

1 **VOTE** 6 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson, Tauriainen)
2 0 Nay votes
3 0 Abstentions
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5 Dr. Cullen called into the meeting at 9:25 am.

7 Off the record at 9:26 am; on the record at 9:56 am.

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9 **MOTION** **STINSON** moved to approve option 4 of the proposed decision with a modification
10 to the fine amount making it \$1,000. The following changes to the language
11 would be made: page 3, section 1, to delete all text following the word "more"
12 on line 7 through the word "license" on line 12 and on page , line 13, change the
13 word "should" to "will."

14 **2nd** **HALL**
15 **VOTE** 7 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson, Tauriainen)
16 0 Nay votes
17 0 Abstentions
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19 Judge Kennedy will re-write his text with the appropriate changes as detailed in the motion and will
20 send the new document via email for the board's review.
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23 **Agenda Item 2** **In the Matter of Scott Emery, MD**
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25 **MOTION** **HALL** moved to go into executive session for the purpose of deliberating the case
26 of Scott Emery, MD.

27 **2nd** **RESINGER**
28 **VOTE** 7 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson, Tauriainen)
29 0 Nay votes
30 0 Abstentions

32 Off the record at 10:10 am; on the record at 11:18 am.
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34 **MOTION** **HALL** moved to table a decision on this matter until Ms. Thurbon returns with a new
35 document.

36 **2nd** **RESINGER**
37 **VOTE** 6 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson)
38 0 Nay votes
39 0 Abstentions
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41 Judge Thurbon confirmed that she is to go back to her office and draft new language that reflects
42 what the board's decision is and return to the board as soon as possible.
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44 Off the record at 11:21 am; on the record at 11:27 am.
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46 Mr. Tauriainen initiated a brief discussion regarding the licensing requirements and application
47 processing for doctors who come from other countries who may be experts in their field.
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50 **Agenda Item 3** **In the Matter of William M. Palmer, MD**
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52 Board members reviewed the proposed consent agreement signed by Dr. Palmer. There was a short
53 discussion regarding the "tolling" of time referenced in the agreement.
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55 **MOTION** **TAURIAINEN** moved to accept the Consent agreement with William Palmer, MD
56 that includes three years of probation and restrictions of practice at Bartlett
57 Regional Hospital.

1 2nd HALL
2 VOTE 7 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson, Tauriainen)
3 0 Nay votes
4 0 Abstentions
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7 Agenda Item 4 In the Matter of Kevin M. Tomera MD
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9 Ms. Gallant reminded the board that it removed the practice monitoring requirement at the October
10 meeting, all other parts of the agreement remain the same. At this meeting, Dr. Tomera's psychiatrist is
11 requesting that he be relieved of the requirement for psychotherapy by a psychologist. Other
12 requirements of the agreement would remain the same.
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14 **MOTION** **TAURIAINEN moved to eliminate the current requirement for psychotherapy for Dr.**
15 **Kevin Tomera with Dr. Richard Lazur.**

16 2nd **STINSON**
17 VOTE 7 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson, Tauriainen)
18 0 Nay votes
19 0 Abstentions
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22 Agenda Item 5 In the Matter of Timothy Gleason, DO
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24 At the October board meeting, Dr. Gleason requested permission from the board to have his psychiatric
25 care to be provided by a physician in Montana. He has provided that physician's CV and is requesting
26 the board approve her to be his treatment provider.
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28 **MOTION** **TAURIAINEN moved to approve the physician treatment provider submitted by Dr.**
29 **Timothy Gleason.**

30 2nd **STINSON**
31 VOTE 7 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson, Tauriainen)
32 0 Nay votes
33 0 Abstentions
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36 Agenda Item 6 Board Discussion: Use of Thyroid Medications for Weight Loss
37

38 Mr. Tauriainen pointed out that is not unusual for medicines to be used for other purposes than those for
39 which they were originally created. He asked if this falls into the same category. [Off label use]
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41 Dr. Stinson acknowledged that but noted that thyroid medications are hormones; too much or too little
42 can kill someone. Causing a disruption in a person's hormone balance is different. There is no proper
43 use of thyroid medications solely for the purpose of weight loss.
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45 Dr. Powers agreed that using thyroid medication for weight loss is not a good use of the medication.
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47 Dr. Tsigonis asked if this information could be posted on the board's website as a guideline.
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49 Ms. Gallant advised that the lawyers emphasize that those guidelines are not legal but if the board
50 wishes, they could pass a regulation against this? Is this outside the standard of care; is it a danger to
51 the public? After a brief survey, she found that Nevada specifically prohibits the use of thyroid
52 medications for weight loss; Arizona has language that prohibits the use of drugs for other than their
53 stated purpose. Oklahoma and Washington have disciplined doctors for this practice. She asked the
54 board how far they want to go with this issue (guidelines that are not enforceable versus a regulation
 that is enforceable).

1 Following extensive discussion, the board decided it would not take action at this time but if it does
2 chose to pursue regulatory language, it would have to be very specific.

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4 Off the record at 12:06 pm; on the record at 12:45 pm.

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6 Assistant attorneys general Gayle Horetski and Dan Branch were introduced to the board members
7 along with Division paralegal Karen Wilke. She gave the board a very brief overview of the various
8 legal offices and staff who work with the boards in the division.
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11 **New Agenda Item SB 70 Relating to Creation of Naturopathic Medicine Board**

12
13 Ms. Gallant distributed to the board members a copy of SB 70 that creates a sitting board and name it
14 the Alaska Naturopathic Medical Board. She asked the board to voice an opinion on the matter. She
15 emailed a copy of the document to Dr. Cullen who was attending the meeting via teleconference from
16 Valdez.
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18 Dr. Cullen pointed out that the naturopaths have been seeking expanded scope of practice for years.
19 Dr. Stinson expressed concerns about the use of the words 'minor surgery' in the bill; how is 'minor
20 surgery' defined and who is going to define it. Dr. Cullen stated that naturopaths are trying to define
21 themselves as primary care physicians. Other board members agreed. The use of the word 'medical'
22 in the name of the board will be confusing for patients.
23

24 [Messrs. Thomas Van Flein and John Winczura joined the meeting via teleconference at 1:01 pm.]

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26 The board postponed further discussion of this matter until later in the meeting.
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29 **Agenda Item 7 In the Matter of John A. J. Winczura, PA-C**

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31 Mr. Winczura has submitted two collaborative plans for the board's consideration. One plan is an
32 amendment to his existing plan with Dr. Andreassen to include Tok as a practice location. The second
33 plan is a new personal business he is starting that will operate in the Anchorage bowl. Mr. Winczura has
34 written a letter to the board [dated January 30, 2009] to address any concerns of the board.
35

36 Dr. Tsigonis noted that there was no information provided in the collaborative plan for Dr. Wahl and the
37 fees were not paid for the plan.
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39 Mr. Winczura explained he would be happy to pay the fees when the plan is approved, and that Dr.
40 Wahl was the alternate physician in the plan with Dr. Andreassen. The board should have that
41 information but he would be happy to go back and get more information from him, whatever the
42 board needs.
43

44 Dr. Tsigonis felt that the failure to pay the fees is an issue because it makes the application for the
45 collaborative plan incomplete.
46

47 Ms. Gallant asked Mr. Winczura to clarify what collaborative plans are being considered. She has a
48 plan with Dr. Andreassen as primary and Dr. Feltman as alternate with two practice locations listed,
49 Delta Junction and Tok.
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51 Mr. Winczura stated that the other plan (for Anchorage) is not to replace the Andreassen plan in Delta
52 Junction but to be in addition to that plan. Dr. Wahl has moved to Wasilla and has agreed to be the
53 alternate physician for the Anchorage bowl plan.
54

55 Ms. Gallant reported that she did not receive the second collab plan for the Anchorage practice until it
56 was faxed to her in Juneau for the meeting. That plan, for the Anchorage practice, was not included
57 in the board books for consideration.

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2 Mr. Van Flein asked that the plan for the Anchorage bowl practice be placed on the agenda for the
3 April meeting. He asked if the Delta Junction plan is considered complete so that the board can
4 approve it at this meeting. This plan is really an amendment to the original Andreassen plan and adds
5 Tok to the practice locations.

7 Dr. Tsigonis stated that the board's concern is the remote nature of Tok and the board will stand firm
8 that Tok is remote from the collaborating physician. The MOA says that he will not be working remote.
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10 Mr. Winczura stated his confusion because of language in the MOA.

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12 Dr. Tsigonis read paragraph N, page 10 of the agreement.

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14 Mr. Winczura noted that he would not be the only physician assistant at the Tok location; Jackie Barnes
15 works there full-time.

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17 Mr. Van Flein asked what is the definition of a "remote" location.

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19 Ms. Gallant replied that it is defined in regulations and Mr. Winczura recited that it is more than 30 miles
20 away from the collaborating physician.

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22 Mr. Tauriainen clarified that if there is a full-time PA in Tok, Mr. Winczura would meet that requirement in
23 the agreement.

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25 Mr. Winczura explained he thought this practice in Tok would be acceptable was because the board
26 approved his practice in Palmer at the Summit Family Practice where he worked opposite to another
27 physician assistant.

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29 Ms. Gallant found that Mr. Hall's board book was incomplete. She then itemized the documents that
30 should be in the board books for Mr. Winczura's discussion.

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32 Mr. Hall's concern is that Mr. Winczura does not seem to be focusing on the issue of remote practice. In
33 addition to that, even though it is not yet complete, he has moved forward with his new business
34 without going through the proper channels. It makes a difference to the board with what he refers to as
35 a "rational request." He agreed that the board acquiesced with his request to practice in Palmer and
36 now he comes again with another request for remote practice. He pointed out that Mr. Winczura has
37 already put an advertisement for his new business in the Internet and yet the board only this date
38 received his letter describing what he wants to do in his new business in Anchorage. The reason the
39 board is unprepared to discuss this is because they only received the letter on this date.
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41 Mr. Winczura denied that he had done any advertising for the new business.

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43 Dr. Tsigonis pointed out that in his letter, he advised that he had advertised in the *Anchorage Daily*
44 *News* and in *Craigslist* [on the Internet].

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46 Mr. Winczura advised that was to try to hire employees to start the business without him practicing.

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48 Dr. Tsigonis stated that it gives the board concerns when they see this kind of activity.

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50 Mr. Winczura did not understand why but he is trying to work with the board.

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52 Mr. Tauriainen felt that Mr. Winczura's explanation sounded like a rational approach and the board
53 should discuss its concerns regarding the Tok location.

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55 Mr. Hall asked about the supervised practice and Mr. Winczura's intent regarding supervision.

1 Mr. Winczura replied that no matter where he works, the supervisor is not in the room with him during the
2 patient visit. When he worked for Summit Family Practice, he was the only PA in the clinic at the time he
3 worked but his supervising physician had telephone contacts and weekly in person visits. He stated that
4 the Tok would be exactly the same. He pointed out that the Palmer practice was greater than 30 road
5 miles away from the supervising physician.

7 Mr. Hall pointed out that Mr. Winczura just admitted that he breeched the remote language. That is
8 part of the MOA and that is part of the board's problems with Mr. Winczura so far: he seems to interpret
9 the agreement to his benefit rather than what is in the agreement.

11 Mr. Winczura stated that he is trying to work with whatever the board wishes; the board approved the
12 collaborative plan with Dr. Lynn Hornbein, they knew the whole situation at the time. He is doing exactly
13 the same thing in Tok as he did with Summit. The difference is there is actually another PA working at
14 least part of each day. He is trying to work within the scope of what the board has given him.

16 Mr. Hall felt this is a different situation from the Summit Family Practice situation. Every time he wants to
17 breach the memorandum, it is incumbent upon him to come to the board. Instead, the board only
18 found out about the Tok practice after the fact [after he had already practiced there] and now a new
19 collaborative plan is being submitted. There are restrictions on his license that require that he has to ask
20 permission of the board.

22 Mr. Winczura stated that he has tried to do what the board wishes but this was an inadvertent mistake
23 on the part of the administrator of family medical center. He even has a letter where this is mentioned.
24 This is a mistake and he did not try to circumvent anything. He even double-checked the agreement
25 before he agreed to work in Tok. As soon as he found out, after the fact, that Tok was not on the
26 agreement, he agreed to not practice there until he got the collaborative plan amended to include
27 Tok.

29 Mr. Hall recollected that the board found out about the Tok practice and Mr. Winczura agreed to stop
30 practicing there. The investigator is the one who found it out and notified the board.

32 Mr. Winczura stated that the investigator found out because he openly told her in one of his quarterly
33 reports.

35 Dr. Tsigonis stated that the board has two issues to discuss: a new memorandum of agreement and
36 whether the memorandum of agreement has been breeched.

38 Mr. Tauiainen asked about the doctors in Tok.

40 Mr. Winczura responded that Dr. Feldman is in Tok on occasion and when he is there and working, he
41 would be a supervising physician. Dr. Andreassen would be the primary supervising physician. He did
42 not know how frequently Dr. Feldman is in Tok. He provided additional information regarding Dr.
43 Feldman, as much as he knows. He thinks Feldman is there one to three times per quarter.

45 Ms. Gallant returned to the meeting and reported on the Hornbein agreement. The only current board
46 member who was present at the meeting when the board approved the Hornbein agreement was Mr.
47 Hall. From the minutes, she reported that Dr. Hornbein came and met with the board. She read from
48 the minutes regarding the board's discussion of the remote practice aspect of the plan with Hornbein.
49 Board members discussed giving a little latitude to Mr. Winczura for this plan because Hornbein
50 practiced there a couple days a week and there were other professionals present (nurses) and other
51 staff who would always be present, that he would not be practicing alone.

53 Mr. Hall read paragraph K from the agreement with Winczura regarding giving prior written notice of
54 each change of employment and having board approval prior to changing practices.

1 Ms. Gallant noted that at the October 2008 board meeting the board discussed invoking the automatic
2 suspension clause for your 2-1/2 weeks of practice in Tok. The board decided at that meeting to
3 impose disciplinary sanctions of a civil fine and reprimand for that unauthorized practice.
4

5 Mr. Winczura stated that already agreed to appropriate penalties, but he did not see in the MOA that
6 his supervisor must be one of his collaborating physicians. The office manager/administrative supervisor
7 of both clinics is available daily along with nurses and ancillary personnel. He would not be practicing
8 by himself.
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10 Mr. Hall felt it was not the intent of the board to allow a non-physician to supervise Mr. Winczura. They
11 would have not the same motivation to supervise properly. He agreed that the MOA does not specify
12 that the supervisor must be a physician but the board has been clarifying more and more that that is
13 the intent. Subsequently written agreements are more clearly written. He is not holding Mr. Winczura
14 accountable for the vagueness of his agreement, but he thinks the board can make it clear what they
15 want to see in place.
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17 Mr. Winczura stated that his problems in the past have been related to drinking. He asked the board if,
18 with all those people in the office, wouldn't someone be able to tell if he had been drinking.
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20 Dr. Tsigonis responded that is why he is being randomly tested—because drinking can be hidden.
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22 Mr. Winczura reminded the board he has been practicing for over eight years as either a nurse or
23 physician assistant sober. There have been no complaints or issues.
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25 Dr. Tsigonis noted that the board is pleased that he has been sober but part of the issue is that he must
26 be in compliance with the memorandum of agreement. If he is not in compliance with the agreement,
27 it shows the board rebellion.
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32 **MOTION HALL moved that in accordance with the provisions of AS 44.62.310(c)(2) the**
33 **board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the new**
34 **collaborative plan and probation monitoring of John Winczura.**
35 **2nd POWERS**
36 **VOTE 7 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson, Taurialnen)**
37 **0 Nay votes**
38 **0 Abstentions**

39 Off the record at 1:52 pm; on the record at 2:26 pm.
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41 Mr. Winczura and Mr. Van Flein rejoined the meeting via teleconference.
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43 Dr. Tsigonis advised that the board spoke with Dr. Feldman in Tok. The board wants Mr. Winczura to
44 have physician supervision all the time; that is not available in Tok at this time. Dr. Feldman is only there
45 12-150 days a year. That is not sufficient for the board's purposes. Dr. Feldman did not have a copy of
46 the MOA. She advised Mr. Winczura that he must give a copy of his MOA to any collaborating
47 physician. She stated that it is the board's position that when the MOA references "supervisor" it means
48 supervising physician, not a PA or office staffer. His request for the approval of the collaborating plan to
49 get his Anchorage business started is incomplete. The board needs the fee and all the information
50 requested in the plan form. On the form, he marked that it is not a remote location but with Dr.
51 Andreassen being the collaborating physician and being in Delta Junction, checking 'no' for remote
52 practice does not work. She recommended that if he is planning to practice in Anchorage, he should
53 have an Anchorage physician. He must get permission from the board before he starts his home
54 practice business. She stated clearly to Mr. Winczura, "do not start working" before he gets permission
55 from the board.
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57 Mr. Taurialnen asked if Dr. Feldman's time in the clinic coincides with Mr. Winczura's time at the clinic,
can he then work there.

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2 Dr. Tisgonis responded that he could but his collaborative plan must be complete and Dr. Feldman must
3 have a copy of the MOA and understand his supervising role.
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5 Mr. Winczura and Mr. Van Flein agreed they understood the requirements of the board.

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7 Ms. Gallant asked if the board staff gets a statement from Dr. Feldman that he has the MOA and
8 understands his obligations as supervisor and that Mr. Winczura can only work in Tok with his direct
9 supervision, will the board give the board chair the authority to approve that practice. The board
10 members agreed to that.
11

12 Mr. Hall asked Dr. Feldman if he had ever collaborated with a PA and he said no. He asked that Mr.
13 Winczura share the PA regulations with Dr. Feldman in order to stay in compliance.
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15 Off the record at 2:35 pm; on the record at 2:42 pm.
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18 **Agenda Item 8 Request for Approval for Expanded Scope of Practice for MICP**
19

20 Dr. David Vastola was present to discuss his request with the board members to allow a paramedic
21 employed by SEARHC to work outside the usual scope of practice for paramedics.
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23 Board members discussed possible changes to the regulations governing scope of practice for
24 paramedics.
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26 Ms. Gallant urged caution in changing the regulations without doing a comprehensive review of all the
27 paramedic regulations and PA regulations and considering what unintentional consequences would
28 occur.
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30 Ms. Gallant suggested that the board add a new paragraph (e) to the scope of practice regulation
31 that would allow paramedics to work under those certain exact conditions Dr. Vastola described.
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33 Dr. Tisgonis clarified that what was being requested was to allow paramedics to perform some non-
34 emergent tasks that would normally be performed by a nurse such as immunizations.
35

36 Ms. Gallant pointed out that one of the criteria that Dr. Vastola outlined was constant on-site
37 supervision.
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39 **MOTION STINSON moved to remove the word "nurse" from regulation 12 AAC 40.370(d)**
40 **and placing the word "or" in front of physician assistant.**

41 **2nd RESINGER**

42 **VOTE 7 Yea votes (Tisgonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson, Taurialinen)**

43 **0 Nay votes**

44 **0 Abstentions**
45

46 **MOTION CULLEN moved to approve an expanded scope of practice for Robert Omstead**
47 **with Dr. David Vastola at Alicia Roberts Medical Center.**

48 **2nd RESINGER**

49 **VOTE 7 Yea votes (Tisgonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson, Taurialinen)**

50 **0 Nay votes**

51 **0 Abstentions**
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53 Dr. Vastola will draft proposed language for a new paragraph to be added to the paramedic scope of
54 practice regulation and will send it to Ms. Gallant who will bring it back to the board.
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1 Agenda Item 2 In the Matter of Scott Emery, MD (continued)

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3 Ms. Thurbon rejoined the meeting.

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6 **MOTION HALL moved to go into executive session for the purpose of deliberating the case of Scott Emery, MD.**
7 **2nd RESINGER**
8 **VOTE 7 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson, Taurlainen)**
9 **0 Nay votes**
10 **0 Abstentions**

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12 Off the record at 3:39 pm; on the record at 4:08 pm.

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14 Mr. Taurlainen stated he feels this is a travesty of justice, that the board is tarnishing the reputation of an
15 admittedly good doctor. He feels the board has exceeded its jurisdiction in some of the conclusions
16 and implications in the proposed decision. He is disappointed in the decision and absolutely against
17 passing this decision.

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19 [The decision is attached to the minutes as exhibit A.]

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21 **MOTION STINSON moved to adopt the proposed decision in Case No. 2801-05-003 as**
22 **written.**
23 **2nd RESINGER**
24 **VOTE 6 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson)**
25 **1 Nay votes (Taurlainen)**
26 **0 Abstentions**

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28 Ms. Thurbon will return to the meeting later in the day with a clean copy of the decision.

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30 Agenda Item 9 FSMB Maintenance of Licensure Project

31
32 Board members felt that the project has both good and bad points. They discussed the re-certification
33 requirements for the various specialties. To a certain extent, the maintenance of licensure is already
34 occurring.

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36 Ms. Gallant pointed out that the maintenance of licensure project would apply to all doctors, not just
37 board certified physicians. She reported that there was a teleconference meeting of stakeholders to
38 discuss this project. The comments from some of the participants are included in the board books.
39 There is a lot of uncertainty from boards and physicians about what is being proposed and its impact on
40 boards.

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42 Dr. Resinger asked if there is an epidemic of incompetence among doctors in America or are we just
43 creating jobs for regulators and professional organizations.

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45 Ms. Gallant noted that the genesis of the project seems to have been when the National Institutes of
46 Health issued its report, *To Err is Human*. However, that report found that systems errors were basis for
47 about 90% of the medical errors studied, not competency issues on the part of the physicians. The focus
48 of the report was patient safety, not physician incompetence. It appears that the groups pushing this
49 MOL project want boards to step in and take over but they do not want any actions to be punitive.

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51 Dr. Cullen commented that the NBME had absolutely no idea that people would get upset with this
52 effort, that there would be push-back.

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54 Dr. Stinson asked if this project was intended to solve a problem that does not exist or are you solving a
55 problem in the correct way. Further, most often you are not dealing with a knowledge problem, you
56 are dealing with a judgment problem.

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2 Board members commented that their colleagues are not happy with this concept and indicated they
3 would let their board certifications lapse if pushed.
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5 The board determined it would take a 'wait and see' attitude on this matter before making a decision
6 about it.
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9 **Agenda Item 10** **FSMB Telemedicine Model Policy**

10 Board members discussed the telemedicine projects going on around the state and the implications
11 with the model policy. The board elected not to adopt the FSMB model policy.
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15 **New Agenda Item** **In the Matter of Case No. 2800-09-004**

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17 **MOTION** **HALL moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the case of**
18 **Marc Pellicciaro, MD.**
19 **2nd** **RESINGER**
20 **VOTE** **7 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson, Tauriainen)**
21 **0 Nay votes**
22 **0 Abstentions**
23

24 Mr. Tauriainen left the meeting at 4:52 pm.
25

26 **MOTION** **HALL moved to accept the surrender of license signed by Marc Pellicciaro, MD.**
27 **2nd** **RESINGER**
28 **VOTE** **6 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson)**
29 **0 Nay votes**
30 **0 Abstentions**

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33 **Friday, January 30, 2009**
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35 **Call to Order**

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37 The meeting was called to order at 9:28 am.
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39 **Roll Call**

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41 Present were: Jean M. Tsigonis, Chair William Resinger, MD
42 Edward A Hall, PA-C Lawrence W. Stinson, Jr., MD
43 David J. Powers, MD Mike Tauriainen

44 Dr. Cullen was present on the telephone from Valdez.
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46 Staff Members present were licensing examiner Linda Sherwood, Leslie Gallant, the board's executive
47 administrator, and the board's new licensing examiner, Elizabritta Bunten.
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50 **Agenda Item 11** **Proposed Changes to Medicaid Policy**

51
52 Dr. Alex Malter was present to discuss with the board proposed changes to the Medicaid
53 reimbursement policy for narcotic medications. There are some concerns there will be negative
54 reactions from patients and possibly from some doctors. The policy will impose a lower dosage cap
55 than currently exists.

1 Dr. Stinson and the other board members agreed that the proposed dosage caps are reasonable and
2 may ultimately prove to be helpful.
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5 Agenda Item 12 Full Board Interview – James C. Cooper, MD

7 **MOTION** **HALL** moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the
8 application of James C. Cooper, MD.
9 **2nd** **TAURIAINEN**
10 **VOTE** **7 Yea votes** (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson, Tauriainen)
11 **0 Nay votes**
12 **0 Abstentions**

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14 Off the record at 10:07 am; on the record at 11:17 am. Mr. Tauriainen left the meeting at 11:06 am.
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16 **MOTION** **STINSON** moved to table a decision on Dr. James C. Cooper's application until the
17 April meeting and to obtain more information from Lakenheath hospital.
18 **2nd** **HALL**
19 **VOTE** **6 Yea votes** (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson)
20 **0 Nay votes**
21 **0 Abstentions**

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23 Off the record at 11:18 am; on the record at 11:30 am.
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26 Agenda Item 14 In the Matter of Bret Mason, DO

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28 Dr. Mason was present to request the board release him from his memorandum of agreement early.
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30 **MOTION** **HALL** moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the matter
31 of Bret Mason, DO.
32 **2nd** **STINSON**
33 **VOTE** **6 Yea votes** (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson)
34 **0 Nay votes**
35 **0 Abstentions**

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37 Off the record at 11:31 am; on the record at 11:51 am.
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39 **MOTION** **STINSON** moved to grant Dr. Mason's request to be released from the terms of his
40 memorandum of agreement two months early.
41 **2nd** **HALL**
42 **VOTE** **6 Yea votes** (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson)
43 **0 Nay votes**
44 **0 Abstentions**

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47 Agenda Item 12 Full Board Interview – Rochelle A. Sohl, MD

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49 Dr. Sohl met with the board to discuss her application.
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51 **MOTION** **STINSON** moved to grant an unrestricted license to Dr. Rochelle A. Sohl.
52 **2nd** **HALL**
53 **VOTE** **6 Yea votes** (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson)
54 **0 Nay votes**
55 **0 Abstentions**

1 Agenda Item 12 Full Board Interview – Dennis Coombs, MD

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3 Dr. Coombs was present to meet with the board to discuss his application for a license.

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6 **MOTION** **HALL** moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the
7 application of Dennis Coombs, MD.
8 **2nd** **RESINGER**
9 **VOTE** **6** Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson)
10 **0** Nay votes
11 **0** Abstentions
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13 Off the record at 12:06 pm; on the record at 12:18 pm.

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15 **MOTION** **STINSON** moved to grant an unrestricted license to Dr. Dennis Coombs.
16 **2nd** **HALL**
17 **VOTE** **6** Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson)
18 **0** Nay votes
19 **0** Abstentions
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22 New Agenda Item Senate Bill 70 Regarding Naturopathy

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24 **MOTION** **HALL** moved to direct Ms. Gallant write a letter to the legislature and the governor
25 in opposition to SB 70.
26 **2nd** **POWERS**
27 **VOTE** **6** Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson)
28 **0** Nay votes
29 **0** Abstentions
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31 Agenda Item 13 Special Application Reviews

32 Jon H. Marshall, MD

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36 **MOTION** **HALL** moved to request Dr. Jon H. Marshall appear for a full board interview at the
37 April meeting to discuss his application.
38 **2nd** **RESINGER**
39 **VOTE** **6** Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson)
40 **0** Nay votes
41 **0** Abstentions
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43 Jeffrey F. Foss, MD

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45 **MOTION** **RESINGER** moved to grant an unrestricted license to Dr. Jeffrey F. Foss.
46 **2nd** **HALL**
47 **VOTE** **6** Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson)
48 **0** Nay votes
49 **0** Abstentions
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51 Deborah L. Coolidge, PA-C

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53 **MOTION** **HALL** moved to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the
54 application of Deborah L. Coolidge, PA-C.
55 **2nd** **RESINGER**
56 **VOTE** **5** Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger)
57 **0** Nay votes

1 **0 Abstentions**

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3 Ms. Coolidge was present on the telephone to discuss her application with the board.

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5 Off the record at 2:43 pm; on the record at 2:53 pm.

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7 **MOTION HALL moved to grant a license to Deborah L. Coolidge, PA-C pending receipt of**
8 **the balance of the fees.**
9 **2nd CULLEN**
10 **VOTE 5 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Resinger, Stinson)**
11 **0 Nay votes**
12 **1 Abstention (Powers)**

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14 Donald E. Sizemore, DO

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16 The board discussed Dr. Sizemore's post-graduate training history.

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18 **MOTION CULLEN moved to grant a license to Dr. Sizemore with a reprimand and civil fine of**
19 **\$1,000. If Dr. Sizemore does not agree to the sanctions, the license application is**
20 **denied for failure to disclose a disciplinary action during medical school.**
21 **2nd HALL**
22 **VOTE 6 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson)**
23 **0 Nay votes**
24 **0 Abstentions**

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27 Agenda Item Reports, Minutes, Budget, Ethics

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29 **MOTION HALL moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2008 teleconference**
30 **meeting.**
31 **2nd RESINGER**
32 **VOTE 5 Yea votes (Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson)**
33 **0 Nay votes**
34 **1 Abstentions (Tsigonis)**

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37 New Agenda Item In the Matter of Loetta Horswill Woods

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39 Dr. Stinson moved to reprimand Dr. Horswill Woods for practicing without a license but to suspend the
40 civil fine. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cullen. The motion failed by a vote of 2 yea votes (Stinson
41 and Resinger) to 4 nay votes (Powers, Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall).

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43 **MOTION CULLEN moved to approve the consent agreement but to suspend \$500 of the**
44 **civil fine.**
45 **2nd STINSON**
46 **VOTE 6 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson)**
47 **0 Nay votes**
48 **0 Abstentions**

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50 The board noted that it reduced the amount of the fine due to Dr. Horswill-Woods self-reporting to the
51 board and her positive cooperation with the board and its staff in this matter.

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54 Agenda Item Reports, Minutes, Budget, Ethics (Continued)

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56 The board members had no ethics or conflict of interest issues to report.

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MOTION HALL moved to approve the following physicians for licensure in Alaska:

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| Beaton, Thomas Patrick | Lerner, Lisa Harbury |
| Beglin, Peter Alan | McClung, Mark Richard |
| Belenky, Michael | Miller, Steven Lyle |
| Braylan, Raul Cipriano | Parden, Stephen Roy |
| Brown, Michael William | Reynolds, William Hall |
| Chaudhry, Bilal Khalid | Rust, Stephen Thomas |
| Cornelius, Christopher Scott | Samaan, Michael James |
| Delgalvis, Susan Christine | Scott, Jessica Robin |
| Dudley, James Richard | Senecal, Francis Mark |
| Englund, Brett Mathew | Steiger, Irwin Harvey |
| Fan, Karl Taungkea | Steljes, Trina Pearl |
| Fitch, Michael Jerome | Thompson, Craig Robert |
| Judd, Daniel Burke | Thompson, Steven Michael |
| Kelliher, Allison Miranda | Williams, Derek James |
| Kessler, Stanton Coleman | Wolfe, Alexis Cirilli |
| Landau-Levine, Mary Elizabeth | |

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7 **2nd**
8 **VOTE**
9 **STINSON**
10 **6 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson)**
11 **0 Nay votes**
12 **0 Abstentions**

13 **MOTION HALL moved to approve the following physicians for licensure in Alaska pending**
14 **completion of application files:**

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| Cates, Ronald Dwayne | Huang, Frank T.Y. |
| Domenzain, Mario Enrique | King, David Anthony |
| Elliott, Larry Stephen | Tice, Martin Raymond |

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18 **2nd**
19 **RESINGER**
20 **VOTE**
21 **6 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson)**
22 **0 Nay votes**
23 **0 Abstentions**

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26 **MOTION HALL moved to approve the following doctor of osteopathy for licensure in**
27 **Alaska:**

- Hess, Bruce Wayne**

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29 **2nd**
30 **RESINGER**
31 **VOTE**
32 **6 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson)**
33 **0 Nay votes**
34 **0 Abstentions**

35 **MOTION HALL moved to approve the following mobile intensive care paramedics for**
36 **licensure in Alaska:**

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| Blood, Matthew E. | Knowles, Emily Rose |
| Carson, Aleksandr S. | Smith, Amy Elizabeth |

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Dalstra, Torben Albert

Troester, Angela Renee

Fidino, Andrew James

Turner, Jennifer Ruth

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VOTE **RESINGER**
6 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson)
0 Nay votes
0 Abstentions

MOTION **HALL moved to approve the following physician assistants for licensure in Alaska:**

Burkey, Jr., Charles Elbert	Lindsey, Emily Catherine
Chaitoff, Howard Jay	Malouf, Matthew J.
Fredley, Kristin Joyce	Roberts, William David
Hickel, Candace Davis	Roylance, Michael John
Holforty, Tammy F.	Salvador, Hope McGratty
Lindquist, Kim Christine	Wetzel, Lee Ann

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VOTE **RESINGER**
6 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson)
0 Nay votes
0 Abstentions

MOTION **HALL moved to adjourn the meeting.**
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VOTE **STINSON**
6 Yea votes (Tsigonis, Cullen, Hall, Powers, Resinger, Stinson)
0 Nay votes
0 Abstentions

The meeting adjourned at 3:49 pm, Friday, January 30, 2009.

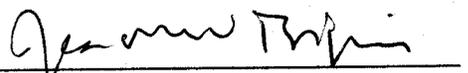
Respectfully submitted:

Approved:



Leslie A. Gallant
Executive Administrator
Alaska State Medical Board

5/19/09



Jean M. Tsigonis, MD
Chair
Alaska State Medical Board