



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

October 25, 2024
9:00 a.m.

On October 25, 2024, the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery held a hybrid meeting at Department of Health, 111 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater, WA 98501.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Becky McElhiney, Program Manager
James Chaney, Executive Director
Jonathan Chamrad, Program Support
Alyssa Brazil, Administrative Assistant
Marlon Basco-Rodillas, Policy Analyst
Pam Bright, Case Manager
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General
Shelly Buchanan, Supervising Staff Attorney
Danielle Dooley, Credentialing Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Bundy, Executive Director, Washington
Physicians Health Program (WPHP)
Courtney Strong, WPHP
Vanessa Bloy, WPHP
Roseanne Anderson, Washington Osteopathic
Medical Association (WOMA)

1. Call to Order/Introductions – DISCUSSION/ACTION

Lisa Galbraith, Chair, called the open public meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

1.1. Introductions were made of board members and staff.

1.2. Approval of October 25, 2024, agenda.

AMENDMENT: An amendment was proposed to add item #9. exception application matrix, to the October 25, 2024, agenda.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the October 25, 2024, business meeting agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

1.3. Approval of September 13, 2024, business meeting minutes.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the September 13, 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

Dr. Chris Bundy provided the board with the annual Washington Physicians Health Program (WPHP) presentation.

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

The board discussed temporary practice permitted as they relate to the osteopathic physician credentialing process. The requirement for a one-year residency is in statute and would require legislative action to change. Ms. Anderson stated she will take this topic to her board at WOMA to consider petitioning the legislative.

5. Credentialing Processes – DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board discussed temporary practice permits as they relate to the osteopathic physician credentialing process. No action was taken on this item, but the board may discuss at a future meeting.

**6. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Board Attorney Workshop -
DISCUSSION/ACTION**

The board considered sending board staff attorney to the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Board Attorney Workshop on November 7-8, 2024, in Reno, NV.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve travel expenses for board staff attorney Shelly Bates to attend the FSMB Board Attorney Workshop on November 7-8, 2024, in Reno, NV. The motion was seconded and passed.

7. FSMB Tri-Regulator Rulemaking—DISCUSSION/ ACTION

The board considered sending board and staff members to the March 6-7, 2025, FSMB Tri-Regulator Symposium and Opioid Regulatory Collaborative Summit in Tysons Corner, VA.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve travel expenses for one or more board members and staff members to attend the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Tri-Regulator Rulemaking Symposium and Opioid Regulator Collaborative Summit. The motion was seconded and passed.

8. Qualified Physicians Rulemaking —DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board discussed whether to open rules to define ‘qualified physician’.

MOTION: A motion was made to table the discussion until WMC has filed a CR101. The motion was seconded and passed.

9. Exception Application Matrix – DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board discussed updates to the exception application matrix for credentialing decisions.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the updated exception application matrix as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

10. 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.

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

11.1. Rules updates

11.1.1. WAC 246-853-020, Osteopathic medicine and surgery examination

11.1.2. WAC 246-853-080, Continuing education

11.1.3. Five-year rule review

11.1.4. WAC 246-853-650, Office-based Anesthesia

11.1.5. Opioid Prescribing

11.2. Recruitment update

12. Consent Agenda

The board was provided with the most recent budget report.

13. Future Business – DISCUSSION

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

- The board decided to discuss “qualified physicians” at a future business meeting.
- The board will select a representative for the 2025 legislative session at the December business meeting.
- The board may discuss opening rules to establish a temporary practice permit for the osteopathic physician limited license at a future business meeting.

14. Adjournment of public meeting—ACTION

MOTION: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

15. 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: December 6, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Hybrid Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Becky McElhiney, Program Manager

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