 **vote the Alaska State Medical Board decided to take no further action with respect to**  
4 **malpractice cases related to the following physicians:**

- 5 • **Shook-Ming Taylor, DO**
- 6 • **Anne Zink, MD**

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8 Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Paulson, Dr.  
9 Wein and Mr. Wilson.

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11 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Dr. Freeman, and approved by roll call**  
12 **vote the Alaska State Medical Board decided to request the Executive Administrator draft a**  
13 **non-disciplinary advisory letter for the malpractice cases related to the following physicians:**

- 14 • **John Lapkass, MD**
- 15 • **Bret Mason, DO**
- 16 • **Swee Lian Tan, MD**

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18 Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Paulson, Dr.  
19 Wein and Mr. Wilson.

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21 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Dr. Freeman, and approved by roll call**  
22 **vote the Alaska State Medical Board decided to request the Executive Administrator to refer**  
23 **the malpractice case concerning Vincent Perino, PA-C, to the Investigation Unit for additional**  
24 **information gathering and consultation.**

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26 Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Paulson, Dr.  
27 Wein and Mr. Wilson.

## 28 **17. Full Board Review**

29 Board members were asked by Chair Wein to indicate whether they had identified any applicant  
30 concerns for which entering executive session to discuss concerns would be necessary. A reviewing  
31 board member requested applicants Nathan Sneed, MD and Suneet Singh, MD, be removed from the  
32 applicant list for license approval and be contacted for an interview at the next scheduled special board  
33 meeting.  
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## 35 **18. Applicant Review**

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38 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke and seconded by Dr. Freeman, the Board approved by**  
39 **roll call vote to grant the following osteopathic physicians, full licensure in Alaska, pending the**  
40 **completion of their application files.**

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42 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Paulson,  
43 Dr. Wein, and Mr. Wilson

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Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
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1.	DO	Jerome	Anderson
2.	DO	Dayne	Bonzo
3.	DO	Ian	Brimhall
4.	DO	Daniel	Dickerson
5.	DO	Loyal	Farley
6.	DO	Brian	Fremaux
7.	DO	Christopher	Lawler
8.	DO	Laurene	Liska
9.	DO	Kayla	Long
10.	DO	Nairobi	Martindale
11.	DO	Andrew	Nguyen
12.	DO	Elizabeth	North
13.	DO	Nunzio	Pagano
14.	DO	Sagar	Patel
15.	DO	Titus	Rund
16.	DO	Amelia	Stutman
17.	DO	Kamila	Seilhan
18.	DO	Inna	Yaskin

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**On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke and seconded by Dr. Freeman, the Board approved by roll call vote to grant the following allopathic physicians, full licensure in Alaska, pending the completion of their application files.**

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

	Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
1.	MD	Savior	Achilike
2.	MD	Babak	Akbarian
3.	MD	Andres	Aldrete
4.	MD	Jacob	Appelbaum
5.	MD	Eric	Allenspach
6.	MD	Aparna	Atluru
7.	MD	Cono	Badalamenti
8.	MD	Rachel	Banks
9.	MD	Afsaneh	Barzi
10.	MD	Luanna	Beauchamp
11.	MD	Tabitha	Bedini
12.	MD	Todd	Blumberg
13.	MD	Iuliana	Bobanga
14.	MD	Alipi	Bonm
15.	MD	Suzannah	Bozzone
16.	MD	Christopher	Braga
17.	MD	Ginny	Buresh

	Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
36.	MD	Delana	Eby
37.	MD	Susan	Feeney
38.	MD	J William	Finley
39.	MD	John	Geselman
40.	MD	Nichole	George
41.	MD	Magalie	Grant
42.	MD	Siobhan	Gray
43.	MD	Sinikka	Green
44.	MD	Craig	Hancock
45.	MD	Allison	Harriot
46.	MD	Anwarul	Haq
47.	MD	Jonathan	Hedges
48.	MD	Robyn	Hilles
49.	MD	Heather	Hirsch
50.	MD	Kent	Hughes
51.	MD	Erik	Insko
52.	MD	Noble	Jacob

18.	MD	Ryan	Cassaday
19.	MD	Stephen	Chang
20.	MD	Ajit	Chary
21.	MD	Angela	Co Untian Hernandez
22.	MD	Andrew	Cowan
23.	MD	Carly	Craig
24.	MD	Lisa	Czanko
25.	MD	Leo	Damasco
26.	MD	Alexandra	Davis
27.	MD	Arielle	Davis
28.	MD	Sherri	DeHaas
29.	MD	David	Delman
30.	MD	Thomas	DeLoughery
31.	MD	Christopher	DeNapoles
32.	MD	Ann-Renee	Desrochers
33.	MD	Joshua	Dines
34.	MD	Robert	Dodd
35.	MD	Victor	Dreicer
71.	MD	Michael	Long
72.	MD	Karl	Loth
73.	MD	Thomas	Ludwig
74.	MD	Matthew	Markey-Crimp
75.	MD	Samer	Muala
76.	MD	Erin	Murphy
77.	MD	Thomas	Neuhauser
78.	MD	Torrence	Nicolsen
79.	MD	Blake	Nonweiler
80.	MD	Kirstine	Oh
81.	MD	Jean-Phillip	Okhovat
82.	MD	Vildana	Omerovic
83.	MD	Corey	O'Reilly
84.	MD	Bennett	Pafford
85.	MD	Ruth	Pan
86.	MD	Jacob	Petrosky
87.	MD	Justin	Perdue
88.	MD	Luis	Perez
89.	MD	Seth	Perlman
90.	MD	Travis	Polston
91.	MD	Nathan	Priddy
92.	MD	Adam	Pruett
93.	MD	Maximilian	Psolka
94.	MD	Sarah	Psutka
95.	MD	Juan	Ramirez
96.	MD	Joseph	Ramos

53.	MD	Freshta	Jaghori
54.	MD	Shaquana	James
55.	MD	Scott	Jensen
56.	MD	Charles	Johnson
57.	MD	John	Jones
58.	MD	David	Joye
59.	MD	Hillel	Kahane
60.	MD	Stephen	Kaplan
61.	MD	Adam	Karz
62.	MD	Jill	Keyes
63.	MD	Sandeep	Khot
64.	MD	Brian	Krause
65.	MD	Andrew	Kuhn
66.	MD	Tejal	Lalaji
67.	MD	Christina	Lam
68.	MD	David	Lee
69.	MD	Peter	Liao
70.	MD	Alison	Liewen
116.	MD	Matthew	Snider
117.	MD	Ryan	Snyder
118.	MD	Bogdan	Strambu
119.	MD	Andrea	Tackett
120.	MD	Vinay	Tak
121.	MD	Evan	Taniguchi
122.	MD	Sonia	Tarango
123.	MD	Breana	Taylor
124.	MD	William	Theodorou
125.	MD	Jeremy	Thompson
126.	MD	Jack	Tian
127.	MD	Gina	Tilley
128.	MD	David	Tirschwell
129.	MD	David	Trauscht
130.	MD	Sara	Trepanier
131.	MD	Hannah	Tully
132.	MD	Diana	Velikova
133.	MD	Raymond	Villalobos
134.	MD	Reza	Voosoughi
135.	MD	Thomas	Walsh
136.	MD	Jingxin	Wang
137.	MD	Debra	Weinstein
138.	MD	Charles	Westin
139.	MD	Anthony	Willis
140.	MD	David	Wilmot

97.	MD	Nancy	Rihana
98.	MD	Jarrod	Roberts
99.	MD	Lisa	Roberts
100.	MD	Kenneth	Rudd
101.	MD	William	Rusnak
102.	MD	Mandeep	Sahani
103.	MD	Ramen	Sakhi
104.	MD	Rania	Saleh
105.	MD	Kyle	Samblanet
106.	MD	Tracy	Sanson
107.	MD	Andrew	Schaar
108.	MD	Jenna	Schmidt
109.	MD	Kevin	Schmitt
110.	MD	Vicki	Schober
111.	MD	Bimal	Shah
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113.	MD	Caitlin	Smith
114.	MD	Tanya	Smith

141.	MD	Yuming	Yin
142.	MD	Emily	Zaragoza
143.	MD	Xiaotun	Zhang
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**On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke and seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, the Board approved by roll call vote to grant the following physician assistants, full licensure in Alaska, pending the completion of their application files.**

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

	Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
1.	PA	Samantha	Barraclough
2.	PA	Melanie	Beale
3.	PA	Amanda	Bradshaw
4.	PA	Karen	Darnell
5.	PA	John	Davinson
6.	PA	Brian	Desmond
7.	PA	Jennifer	Eaton
8.	PA	Angela	Emerson
9.	PA	Mitchell	Forbes
10.	PA	Rebecca	Harris
11.	PA	Susan	Hartmann
12.	PA	Ealum	Howe
13.	PA	Colby	Larrabee
14.	PA	Catherine	Link
15.	PA	Samantha	Marino
16.	PA	Daniel	Manilla
17.	PA	Mark	Milliron

18.	PA	Kristen	Motley
19.	PA	Danielle	McKinney
20.	PA	Jenny	Poggi
21.	PA	Zarah	Pulfrey
22.	PA	Michael	Schnorr
23.	PA	Samuel	Simmons
24.	PA	Valerie	Smith
25.	PA	Ciara	Stoutenburgh
26.	PA	Ronin	Sullivan
27.	PA	Edith	Teng
28.	PA	Emily	Waltemyer
29.	PA	Lisa	Wesley

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2 **19. Chair Updates**  
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- 4       • Support for Telehealth Extension Request for Buprenorphine  
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6       **In a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Dr. Freeman and approved by roll call**  
7 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board affirmed its support of the Alaska Attorney General in**  
8 **joining an effort to urge the Drug Enforcement Administration and Substance Abuse and**  
9 **Mental Health Services Administration to permanently extend telehealth flexibilities after the**  
10 **expiration of the COVID-19 public health emergency for prescribing buprenorphine, one of**  
11 **three Food and Drug Administration approved medications for treating opioid use disorder.**  
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13 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Paulson, Dr.  
14 Wein, and Mr. Wilson  
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- 16       • Adoption of final MICP Regulations (motion needed)  
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18       **After taking into consideration that no public comments were received and there will be**  
19 **no additional cost to private persons, on motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Mr.**  
20 **Wilson and approved by a roll call vote, the Board approved to adoption of the regulations**  
21 **dealing with the repeal of all references related to the Mobile Intensive Care Paramedics in**  
22 **sections 12 AAC 40.045 through 12 AAC 40.990, as proposed.**

23 Roll Call Vote: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Parker, Dr. Paulson,  
24 Dr. Wein and Mr. Wilson

- 25       • **Final Legislative Audit Report**  
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27 The final legislative audit report has been released. This year’s report is more favorable toward the  
28 board than the last report. Chair Wein shared a statement from his written response to the report –  
29 mainly the desire for more dialogue with legislators in their consideration of policy under the jurisdiction  
30 of the Board. The audit findings recommend that the board’s termination date be extended until June  
31 30, 2031, which is the maximum extension allowed per statute.  
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1 **20. Closing Business/Adjourn**

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3 The next quarterly meeting date was set for February 10, 2023.

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5 The Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 4:38 p.m.

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8 Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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11 /s/ Natalie Norberg  
12 Natalie Norberg, Executive Administrator  
13 Alaska State Medical Board

  
/s/ Richard Wein, MD  
Richard Wein, MD, President  
Alaska State Medical Board

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