

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, February 16, 2024
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9 *These are DRAFT minutes prepared by staff of the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional*
10 *Licensing. They have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.*
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12 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a quarterly meeting
13 of the Alaska State Medical Board was held Friday, February 16, 2024.
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15 **1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

16 The meeting was called to order by Chair Wein at 8:32 a.m.
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18 **Roll Call**

19 Board members present:

20 David Barnes, DO
21 Sarah Bigelow Hood, PA-C
22 Maria Freeman, MD
23 Matthew Heilala, DPM
24 Lydia Mielke, Public Member (Secretary)
25 David Paulson, MD
26 Richard Wein, MD (Chair)
27 David Wilson, Public Member
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29 Board staff present: Natalie Norberg, Executive Administrator; Jason Kaeser, Licensing Supervisor; Jacob
30 Olsen, Licensing Examiner; Alisa Perkins, Licensing Examiner; Sonia Lipker, Investigative Supervisor; Billy
31 Homestead, Investigative Supervisor
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33 **2. Review / Approval of Agenda**

34 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
35 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board accepted the draft agenda as presented.**
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37 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Paulson,
38 Dr. Wein, and Mr. Wilson.
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40 **3. Review/Approval of Minutes**

41 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
42 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board accepted the minutes for the November 17, 2023,**
43 **board meeting with a correction identified to the roll call, Dr. Freeman was present** (the draft
44 minutes erroneously omitted her presence).
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46 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Paulson,
47 Dr. Wein, and Mr. Wilson.

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2 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
3 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board accepted the minutes for November 22, 2023, board**
4 **meeting as presented.**

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6 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Paulson,
7 Dr. Wein, and Mr. Wilson.
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9 **4. Ethics Disclosures**

10 Ethics reporting by board members is done on a quarterly basis and is a standing item on the quarterly
11 meeting agenda. The Chair requested Ms. Norberg query each board member.
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13 There were no ethical disclosures made by board members.
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15 **5. Old Business:**

16 **A. Regulation Projects**

17 **• Physician Assistant Work Group Update**

18 There are two issues for the board's consideration regarding this matter. Chair Wein invited Ms.
19 Norberg to introduce the issues:

- 20 1) At the last quarterly board meeting, the board voted to form a new work group comprised of
21 medical board members, members from the board of directors from the Alaska Association of
22 Physician Assistants, and members of the public. The board solicited statements of interest from
23 individuals to participate in the work group. After considering all of the statements received, the
24 Board approved nine members to join the workgroup through an online voting process, including: 2
25 individuals from the medical board, 2 individuals from the PA association, 1 individual from the
26 medical association, 2 individuals from tribal/rural health, and 2 physician assistants from the
27 general public. After the selected individuals were notified, a request was received for the board to
28 reconsider the composition and include two additional group members from the general public who
29 are not physician assistants.
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31 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and decided by a roll**
32 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board declined to revise the composition of the Physician**
33 **Assistant Work Group to include up to two additional "public members" who are not**
34 **physician assistants.**

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36 Roll Call: Nays, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Paulson,
37 Dr. Wein, and Mr. Wilson.
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- 39 2) Senate Bill 115, titled, *Physician Assistant Scope of Practice* has received three hearings in the
40 legislative session currently underway and appears to have support from lawmakers. If this bill
41 passes, it would eliminate some sections and require extensive re-writing of the existing regulations
42 related to physician assistants. It may be prudent for the board to delay convening the work group
43 until the outcome of SB 115 is determined.
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45 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by a roll**
46 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board decided to delay the initiation of the work group**
47 **until after the destiny of SB 115 is determined in the 2024 legislative session.**
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1 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Paulson,
2 Dr. Wein, and Mr. Wilson.
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4 • **Physician Licensing: 12 AAC 40.010 through 12 AAC 40. 050 (Project# 20589253)**
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6 Chair Wein reminded the board that during the last quarterly meeting, the board approved a regulation
7 project that would eliminate certain requirements for physicians from the application for licensure
8 including the AMA profile, verification of hospital privileges and DEA clearance so long as separate
9 attestations were added for applicants to report any derogatory issues with respect to hospital
10 affiliations or the DEA. Following the November 17, 2023, board meeting, the Board voted electronically
11 to approve draft changes to be forwarded to the Department of Law. The Department of Law recently
12 completed a review of the changes and produced a draft for the board's consideration containing minor
13 edits. This draft is presented to the board for a final review and approval to be submitted for public
14 comment. Instead of approving the draft, the board voted to further edit the draft.

15 **On a motion duly made by Dr. Wein, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll call**
16 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved to edit the draft regulation changes to make it**
17 **clear that applicants must disclose ALL disciplinary actions from hospitals or health care**
18 **facilities where they have been employed, not just those actions which occurred within the**
19 **last five years.**

20 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Paulson,
21 Dr. Wein, and Mr. Wilson.
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23 **B. Role of the Reviewing Board Member (RBM)**
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25 Chair Wein reminded the Board that during the last board meeting, a motion to allow Reviewing Board
26 Members (RBM's) to participate in deliberative sessions, at their discretion, was tabled. Chair Wein
27 urged the board to make a decision regarding this matter with the options being 1) to keep the status
28 quo; 2) don't allow RBM's to participate; or 3) allow the RBM the discretion to participate on a case-by-
29 case basis. Chair Wein stated he favors the RBM having discretion and opened the floor for board
30 member discussion. Dr. Freeman cited the previous guidance from Dept. of Law, cautioning against the
31 RBM participating in deliberative sessions and stated she personally would prefer for the RBM to
32 participate but is concerned about going against legal advice. Dr. Barnes inquired about whether any
33 further opinions were obtained from the Dept. Law with respect to whether RBMs and the Board could
34 be defended by the Dept. of Law, during an appeal of a decision where a RBM remained in the session.
35 Dr. Barnes recalled being advised that the Dept. of Law would personally go after individual members if
36 they allowed RBMS to deliberate. Dr. Heilala stated he would like more guidance from Legal regarding
37 when it would be appropriate to ask more questions of the RBM, and also questioned whether it would
38 be possible to have more access to Legal during deliberative sessions for real-time guidance. Chair Wein
39 recognized Ms. Chambers, Special Assistant to Commissioner, to address the Board to answer
40 questions/concerns raised by board members. Ms. Chambers clarified that the Dept. of Law would not
41 be unwilling to represent the Board, but if the Board chooses to go against legal advice while making a
42 decision against a respondent, and that respondent chooses to appeal the decision, then Law's ability to
43 defend the board is more difficult and expensive. Ms. Chambers also clarified that it is within the realm
44 of possibility, with pre-planning, to ensure that an attorney that is familiar with the case be available for

1 board support during the meeting. Mr. Wilson asserted that he previously requested details regarding
2 case law and data with respect to the prevalence of appeals and cases being overturned due to the RBM
3 being present during a deliberative session; and this information has yet to be provided to the Board.
4 Ms. Norberg apologized and explained that this request has not been ignored. The division planned to
5 have this information presented during an investigative/legal training but that training for the Board has
6 had to be postponed twice, due to other time-sensitive agenda items requiring the Board's attention.
7 After querying board members, Chair Wein announced that it appeared to be the will of the Board to
8 again table a vote on this matter until the board has received more information.

9 **6. Deliberative Session**

10 Administrative Law Judge Cheryl Mandala addressed the Board to clarify that the purpose of this session
11 is to examine a proposed decision which does not involve examining any of the merits of the underlying
12 investigation or matters dealt with by the Reviewing Board Member. Therefore, in this session, it is
13 appropriate for the RBM to participate in the session.

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15 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by a roll**
16 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into a deliberative session under AS**
17 **44.62.310(d) solely to make a decision concerning the proposed decision, in Board Case**
18 **Number 2023-000453 and Office of Administrative Hearings Case Number 23-0557-MED.**

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

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23 Administrative Law Judge Cheryl Mandala remained with the Board during the deliberative session, all
24 others were excluded, including board and investigative staff.

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26 The Board went off the record at 9:34 a.m. The Board returned on the record at 10:29 a.m.

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28 It was noted by Ms. Mielke that the Board only discussed the merits of the OAH decision with respect to
29 OAH Case Number 23-0557-MED, and did not discuss the merits of the investigation concerning Board
30 Case Number 2023-000453.

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32 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by a roll**
33 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board accepted the proposed decision to affirm the denial to**
34 **reinstate and the continued suspension of license in Board Case Number 2023-000453 and**
35 **Office of Administrative Hearings Case Number 23-0557-MED.**

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

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40 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by a roll**
41 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board directed Investigations to provide the Board with a**
42 **status update of the investigation in Board Case Number 2023-000453, including a potential**
43 **completion date for the investigation. The status update is requested within 30 days.**

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

1 **7. Break** – The Board went off the record at 10:33 a.m. and returned on the record at 10:42 a.m.

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3 **8. Investigation Unit Update**

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5 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by a roll**
6 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS**
7 **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of**
8 **discussing Case #2021-000336, with Board and Investigative staff remaining during the**
9 **session.**

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

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14 The Board went off the record at 10:47 a.m. The Board returned on the record at 10:50 a.m.

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16 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by a roll**
17 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board accepted the Voluntary Surrender of license for Dr. Buck**
18 **Bania in Case No. 2021-000336.**

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

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23 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by a roll**
24 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS**
25 **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of**
26 **discussing Case #2022-000374 with Board and Investigative staff remaining during the session.**

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

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31 The Board went off the record at 10:53 a.m. The Board returned on the record at 10:58 a.m.

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33 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by a roll**
34 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board accepted the Consent Agreement for Farhaad Riyaz in**
35 **Case No. #2022-000374.**

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

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40 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by a roll**
41 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS**
42 **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of**
43 **discussing Case #2022-000023 with Board and Investigative staff remaining during the session.**

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

1 The Board went off the record at 11:02 a.m. The Board returned on the record at 11:12 a.m.

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3 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by a roll**
4 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board accepted the Consent Agreement for Kevin Hall in Case**
5 **No. #2022-000023.**

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

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10 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by a roll**
11 **vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS**
12 **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of**
13 **discussing Case #2023-000022 with Board and Investigative staff remaining during the session.**

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

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18 The Board went off the record at 11:16 a.m. The Board returned on the record at 11:30 a.m.

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20 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and decided by a roll**
21 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board declined to accept the Consent Agreement for Barry**
22 **Grey in Case #2023-000022.**

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24 Roll Call: Nays, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Wein,
25 and Mr. Wilson.

26 Abstained: Dr. Heilala

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28 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by a roll**
29 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board decided to return case #2023-000022 to**
30 **Investigations to pursue a license revocation for Dr. Barry Grey.**

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32 Roll Call: Nays, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Wein,
33 and Mr. Wilson.

34 Abstained: Dr. Heilala

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36 **9. Board of Pharmacy Update – Dr. Ashly Schaber, Board Chair**

37 Chair Wein invited Dr. Schaber, Chair, Board of Pharmacy to address the Board. Dr. Schaber provided an
38 overview of recent board activities, including regulatory change projects, advocacy around statutory
39 change, change to board composition, and other initiatives. Dr. Schaber also highlighted ways the
40 Medical Board can collaborate with the Board of Pharmacy including regulation changes to support
41 pharmacists to practice at the top of their clinical ability and supporting SB 121/HB 226 to increase
42 access to Alaska pharmacies.

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44 **10. Pharmacy Association Presentation – Dr. Brandy Seignemartin, Executive Director, Alaska**
45 **Pharmacy Association**

46 Chair Wein invited Dr. Seignemartin and other members from the pharmacy association to address the
47 Board. Threats to patient access to medications and a request to support SB 121/HB 226 to increase
48 access to Alaska pharmacies were highlighted. Additional highlights included national trends to expand

1 the application of Cooperative Practice Agreements (CPA's) in order to increase patient access to the
2 treatment of opioid use disorder and public health services, and a request for the Medical Board to
3 update its regulations related to CPAs in order to maximize CPAs as a tool to address these issues in
4 Alaska. Recent rule changes to promote "standards of care" language within the practice of pharmacy
5 were also explained and highlighted.

7 **11. Lunch Break**

8 The Board went off the record at 12:16 p.m. The Board returned on the record at 1:00 p.m.

10 **12. Public Comments / Board Correspondence**

11 Chair Wein recognized Pam Ventgen to address the Board. Ms. Ventgen introduced herself as Executive
12 Director of the Alaska State Medical Association (ASMA). Ms. Ventgen shared that ASMA opposes SB
13 115 and supports working collaboratively with Medical Board on regulation changes to address the
14 needs of physician assistants (PAs) and concerns from physicians who oppose independent practice for
15 physician assistants. Ms. Ventgen stated that ASMA has heard from many physician assistants that SB
16 115 was spearheaded by a small but vocal group of physician assistants and the legislation is not broadly
17 supported by individual PAs. ASMA remains committed to working with the PA community on making
18 regulatory change recommendations that would bridge the gap between overly restrictive regulations
19 and independent practice. Ms. Ventgen advised that ASMA's concerns regarding the composition of the
20 Physician Assistant Work Group are twofold: 1) there were no community-based physicians
21 represented, only tribal based physicians; 2) traditionally "public members" of a board or commission
22 have no financial or other interest in the industry affiliated with the working group they are appointed.
23 Yet, the medical board approved two physician assistants to serve in the capacity as the "public
24 members" which seems contrary to the intent of the board. Finally, Ms. Ventgen urged the medical
25 board to take a formal position on SB 115, and to share its thoughts on the matter of independent
26 practice for physician assistants.

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28 Chair Wein provided a summary of written public comments received by the Board during the last
29 quarter.

31 **13. Board Interviews**

32 **Christopher Davis, MD**

33 Dr. Davis requested to be interviewed in executive session.

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35 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
36 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS**
37 **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of**
38 **discussing Dr. Christopher Davis' application for licensure, with Board staff remaining during**
39 **the session.**

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

44 The Board entered executive session at 1:17 p.m. The Board returned on the record at 1:30 p.m.

46 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by**
47 **roll call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved Christopher Davis, a full license.**

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2 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr.
3 Paulson, Dr. Wein, and Mr. Wilson.
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5 **Daniel Goldberg, PA**

6 Mr. Goldberg requested to be interviewed in executive session.
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8 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
9 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS**
10 **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of**
11 **discussing Mr. Goldberg’s application for licensure, with Board staff remaining during the**
12 **session.**
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14 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr.
15 Paulson, Dr. Wein, and Mr. Wilson.
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17 The Board entered executive session at 1:34 p.m. The Board returned on the record at 1:45 p.m.
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19 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by**
20 **roll call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved Mr. Goldberg, PA, a full license.**
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22 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr.
23 Paulson, Dr. Wein, and Mr. Wilson.
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25 **Adam Kishman, PA, did not appear for his scheduled interview.**
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27 **Andrew Paleno, PA**

28 Mr. Paleno requested to be interviewed in executive session.
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30 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
31 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS**
32 **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of**
33 **discussing Mr. Paleno’s application for licensure, with Board staff remaining during the**
34 **session.**
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36 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr.
37 Paulson, Dr. Wein, and Mr. Wilson.
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39 The Board entered executive session at 2:04 p.m. The Board returned on the record at 2:10 p.m.
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41 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by**
42 **roll call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved Mr. Paleno, PA, a full license.**
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44 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr.
45 Paulson, Dr. Wein, and Mr. Wilson.
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1 **14. New Business / Chair Updates**

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- 3 • **Resolution in Support of SB 121 & HB 226**

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5 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**

6 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved the resolution as presented in support of**

7 **SB 121 & HB 226 related to Protecting Patient Freedom of Pharmacy Choice and Access to**

8 **Medications.**

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10 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Paulson,

11 Dr. Wein, and Mr. Wilson.

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- 13 • **Dept. of Health Request for Support for Regulation Change – Provider Orders for Life**
- 14 **Sustaining Treatment (POLST) Program**

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16 Chair Wein invited Ms. Norberg to provide the background on this request. [HB 392](#) was signed into law

17 on August 10, 2022. This legislation expanded the authority of APRN's and Physician Assistants to issue

18 or revoke DNR orders, sign death certificates, and/or issue life-sustaining procedures in accordance with

19 the existing authority of physicians. The Department of Health (DOH) drafted changes to the regulations

20 that govern the POLST program to conform with this new legislation. According to AS 13.52.065, any

21 regulations related to DNR protocols must be approved by the State Medical Board. The DOH requested

22 the Medical Board to approve the regulation changes related to POLST as drafted and presented to the

23 board, to be compliant with state law.

24 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**

25 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved the Department of Health's draft**

26 **regulation changes to 7 AAC 16.010 related to Do-Not-Resuscitate Protocol and Identification**

27 **as publicly noticed on November 7, 2023.**

28 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Paulson,

29 Dr. Wein, and Mr. Wilson.

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- 31 • **Support for HB 314/SB 225**

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33 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**

34 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board agreed to support House Bill 314 and Senate Bill 225**

35 **related to Occupational Licensing Fees, and to direct the Executive Administrator to work with**

36 **the Chair to draft and submit letters of support to the bills' respective committees of referral.**

37 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Paulson,

38 Dr. Wein, and Mr. Wilson.

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40 **15. Break** – the board went off the record for a break at 2:20 pm and returned on the record at 2:29

41 p.m.

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43 **16. Malpractice Case Reviews**

44 The Chair recommended that the Board enter executive session.

45 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**

1 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS**
2 **44.62.310 (c)(3), and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, with board staff**
3 **remaining in the session, for the purpose of discussing malpractice cases involving the**
4 **following practitioners:**

- 5
- 6 1. Byron Spencer, MD
- 7 2. Corinna Muller, DO
- 8 3. Edward Perry Jr, MD
- 9 4. Justin Pham, MD
- 10 5. Kimberly Schumacher, DO
- 11 6. Madu Prasad, MD

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

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16 The Board went off the record and entered executive session at 2:32 p.m. The Board returned on the
17 record at 3:16 p.m.

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19 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Sarah Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
20 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board decided to take no further action with respect to**
21 **malpractice cases involving the following physicians:**

- 22 1. Corrinna Muller, DO
- 23 2. Edward Perry Jr., MD

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

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28 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Sarah Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
29 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board decided to request the Executive Administrator draft**
30 **a non-disciplinary advisory letter for the following physicians pertaining to their involvement**
31 **in the reviewed malpractice cases:**

- 32
- 33 1. Byron Spencer, MD
- 34 2. Kimberly Schumacher, DO
- 35 3. Justin Pham, MD

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

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40 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Sarah Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
41 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board decided to refer the malpractice case involving Dr.**
42 **Madu Prasad to the Investigations Unit for the purpose of gathering additional information.**

43
44 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Paulson,
45 Dr. Wein, and Mr. Wilson.

1 **17. Applicant Review / License Approvals**

2 **Full Board Review**

3 Chair Wein recommended that the board enter into executive session.

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5 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
6 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS**
7 **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of**
8 **discussing licensing applications, with Board staff remaining during the session.**
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10 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr.
11 Paulson, Dr. Wein, and Mr. Wilson.

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13 The Board entered executive session at 3:22 p.m. The Board returned on the record at 3:55 p.m.

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15 Chair Wein stated that the disposition for the applications reviewed during the executive session
16 will be addressed in the forthcoming motions.

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18 Ms. Bigelow Hood confirmed no concerns regard the list of physician assistant applicants she
19 reviewed.

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21 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
22 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved the following list of physician assistants for**
23 **full licensure.**
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25 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Freeman, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Paulson,
26 Dr. Wein, and Mr. Wilson.
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	Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
1.	PA	Katherine	Alexander
2.	PA	Andrew	Ashford
3.	PA	Andrew	Ashton
4.	PA	David	Auer
5.	PA	Douglas	Bartel
6.	PA	Lauren	Bentley
7.	PA	Alice	Berg
8.	PA	Pooja	Bhattacharyya
9.	PA	Anton	Clark
10.	PA	David	Durkee
11.	PA	Erin	Eisses
12.	PA	Sadyk	Fayzulayev
13.	PA	Gibson	Gamel
14.	PA	Margaret	Glissmeyer
15.	PA	Katarina	Godin
16.	PA	Laila	Habib
17.	PA	Floresita	Hernandez

	Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
31.	PA	Julian	Saavedra
32.	PA	James	Schmid
33.	PA	Alla	Shabtai
34.	PA	Narda	Sherman
35.	PA	Elizabeth	Snedeker
36.	PA	Mark	Steinhauser
37.	PA	Erin	Storck
38.	PA	Tevin	Trinh
39.	PA	Eva	Vaaia
40.	PA	Caitlin	Ward
41.	PA	London	Wodfolk
42.	PA	Lauren	Younger
43.	PA	Bradley	Youngers
44.	PA	Grace	Zimmerman

18.	PA	Casey	Hill				
19.	PA	Stefana	Iacob-Townsend				
20.	PA	Daniel	Knudsen				
21.	PA	Jessica	Lachowicz				
22.	PA	Stephen	Meyer				
23.	PA	Keith	McCormick				
24.	PA	Brigid	Morgan				
25.	PA	Brianne	Newman				
26.	PA	Adetunji	Oshun				
27.	PA	Michael	Parente				
28.	PA	Adam	Richins				
29.	PA	William	Roberts				
30.	PA	Douglas	Russell				

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Dr. Barnes confirmed no concerns regarding the list of osteopathic physician applications he reviewed.

On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved the following list of osteopathic physicians for full licensure.

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

	Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
1.	DO	Jarrett	Burns
2.	DO	Chelsea	Eisenberg
3.	DO	Genevieve	Jacobs
4.	DO	Richard	Kim
5.	DO	Alicia	King
6.	DO	Douglas	Lucas
7.	DO	Olga	Mejia
8.	DO	Phillip	Mele
9.	DO	Hailey	Sibbett
10.	DO	Kevin	Sigley
11.	DO	Ted	Spiewak
12.	DO	James	Teet
13.	DO	Michael	Vrablik

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When queried about the applications for allopathic physicians they reviewed, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Paulson, and Dr. Wein cited no concerns. Dr. Freeman requested to postpone the decision for licensure for Dr. Ashley Gibbs and Dr. Taichi Imamura until the next board meeting.

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On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved the following list of allopathic physicians for full licensure.

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

	Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
1.	MD	August	Adams
2.	MD	Justin	Allen
3.	MD	Anubhav	Amin
4.	MD	Rida	Ashraf
5.	MD	Kate	Backstrum
6.	MD	Bruce	Barton
7.	MD	Chetan	Bharel
8.	MD	Jonathan	Breslau
9.	MD	Josiah	Brown
10.	MD	Charles	Buess
11.	MD	Yamil	Cardel
12.	MD	Michael	Chang
13.	MD	Tara	Chang
14.	MD	Louisa	Chatroux
15.	MD	Nak	Chhiv
16.	MD	Kyle	Chong
17.	MD	Michael	Clarke
18.	MD	Lee	Cranmer
19.	MD	Brad	Dolinsky
20.	MD	Francis	Downey
21.	MD	Ajeet	Dube
22.	MD	Cindy	Duke
23.	MD	Kyler	Dykes
24.	MD	David	Eilender
25.	MD	Christopher	Gammarano
26.	MD	Manisha	Ghimire
27.	MD	Reza	Ghomi
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29.	MD	Thomas	Gill
30.	MD	Lauren	Gunderman
31.	MD	Feras	Hamdan
32.	MD	John	Hawrot
33.	MD	David	Helton
34.	MD	Alisa	Hideg
35.	MD	Amber	Hill
71.	MD	Melven	Omodon

	Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
36.	MD	Andrew	Hoene
37.	MD	Mary	Horner
38.	MD	Melissa	Hummelke
39.	MD	Aizaz	Hundal
40.	MD	Benjamin	Huntley
41.	MD	Jazmine	Irish
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43.	MD	Luke	Johnson
44.	MD	Vasanth	Kainkaryam
45.	MD	Suman	Kaza
46.	MD	Mohammad	Khaledy
47.	MD	Nicholaos	Kehagias
48.	MD	Teri	Kim
49.	MD	Taras	Kindrat
50.	MD	Predrag	Latkovich
51.	MD	Daniel	Lazar
52.	MD	Gigi	Lefebvre
53.	MD	Sharon	Lee
54.	MD	Max	Levitt
55.	MD	Susan	Little-Jones
56.	MD	Iris	Liou
57.	MD	Laily	Mahoozi
58.	MD	Katsiaryna	Malykhina
59.	MD	Mark	Mauriello
60.	MD	Harveshp	Mogal
61.	MD	Jeffrey	Mudrick
62.	MD	Stephen	Meyers
63.	MD	Leah	Morelli
64.	MD	Imaad	Nasir
65.	MD	Hridayesh	Nat
66.	MD	Mohammad	Nawabi
67.	MD	Audrey	Newell
68.	MD	Chinedu	Ngwudike
69.	MD	David	Nordin
70.	MD	Augustine	O'Malley
110.	MD	Richard	Veyna

1 **20. Closing Business/Adjourn**

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3 Chair Wein thanked the Board Members for their time and participation in the meeting. Both Dr.
4 Freeman and Dr. Wein announced that they will not seek reappointments to the board. Their terms of
5 services will expire on March 1, 2024.

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7 The next quarterly meeting date is scheduled for May 3, 2024, in Anchorage.

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9 The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 4:13 p.m.

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