

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 Thursday July 18, 2024
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9 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a special meeting of
10 the Alaska State Medical Board was held Thursday, July 18, 2024.
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12 **1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

13 The meeting was called to order by Chair Nimmo at 3:58 p.m.
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15 **Roll Call**

16 Board members present:

17 Eric Nimmo, MD, Chair
18 David Barnes, DO
19 Sarah Bigelow-Hood, Vice-Chair
20 Matt Heilala, DPM
21 Lydia Mielke, Public Member (Secretary)
22 Brent Taylor, MD
23 David Wilson, Public Member

24 Absent: David Paulson, MD
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26 State employees present:

27 Natalie Norberg, Executive Administrator and Jason Kaeser, Licensing Supervisor
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29 **2. Review / Approval of Agenda**
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31 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke and seconded by Dr. Heilala, the Alaska State Medical**
32 **Board approved by roll call vote the agenda as presented.**
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34 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood , Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Taylor,
35 and Mr. Wilson

36 Absent: Dr. Paulson
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38 **3. Applicant Review / Board Interviews**

39 • **Arif Chowdhury, MD**

40 Dr. Chowdhury introduced himself and requested to go into executive session for his interview.
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42 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow-Hood, and approved by a roll**
43 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered executive session under AS 44.62.310(c)(2),**
44 **and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions for the purpose of discussing Dr.**
45 **Chowdhury's application for licensure with Board staff remaining in the session**
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47 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood , Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Taylor,
48 and Mr. Wilson

49 Absent: Dr. Paulson
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1 The Board entered executive session at 4:11 p.m. The Board exited executive session at 4:18 p.m.

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3 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll**
4 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved Arif Chowdhury, MD a full license.**

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6 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Taylor
7 and Mr. Wilson

8 Absent: Dr. Paulson
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10 • **Kleber Fertrin, MD**

11 Dr. Fertrin was a no-show for his interview.
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13 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow-Hood and approved by roll**
14 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS**
15 **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of**
16 **discussing Dr. Kleber Fertrin’s application for licensure, with Board staff remaining during the**
17 **session.**

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19 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Taylor
20 and Mr. Wilson

21 Absent: Dr. Paulson
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23 The board entered executive session at 4:40 p.m. The board returned on the record at 4:57 p.m.
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25 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll**
26 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board tabled a decision to grant Kleber Fertrin, MD a**
27 **license.**

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29 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Taylor
30 and Mr. Wilson

31 Absent: Dr. Paulson
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33 **4. Regulation Project Update**

34 Chair Nimmo invited Ms. Norberg to introduce this topic. It was explained that the draft regulations
35 went out for public comment. Comments received were compiled for the board’s review to
36 contemplate prior to a final vote on the changes. Chair Nimmo read the public comments outload to
37 the board.
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39 **In considering all public comments received and costs to private persons, on a motion duly**
40 **made by Ms. Mielke and seconded by Ms. Bigelow-Hood, the Alaska State Medical Board**
41 **adopted the proposed regulations for file number 2024200012 pertaining to the elimination of**
42 **redundant requirements for licensure for physicians to streamline and expedite the licensure**
43 **process as proposed and publicly noticed.**

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45 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Taylor
46 and Mr. Wilson

47 Absent: Dr. Paulson
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49 **5. Ratification / Discussion of physician participants for PA Work Group**

1 Chair Nimmo explained that prior to today’s meeting the statements received from physicians
2 interested in serving on the Physician Assistant Regulation Change Work Group were compiled and
3 provided to board members, who were then asked to each select their top two choices to serve on the
4 work group through an electronic survey process. The results of this survey were presented. The
5 physicians with the most votes included doctors Daniel Reynolds and Jonathan Barnes.

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7 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll**
8 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved physicians Daniel Reynolds and Jonathan**
9 **Barnes to serve on the Physician Assistant Regulation Change Work Group.**

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11 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Taylor
12 and Mr. Wilson

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Absent: Dr. Paulson

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15 **6. Wrap up / Adjourn**

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17 The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 4:59 p.m.

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