



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

September 13, 2024
9:00 a.m.

On September 13, 2024, the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery held a hybrid meeting at Hilton Garden Inn Renton/Seattle,

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lisa Galbraith, DO, Chair
Yuri Tsirulnikov, DO, Vice-Chair
Trice Kenschuh, Public Member
Shannon Phipps, DO,
Kristen Pomeroy, DO
Dustin Colegrove, DO
Alex Sobel, DO
Tania Hernandez, DO
Kevin Ware, DO

STAFF PRESENT

Becky McElhiney, Program Manager
James Chaney, Executive Director
Jonathan Chamrad, Program Support
Alyssa Brazil, Administrative Assistant
Marlon Basco, Policy Analyst
Pam Bright, Case Manager
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Bundy, Executive Director, Washington
Physicians Health Program
Courtney Strong, Washington Physicians
Health Program
Nadine Rosete, Washington Physicians Health
Program
Vanessa Bloy, Washington Physicians Health
Program
Hillary Norris, Washington Medical
Commission

1. Call to Order/Introductions – DISCUSSION/ACTION

Lisa Galbraith, Chair, called the open public meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

1.1. Introductions were made of board members and staff.

1.2. Approval of September 13, 2024, agenda.

AMENDMENT: Amendments to the agenda were proposed to add Dr. Galbraith as chair, remove Dr. Phipps as chair, and add Dr. Tsurulnikov as vice-chair.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the September 13, 2024, business meeting agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and passed

1.3. Approval of June 07, 2024, business meeting minutes.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the June 07, 2024, business meeting minutes as presented. 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.

Comments shared included:

- No comments were shared at this time.

3. Presentation from Washington Physicians Health Program (WPHP) – PRESENTATION

Courtney Strong, licensed mental health counselor provided the board with a WPHP presentation.

4. Rules Hearings – DISSCUSSION/ACTION

The board considered public comment and the adoption of the following proposed rules:

4.1 WAC 246-853-020, Osteopathic medicine and surgery examination

4.2 WAC 246-853-080, Continuing education

MOTION: There was a motion to approve the proposed changes to WAC 246-853-020. The motion was second and passed. The hearing was concluded at 10:09 a.m., on September 13, 2024.

MOTION: There was a motion to approve the proposed changes to WAC 246-853-080. The motion was second and passed. The hearing was concluded at 10:11 a.m., on September 13, 2024.

5. WAC 246-853-030 – Acceptable intern or residency programs – DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board discussed postgraduate training programs for osteopathic physicians. The board decided to table this item to a future meeting in order to include the Washington Osteopathic Medical Association (WOMA) in the discussion.

6. Credentialing Processes - DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board discussed investigative letters, and temporary practice permits as they relate to the osteopathic physician credentialing process. The board decided to table the temporary practice permits item to a future meeting in order to include credentialing staff in the discussion.

MOTION: A motion to remove the hospital investigate letter requirement from osteopathic physician application process. The motion was seconded and passed.

7. Frequently Asked Questions—DISCUSSION/ ACTION

The board discussed updates to the Frequently Asked Questions website for the osteopathic physicians.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the additional frequently asked questions to the osteopathic physician website as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

8. Global Collaboration to End FGM/C Networking Event —DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board considered sending board members and staff to the Global Collaboration to End FGM/C Networking Event on October 28-29, 2024, in Washington, D.C. No board members or staff expressed interest in attending in person, so no motions were made to approve travel.

9. Administrators in Medicine (AIM) Executive Workshop—DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board considered sending board members and staff to the AIM Fall Executive Workshop on November 20-22, 2024, in Phoenix, AZ.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve sending one or more staff members to the AIM 2024 Fall Workshop, in Phoenix, AZ. The motion was seconded and passed.

10. Aesthetic Procedures Interagency Workgroup—DISCUSSION

Alex Sobel, DO, reported to the board on the Aesthetic Procedures Interagency Workgroup.

11. Correspondence—DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board reviewed and discussed any correspondence received since the last meeting. This could include requests for lists and labels or any other general questions or requests.

No new correspondence was received since the last business meeting.

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

- 12.1.** Rules updates
 - 12.1.1.** Five-year rule review
 - 12.1.2.** WAC 246-853-650, Office-based Anesthesia
 - 12.1.3.** Qualified Physician
 - 12.1.4.** Opioid Prescribing
- 12.2.** FGC Advisory Committee
- 12.3.** HELMS Update
- 12.4.** Recruitment update

13. Consent Agenda

The board was provided with the most recent budget report and the most recent USMLE Quarterly Report.

14. Future Business – DISCUSSION

The board agreed to discuss defining the term “qualified physician” at a future meeting in response to current rule amendments by the Board of Optometry.

The board agreed to invite WOMA to a future meeting to continue discussions about residency programs requirements.

The board agreed to invite credentialing staff to a future meeting to continue discussions about temporary practice permits.

15. Adjournment of public meeting—ACTION

MOTION: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

16. Discipline, Settlement Presentations and Licensing

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

Next Scheduled Meeting

Date: October 25, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Hybrid Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Becky McElhiney, Program Manager

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