

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

**STATE MEDICAL BOARD**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**October 27-28, 2011**

By authority of AS 08.01.070 (2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a regularly scheduled meeting of the Alaska State Medical Board was held on Thursday and Friday, October 27-28, 2011, in Anchorage, Alaska.

**Thursday, October 27, 2011**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Jean Tsigonis, Chair, at 9:02 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Board members present:

Jean M. Tsigonis, MD, Chair	David A. Miller, MD
John S. Cullen, MD	David J. Powers, MD
Edward A. Hall, Physician Assistant	William W. Resinger, MD
Kathleen Millar, Public Member	Michael J. Tauriainen, Public Member

Board staff present:

Debora Stovern, Executive Administrator  
Michelle Johnston, Licensing Examiner

Visitors present:

Jim Lipinski, Alaska Academy of Physician Assistants

**Agenda Item 1      Review Agenda**

The Board reviewed and accepted the agenda as presented.

**Agenda Item 2      Board Business**

**Announcements**

It was noted that the public member seat held by Mr. Tauriainen and the physician member seat held by Dr. Tsigonis will be expiring in March 2012 and are not eligible for reappointment. In addition, the physician member seats held by Drs. Cullen, Miller, and Powers will be expiring in March 2012 and they are eligible for reappointment. Dr. Cullen reported that he will not seek reappointment due his busy schedule. Ms. Stovern will notify Boards and Commission that Drs. Miller and Powers are interested reappointment to the Board.

Ms. Stovern reported that the Juneau office is now fully staffed with Licensing Examiners Michelle Johnston and DJ Kyser.

Ethics Reporting

There were no ethics conflicts to report.

**Agenda Item 3 Board Actions**

In the Matter of Case No. 2011-000222

The Board reviewed a proposed agreement from an investigation of a licensee's nondisclosure of disciplinary action on a renewal application. The agreement included an imposition of civil fine of \$1,000.

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Tauriainen, seconded by Dr. Cullen, and approved unanimously, it was:**

**RESOLVED to enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing investigative matters.**

The Board entered executive session at 9:10 a.m.; staff remained for the session.  
The Board went back on the record at 9:16 a.m.

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Dr. Powers, and approved by roll call vote, it was:**

**RESOLVED to adopt the imposition of civil fine, Case No. 2011-000222, signed by Karl E. Richey, MD.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Dr. Cullen – Yea  
Mr. Hall – Yea  
Ms. Millar – Yea  
Dr. Miller - Yea  
Dr. Powers – Yea  
Dr. Resinger – Yea  
Mr. Tauriainen – No  
Dr. Tsigonis – Yea**

The adoption order was signed by the Chair.

**Agenda Item 4 Investigative Unit**

Investigative Report

Investigative staff Susan Winton and David Newman joined the meeting to review the investigative report provided to the Board. The report included 16 open medical cases, 14 closed medical cases, 2 open PA cases, 3 closed PA cases, and 5 license actions. Senior Investigator Winton noted that they have since closed one medical case and are in the process of resolving 4 other medical cases.

The Board discussed public confusion regarding the investigative process. Ms. Winton confirmed that investigators are very specific when communicating with a licensee about the status of an inquiry. Written notice is provided at each step, clarifying whether it is an inquiry, complaint, or investigation, and when it becomes a matter that requires disclosure or reporting.

The Board also discussed the procedures for reporting to national entities. Ms. Winton stated that the reports are made by Investigative staff at the direction of Senior Investigators. The Board directed Ms. Stovern to track Board actions to confirm that appropriate reports are made and that the language accurately reflects the action.

Ms. Winton distributed a report of Investigative performance measures and accomplishments for Board review. She explained that this Report included Investigation Policies and Procedures and case management review protocols which have been in place since January and addresses several deficiencies noted in the recent audit; the audit period was from 2005 to December 2010. She also noted that several other Alaska State Boards have begun implementing civil fines for technical violations, following the example of the State Medical Board.

#### Probation Monitoring Report

At their October meeting, the Board typically conducts in-person interviews with licensees on probation. The Chair reviewed the probation compliance list provided by the Investigative Unit prior to the meeting and determined that, since they are in compliance and practicing under proper supervision, it was not necessary to conduct interviews at this time. The Board reviewed the compliance list and directed Ms. Stovern to notify those licensees that the interview will not be required at this time.

Mr. Tauriainen was concerned about a general provision in probationary agreements regarding the effect of vacation time on the length of probation. Ms. Winton stated that each agreement is negotiated in consultation with a reviewing Board member and all of the provisions are specific to the individual case. In addition, when adopting an agreement, the Board has the discretion to modify any of the provisions.

### Agenda Item 5      Review Special Legislative Audits

#### Medical Board Audit – Tab E

The Board reviewed the Special Report on the Alaska State Medical Board that was provided by the Division of Legislative Audit at the request of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee. The audit was conducted to determine whether Board disciplinary sanctions are applied consistently and reported properly, and whether the Board executive administrator reasonably initiates a license complaint for renewal application issues. The report made the following determinations:

- Complaints are not processed in a timely, efficient and effective manner; it is recommended that the Division implement procedures to address investigative workload, oversight, timelines, and database improvements.
- Disciplinary sanctions are consistently applied by the Board.
- Disciplinary actions are not reported in accordance with state and federal laws; it is recommended the Division implement procedures to ensure proper reporting.
- Disciplinary sanctions and reporting to the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) are now similar to other states.

- Complaints initiated by the executive administrator regarding renewal application issues are reasonable.

Ms. Stovern noted that FSMB is in the process of clarifying their reporting requirements because different states have interpreted and implemented them differently. Once that is completed, the Board may wish to review their reporting requirements.

#### Division Audit – Tab F

The Board reviewed the Special Report on select occupational licensing and enforcement issues that was provided by the Division of Legislative Audit at the request of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee. The audit was conducted to determine whether the Division made appropriate adjustments to licensing fees, whether employee time was properly recorded, and to assess whether unlicensed activity was enforced in accordance with statutes. The report made the following determinations:

- The Division did not make appropriate fee adjustments resulting from fee analysis; it is recommended the Division implement reliable fee analysis methodology based on accurate data, and ensure that licensing fees are adjusted in accordance with state laws.
- Personal services time was accurately recorded for licensing and enforcement employees
- Weaknesses exist in the Division's methods for allocating indirect costs and tracking direct costs; it is recommended that the Division correct these deficiencies and implement appropriate and accurate cost accounting measures.
- A member of one of the Division Boards did not publicly disclose a potential conflict of interest; this confidential issue was addressed separately.
- Complete an accurate data was not available to assess enforcement of unlicensed activity cases; it is recommended that the Division immediately address deficiencies in the investigations case management system.

Ms. Stovern reported that the Division is taking steps to implement the recommendations in the report.

#### Recess for lunch

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:43 a.m.

The Board resumed the meeting at 1:02 p.m. All attending Board members and staff were present.

#### Agenda Item 6 Malpractice Case Review

The Board reviewed the following malpractice reports: Case Number 3AN-10-5380-CI, 3AN-08-10769-CI, 3AN-09-7945-CI, 05-C-665, and 1JU-09-550-CI.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Cullen, seconded by Mr. Tauriainen, and approved unanimously, it was:**

**RESOLVED to accept the malpractice reports with no further action.**

**Agenda Item 7 Full Board Interviews**

**John Stam, MD – Tab G**

Dr. Stam was present to discuss his license application with the board.

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Tauriainen, seconded by Dr. Cullen, and approved unanimously, it was:**

**RESOLVED to enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing the application of Dr. Stam.**

The Board entered executive session at 1:55 p.m.; staff remained for the session.  
The Board went back on the record at 2:00 p.m.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Tauriainen, and approved by roll call vote, it was:**

**RESOLVED to grant an unrestricted license to John Stam, MD.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Dr. Cullen – Yea  
Mr. Hall – Yea  
Ms. Millar – Yea  
Dr. Miller – Yea  
Dr. Powers – Yea  
Dr. Resinger – Yea  
Mr. Tauriainen – Yea  
Dr. Tsigonis – Yea**

**Jorge Castro-Alvear, MD – Tab H**

Dr. Castro-Alvear was unable to attend due to travel difficulties. He had requested that the Board consider his application without an in-person interview and provided additional information for Board review.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Miller, seconded by Dr. Resinger, and approved unanimously, it was:**

**RESOLVED to enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing the application of Dr. Castro-Alvear.**

The Board entered executive session at 2:04 p.m.; staff remained for the session.  
The Board went back on the record at 2:07 p.m.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Cullen, seconded by Dr. Miller, and approved by roll call vote, it was:**

**RESOLVED to grant an unrestricted license to Jorge Castro-Alvear, MD.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Dr. Cullen – Yea**  
**Mr. Hall – Yea**  
**Ms. Millar – Yea**  
**Dr. Miller - Yea**  
**Dr. Powers – Yea**  
**Dr. Resinger – Yea**  
**Mr. Tauriainen – Yea**  
**Dr. Tsigonis – Yea**

**Nathan Rasmussen, MD – Tab I**

Dr. Rasmussen was present to discuss his license application with the board. He declined the opportunity to enter into executive session to discuss his application. The Board requested further explanation of the “yes” answers on his application regarding a previous conviction and academic probation. He explained that he had pled no contest to a misdemeanor O.W.I. charge. This was his first and only such issue, which he deeply regrets, and has undergone a voluntary evaluation which indicated no dependency problem. He also explained his academic probation during his residency program, which was related to administrative requirements not to patient care.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Miller, seconded by Dr. Cullen, and approved by roll call vote, it was:**

**RESOLVED to grant an unrestricted license to Nathan Rasmussen, MD.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Dr. Cullen – Yea**  
**Mr. Hall – Yea**  
**Ms. Millar – Absent**  
**Dr. Miller - Yea**  
**Dr. Powers – Yea**  
**Dr. Resinger – Yea**  
**Mr. Tauriainen – Yea**  
**Dr. Tsigonis – Recused**

Ms. Millar stepped out of the room during this agenda item. Dr. Tsigonis recused herself from the vote because she worked in the same office as the applicant.

**Board interviews**

The Board discussed the criteria for full Board interviews, which are required when an application includes a “yes” answer that needs further explanation or understanding. It was noted that when an applicant documents depression or other issues that are resolved or managed with medication, the resulting interview merely serves to advise the applicant to maintain appropriate professional and personal support systems and to take care when considering practice in remote areas. They determined that if the reviewing Board member feels the applicant’s explanation and letter from the treating physician is adequate, a letter from the Board may substitute for an in-person interview. Ms. Stovern will work with Dr. Tsigonis to draft an appropriate letter.

**Agenda Item      Division Update**

Division Director Don Habeger joined the meeting to discuss the Legislative audits and other Division issues. His mission is for timely, efficient, and accurate Division processes. He reported that the audit revealed an issue with cost allocation where professional licensing programs had been charged with business and corporate licensing costs; that has been corrected. He also reported that he is reviewing the Division accounting practices to ensure that each program is absorbing all of their costs and no more. He has instructed the new Division Administrative Officer to begin reporting more detail in the expenditure reports provided for Board review. He announced that the Division has a program coordinator who is conducting staff training.

Mr. Habeger also addressed the investigative issues in both audit reports, including investigative efficiencies, timelines, and database improvements.

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Tauriainen, seconded by Dr. Cullen, and approved unanimously, it was:**

**RESOLVED to enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing confidential government and financial matters.**

The Board entered executive session at 2:15 p.m.; staff remained for the session.  
The Board went back on the record at 2:34 p.m.

**Agenda Item 8      Regulations Projects**

Ms. Stovern reported that there were no regulations proposals for Board consideration. She and Mr. Hall are working on the following “housekeeping” regulations projects, which will be presented for Board consideration when complete:

- In accordance with Professional Regulation 12 AAC 40.350, mobile intensive care paramedics are required to complete 60 classroom or clinical hours of continuing medical education in order to qualify for license renewal. The board was interested in considering allowing some of those hours to be completed by internet, correspondence, or other distance education.
- In accordance with Professional Regulation 12 AAC 40.400, a physician assistant must have a current certification issued by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA), and one of the requirements to qualify for licensure is to submit a “certified copy” of the certification. The Board was interested in changing the requirement to a “verification” of the certification. They also discussed the assessment process for physician assistants and were interested in changing that process.
- In accordance with Professional Regulation 12 AAC 40.967(10), patient medical records must be maintained “for at least seven years from the date of creation of the record.” The Board determined to clarify the requirement by changing it to read “for at least seven years from the date of the last entry.”

- The Board previously reviewed a letter from the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) regarding the Alaska eligibility requirements and attempt limits for the USMLE examination. They tabled the discussion, pending further research.

### **Agenda Item 11 Correspondence**

#### **Alaska Health Workforce Coalition**

The Board reviewed the statewide workforce plan that was presented to the Alaska Healthcare Commission at their October meeting. The Commission was established to provide recommendations and strategic planning to address the quality, accessibility and availability of health care in the State of Alaska. The Alaska Health Workforce Coalition is a partnership of public and private healthcare organizations with the related objective of correcting the shortage of health care practitioners in the State of Alaska.

Ms. Stovern reported that she and other Division staff had contributed information and data for the workforce plan. She also reported that she had participated as a speaker at the fall conference of the Alaska Primary Care Association (one of the coalition partners). The Board supports continued outreach efforts and sharing of information and common concerns.

#### **National Association of Boards of Pharmacy**

The Board reviewed the results of a survey conducted by the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy regarding regulation of physician dispensing in various states. The Board noted that it was not particularly relevant to the State of Alaska, as physician dispensing falls under the jurisdiction of the State Medical Board, which allows broad discretion for prescriptive authority by physicians.

#### **Legislative Inquiry regarding Public Citizen Report**

The Board reviewed a copy of the response provided by Ms. Stovern to two legislative offices who had inquired about the allegations in the Public Citizen report published in March 2011. The main premise of the report was that State Medical Boards were not investigating and disciplining physicians who had their hospital privileges restricted or revoked. Ms. Stovern noted that the report conclusions were arbitrary and incomplete. She also reported that, when contacted by a represented from Public Citizen regarding the allegations, she directed them to file a formal complaint if they had specific information regarding misconduct by a physician licensed in the State of Alaska.

### **Agenda Item 12 FSMB Updates**

Ms. Stovern distributed the published “Highlights” from the recent Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) board of directors meeting. The Board discussed the item regarding challenges to State-based medical licensure. Ms. Stovern reported that there has been a recent push for a national medical license, based on publicity by Public Citizen and small telemedicine groups representing (particularly radiologists). The FSMB intends to oppose such efforts based on State rights to regulate their own citizens and the belief that federal regulation is ineffective.

#### Administrators in Medicine (AIM) updates

Ms. Stovern reported on her attendance at the recent AIM meeting. Topics of the meeting included license portability, license application attestation statements, update from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA), certification program for Board Executives, reporting of state data and board activity, physician reports, investigation statistics, and a state of the States roundtable discussion.

Ms. Stovern noted that the FSMB Uniform Application is an online application process, and that there is federal grant funding to offset some of the costs of implementation. The Board determined that this would be beneficial, and would further their goal of increasing e-commerce. They directed Ms. Stovern to pursue implementation of the Uniform Application.

#### Draft report on re-entry to practice

The Board reviewed the draft report from the Special Committee on Re-entry to Practice. The report includes some recommendations and suggested rules. The FSMB continues to research the impact on knowledge and skills when a physician takes a temporary leave from practice.

#### SPEX and USMLE exams

The FSMB is offering one member of each board the opportunity to take the SPEX exam at no charge. The Board determined that it would be beneficial to learn if the SPEX is a useful tool for assessing clinical knowledge for physicians reentering practice after a disciplinary leave. Dr. Powers volunteered to take the exam and report back to the Board.

The Board reviewed the FSMB update regarding proposed changes to the USMLE examination, which is required by the State of Alaska for licensure by examination. The FSMB is requesting feedback before announcing recommendations.

#### Call for nominations

The Board reviewed the FSMB Nominating Committee request for candidates for elective office; elections will be held during the annual meeting on April 28, 2012. Ms. Millar reported on her experience in running for an elected position during the 2011 meeting. It was noted that the FSMB is very representative of state's issues and the meetings are well attended and informative.

Mr. Hall volunteered to attend the 2012 FSMB annual meeting with Ms. Stovern. It was noted that would be beneficial for him, as he will be moving into the position of Board president when Dr. Tsigonis ends her term.

#### E-news reports

Recent e-mailed news items from FSMB were included in the board packet for further review. Some members are already receiving them; Ms. Stovern will provide the reports to those who request them.

### **Agenda Item 13 Administrative Business**

#### Reports

The Board's Financial Report, prepared by the Division Administrative Officer, was included in the Board packet for further review. The State Medical Board appears to be financially sound, and continues to carry a surplus during the current biennial licensing cycle.

### Review Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of July 28-29, 2011 meeting and made a minor edit.

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Dr. Resinger, and approved unanimously, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the meeting minutes, as amended.**

The Chair signed the approved minutes.

### Meeting Scheduling

The Board confirmed the schedule for upcoming meetings:

- January 26-27, 2012 in Anchorage
- May 17-18, 2012 in Petersburg
- July 26-27, 2012 in Soldotna
- October 25-26, 2012 in Fairbanks

### Agenda Item      Public Comment Forum

There were no members of the public present to speak with the board.

### Agenda Item      New Business

#### Consent Agreement language

Investigative staff Susan Winton and David Newman joined the meeting to follow up on the discussion regarding the provision in probationary agreements regarding the effect of vacation time on the length of probation. Ms. Winton provided a copy of the standard language and reiterated that each agreement is negotiated after consulting with a reviewing Board member and all of the provisions are specific to the individual case. In addition, when adopting an agreement, the Board has the discretion to modify any of the provisions.

#### Grievance Committees

Ms. Stovern reported that some states refer certain complaints to their local association's grievance committee, if the complaint is regarding issues not under Board jurisdiction. It was noted that the Alaska State Medical Association does have a grievance committee to mediate complaints. Ms. Winton suggested that other states have regulations regarding such referrals and clearly identify the role of the association. However, she does make referrals to other agencies, as appropriate, when there is no jurisdiction over the matter.

#### Board staffing needs

The Board discussed concern with the licensing process in light of the issues identified in the Legislative Audit reports, the Workforce Coalition report, and Board administrative needs. They determined that it is imperative to attract and retain competent staff, to maintain adequate administrative support, to provide comprehensive training for staff, and to compensate staff appropriately. The Board Financial Report confirms that there are resources to realize these needs, as follows:

1. Increase the level of compensation for the Executive Administrator to equal that which her colleagues are getting in similar roles for the State of Alaska.

2. Increase the level of compensation for the License Examiners in order to compensate them adequately for the important job they do. This would hopefully decrease the turnover rate of those employees.
3. Increase the Office Assistant to a fulltime position, dedicated solely to the Medical Board, in order to provide adequate support for the Licensing Examiners and allow them to focus on processing of applications and responding to inquiries.
4. Use temporary employees during the peak season of renewals to speed up the process and minimize the impact on normal application processes.

The Board discussed the appropriate channels for accomplishing these changes, including approaching the Division, the Department, the Governor's Office, or the Legislature. They determined to first contact the Division. Dr. Cullen and Mr. Hall will work with Dr. Tsigonis to write a letter outlining these needs to the Division Director on behalf of the Board.

The meeting was recessed at 3:46 p.m.

### **Friday, October 28, 2011**

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

#### **Roll Call**

Board members present:

Jean M. Tsigonis, MD, Chair	David A. Miller, MD
John S. Cullen, MD	David J. Powers, MD
Edward A. Hall, Physician Assistant	William W. Resinger, MD
Kathleen Millar, Public Member	Michael J. Tauriainen, Public Member

Board staff present:

Debora Stovern, Executive Administrator  
Michelle Johnston, Licensing Examiner

#### **Agenda Item 9 Full Board Interviews**

##### **Jan Marie Rosnow, MD – Tab J**

Dr. Rosnow was present to discuss her license application with the board. The Board requested further explanation of the "yes" answer on her application regarding the reprimand from the California Medical Board. She explained the circumstances regarding the case and noted that her dismissal from the malpractice suit was imminent.

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Cullen, seconded by Mr. Tauriainen, and approved unanimously, it was:**

**RESOLVED to enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) for the purpose of discussing the application of Dr. Rosnow.**

The Board entered executive session at 9:10 a.m.; staff remained for the session.  
The Board went back on the record at 9:18 a.m.

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Tauriainen, seconded by Dr. Miller, and approved by roll call vote, it was:**

**RESOLVED to grant an unrestricted license to Jan Marie Rosnow, MD.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Dr. Cullen – Yea  
Mr. Hall – Yea  
Ms. Millar – Yea  
Dr. Miller - Yea  
Dr. Powers – Yea  
Dr. Resinger – Yea  
Mr. Tauriainen – Yea  
Dr. Tsigonis – Yea**

**Marcia Kent, MD – Tab K**

Dr. Kent was unable to attend due to travel difficulties. Her interview will be rescheduled for the January 2012 meeting.

**Agenda Item 10 License Application Review**

Board members reviewed license application files.

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Tauriainen, seconded Mr. Hall, and approved unanimously, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following physicians for licensure in Alaska:**

Janet Christine Acarregui	John Edward Davis
Michael John Acarregui	Katie Edna Dawson
Matthew Campbell Allison	Susan Jane Dean
Ursula Balthazar	John Matthew De Pasquale
Jeffrey Allan Banks	Mary Jo Drew
Michael Neboisa Bojkovic	John Wakefield Durst
Daniel Scott Bramer	Evan Ragland Farmer
Mary Kara Bucci	Francis Anthony Ferraro
Amy Christine Bukac	Purva Gopal
Steven Matthew Brogdon	David Landon Grills
Lynn Marie Budzak	Jo Lynn Hawthorne
Maria Sherry Ann Roslind	Frederick William Houts
Bihildis Nagano Caimol	Gregory Shuichi Ishimoto
Joyce Euyoung Choe	Syed Haris Zanir Kazmi
Shallon Tore Craddock	Kevin Lee Ketchum

Daniel Shinil Kim  
Richard Gede  
Leah Naomi Kiviat  
Mark Timothy Kowal  
Jerilyn Marie Latini  
Melissa Susann Lim  
Arthur Stanley Maynard III  
Abhishek Mehra  
Ashford Samuel McAllister  
Robert Allen Moore  
Alec Jay Moorman  
David Allan Mosteller  
Soheil Najibi  
Khanh Lebao Nguyen  
Thea Elisabeth Petersen  
Lucy Coles Peterson  
Eugene Scott Pretorius  
Teresa Stathas Ramerth  
Robert Ernest Quick III

Robert Wyman Sanders  
Sang-Ik Shin  
Carolina Kato Smith  
Jessica Erin Sotelo  
Christopher Ming Tai Tang  
Kristina Prapatsorn Tansavatdi  
Kenneth Clemens Thomas  
Kimberly Beth Thomas  
John Tyler Thomas  
Bryan Justin Tompkins  
Leon Robert Toye  
Nidyanandh Vadivel  
Douglas Lee Vanderbilt  
Deborah Ann Volk  
Steven A. Wagers  
Tina Bynn Wong  
Eugene Yang

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Tauriainen, seconded Mr. Hall, and approved unanimously, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following physicians for licensure in Alaska, pending completion of their application files:**

Joanne Elizabeth Gartenberg  
John Pershing Libby III

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Tauriainen, seconded Mr. Hall, and approved unanimously, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following doctors of osteopathy for licensure in Alaska:**

Deland Ray Barr  
Heidi Commons  
Galen Howard Church  
Steven Michael Foster  
Jennifer Ann Mathieu

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Tauriainen, seconded Mr. Hall, and approved unanimously, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following doctors of podiatry for licensure in Alaska, pending completion of their application files:**

Craig J. Christenson  
David Bradley Randall

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Tauriainen, seconded Mr. Hall, and approved unanimously, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following mobile intensive care paramedics for licensure in Alaska:**

Steven Louis Bauer  
Bonnie E. Callahan  
Nate W. Green  
Sarah Elaine LaGoullon  
Thomas Phillip Meyer  
Gregory Scott Nelson  
Wesley Ray Register

**Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Tauriainen, seconded Mr. Hall, and approved unanimously, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the following physician assistants for licensure in Alaska:**

Jennifer Rachel Amstader  
Michael Anthony Cirone  
Yolanda Martin Cotton  
Carrie Lynn Conley  
Jennifer Marie Davis  
Brenda Ann Delisle  
Nicolle Kahl Hendrix  
Laurie Ann Hutcherson  
Terry Dale Kinney  
Keely Egan Kopp

Evan Andrew Loomis  
Neil Anthony Nardini  
Karie Sue Pepe  
Danielle Nicole Pinckney  
Kurt Pulver  
Paul Vernal Schlaich  
Jacqueline Marie Small  
Nataliya Sundina  
William Ronald Weiss  
Ashley Tucker Westbrook

**Agenda Item      New Business**

The Board reviewed the following items of new business from the Thursday agenda:

- Board staffing needs: Dr. Tsigonis will write a letter to the Division Director on behalf of the Board. The Board noted that the stakes are higher for the State Medical Board and administrative concerns affect public safety.
- Consent Agreement language: The Board determined the “boiler plate” language is an appropriate starting point for negotiating agreements.
- Board interviews: The Board determined that a second review may be appropriate to determine that the applicant’s explanation and letter from the treating physician is adequate to forgo a full Board interview. Ms. Stovern and Dr. Tsigonis will draft an advisory letter for those applicants.

**Adjournment**

**Upon a motion duly made by Dr. Cullen, seconded by Ms. Millar, and approved unanimously, it was:**

**RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting of the Alaska State Medical Board.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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Debra Stovern, Executive Administrator  
Alaska State Medical Board

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Jean M. Tsigonis, MD, Chair  
Alaska State Medical Board

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