



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery
Meeting Minutes**

January 27, 2023
9:00 a.m.

On January 27, 2023 the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery held a webinar meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alex Sobel, DO, Chair
Shannon Phipps, DO, Vice Chair
Lisa Galbraith, DO
Kim Morrisette, DO
Kevin Ware, DO
Yuri Tsurulnikov, DO
Patrice Konschuh, Public Member
Tania Hernandez, DO

STAFF PRESENT

Becky McElhiney, Program Manager
James Chaney, Executive Director
Cassandra Gerard, Administrative Assistant
Joan Simmons, Administrative Assistant
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General
Heather Cantrell, Policy Analyst
Pam Bright, Case Manager

GUEST SPEAKER:

Ashley Maxwell, Supervising Staff Attorney,
DOH
Roman Dixon, Chief Health Judge Law, DOH

GUESTS:

Amelia Boyd
Taylor Sawyer
Adriana Barcena
Shani Hue

1. Call to Order/Introductions – DISCUSSION/ACTION

Alex Sobel, Chair, called the open public meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

- 1.1 Introductions of the board and staff and audience
- 1.2 Approval of agenda

MOTION: Ms. McElhiney indicated that the agenda had been amended to add a discussion regarding osteopathic examinations for licensure, as well as to swap the order of the two presentations on hearings. A motion was made to approve the January 27, 2023 business meeting agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

1.3 Approval of December 2, 2022 business meeting minutes

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the December 2, 2022 business meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

2. Open Forum—DISCUSSION

The purpose of the open forum is to provide the public an opportunity to address the board on issues of significance to or affecting osteopathic medical practice and that are not related to topics for which a rules hearing was or will be scheduled.

No public comments were received.

3. Presentation Regarding the Hearing and Summary Suspension Processes - PRESENTATION

Ms. Maxwell, supervising staff attorney, provided a presentation regarding the hearing process and the summary suspension process.

4. Presentation from Center Facilities Risk Adjudication - PRESENTATION

Roman Dixon, Chief Health Law Judge, held a presentation of the hearing process and answered board members' questions.

5. 2023 Legislative Session – DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board discussed 2023 legislation that may impact or be of interest to osteopathic physicians.

Ms. Carter reviewed the board's role in the legislative session. Dr. Galbraith volunteered to represent the board during legislative calls. The board provided supporting comments on House Bills 1214, 1300, 1340, 1541, 1546, 1601 and Senate Bills 5098, 5173, 5185, 5227. Dr. Phipps expressed her concern with the criminalization of medicine and the political aspect of the bills.

MOTION: A motion was made to take the statements produced by Dr. Phipps as a consensus of the board regarding the bills discussed during this legislative session and to revisit at the subsequent board meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

6. Substitute Senate Bill 5496 – DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board discussed proposed rule language amendments regarding physician provider monitoring programs in response to SSB 5496.

MOTION: A motion was made to adopt the proposed rule language amendments regarding physician provider monitoring programs. The motion was seconded and passed.

7. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Annual Meeting

The board considered sending staff and board members to the May 4-6, 2023, FSMB Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve funding for all board members, staff or volunteers that would like to attend the meeting and to elect a voting delegate for the board at the subsequent meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

8. Licensure Examination – DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board discussed whether the COMLEX CS examination would be acceptable in place of the Washington Osteopathic Principles and Practices (OP&P) Examination to meet licensure training requirements.

Ms. McElhiney volunteered to contact the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) for clarification to respond to the inquiry.

9. Correspondence – DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board reviewed and discussed correspondence received since the last meeting.

No correspondence was received.

10. Program Reports – James Chaney, Executive Director; Becky McElhiney, Program Manager; Heather Carter, AAG Adviser

10.1 Rules update

10.1.1 ESSB 5229 Health Equity Continuing Education

Ms. McElhiney shared with the board CR101 has been submitted for review by policy staff.

10.1.2 Office-based anesthesia

Ms. McElhiney stated the office-based anesthesia rule is in the final stages of agency approval.

10.1.3 Recruitment

Dr. Morrisette requested an update on board recruitment. Ms. McElhiney shared the agency's current efforts and received suggestions from Dr. Sobel and Dr. Morrisette on reaching more potential candidates.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed under the consent agenda (informational items) are considered routine matters and are approved without discussion upon approval of the agenda. If separate discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular business agenda for discussion.

11.1. Quarterly FSMB Update on USMLE

Ms. McElhiney shared Quarterly FSMB Update on USMLE. This was for informational purposes only.

12. Future Business—DISCUSSION

The board discussed agenda items identified or suggested for future meetings.

- Discuss ways to build institutional knowledge of the board

- Discuss one year term limits for board chair positions
- Invite past board members to the next presentation
- Invite potential new members to future meetings
- Discuss how to retain board members as pro tems when their full board member positions expire
- Discuss how to be proactive with recruitment efforts

13. Adjournment of public meeting—ACTION 11:16 a.m.

MOTION: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m. The motion was seconded and passed.

14. Discipline, Settlement Presentations and Licensing

The board attended to licensing, disciplinary matters, and settlement and/or agreed order presentations in closed session.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky McElhiney, Program Manager

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