



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

December 2, 2022
9:00 a.m.

On December 2, 2022 the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery held a webinar meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Becky McElhiney, Program Manager
James Chaney, Executive Director
Davis Hylkema, Assistant Program Manager
Joan Simmons, Administrative Assistant
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General
Heather Cantrell, Policy Analyst
Ashley Maxwell, Supervising Staff Attorney
Pam Bright, Case Manager

GUEST SPEAKER:

Paul Bakala, Investigative Supervisor

GUESTS:

Shani Hue

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Shannon Phipps, Vice Chair, called the open public meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

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

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the amended December 2, 2022 agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

- 1.3 Approval of October 28, 2022 business meeting minutes

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the October 28, 2022 business meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

- 1.4 The board discussed whether to hold the January business meeting in person or virtually.

MOTION: A motion was made to hold the January business meeting virtually due to the board making a determination that it is not reasonably safe to meet in person due to the federal state of emergency concerning COVID-19. The motion was seconded and passed.

2. Office-based Anesthesia Rules Hearing

The board considered public comment and the adoption of proposed rule WAC 246-853-650, Safe and effective analgesia and anesthesia administration in office-based settings filed as WSR 22-21-129 on October 18, 2022.

Comments shared included:

- No public comments were received.

MOTION: A motion was made to adopt the proposed amendments to WAC 246-853-650, Safe and effective analgesia and anesthesia administration in office-based settings, as proposed. The motion was seconded and passed.

3. 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 public comments were received.

4. Presentation from the Office of Investigations and Legal Services (OILS)

Mr. Bakala provided the board with the annual OILS presentation.

5. Osteopathic Physicians' Assistant References

Ms. McElhiney provided an overview of the rule amendments.

The board discussed rule amendments removing references to osteopathic physicians' assistants (OPAs) based on OPAs moving to the Washington Medical Commission.

MOTION: A motion was made to remove references to osteopathic physicians' assistants (OPAs) as proposed in the packet. The motion was seconded and passed.

6. Healthcare Enforcement and Licensing Modernization Solution (HELMS) Update Presentation

Ms. McElhiney informed the board that the project manager for DOH's new licensing application, HELMS, has offered to present to boards and commissions on the progress of the project.

The board discussed whether to invite the HELMS Project Director, to give the board an update about the HELMS project at an upcoming meeting. The board has expressed interest in receiving the presentation.

7. Correspondence

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

No correspondence was received.

8. Program Reports

8.1 Rules update

8.1.1 SSB 5496 Substance use disorder

Ms. McElhiney shared the rules project is currently on hold to allow impacted professions the opportunity to take a coordinated and streamlined approach.

8.1.2 WAC 246-853-661 Exclusions

Ms. McElhiney shared the CR-102 is in progress and expected to be sent through the agency approval process within the next two weeks.

8.2 2023 Legislative Meet Me Calls

Ms. McElhiney asked the board to consider volunteering to represent the board at the Legislative Meet Me Calls, and if interested to contact her.

9. 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.

10.1. Budget report

Ms. McElhiney shared the budget as of October 31, 2022. This was for informational purposes only.

10.1. List of board meetings for 2023

Ms. McElhiney shared the 2023 business meeting dates as filed with the Code Reviser's Office. This was for informational purposes only.

10. Future Business—DISCUSSION

The board will discuss agenda items identified or suggested for future meetings.

- Healthcare Enforcement and Licensing Modernization Solution (HELMS) Presentation
- Medical Informatics/Technology Presentation

11. Adjournment of public meeting—ACTION 10:01 a.m.

MOTION: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 a.m. The motion was seconded and passed.

12. Discipline, Settlement Presentations and Licensing

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

Respectfully submitted,

Becky McElhiney, Program Manager

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