



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

March 27, 2023
9:00 a.m.

On March 27, 2023 the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery held a hybrid meeting at Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Yuri Tsurulnikov, DO

GUESTS:

Russell Maier
Annika Samuelsen
Pamela Kohlmeier

STAFF PRESENT

Becky McElhiney, Program Manager
Jennifer Santiago, Executive Director
Cassandra Gerard, Administrative Assistant
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General
Heather Cantrell, Policy Analyst
Pam Bright, Case Manager
Ashley Maxwell, Supervising Staff Attorney
Hyon Yi, Health Services Consultant

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Andrea Ciccone, FSMB
Jone Geimer-Flanders, DO, FSMB
Douglas Murray, NBOME
Jeanne Sandella, DO, NBOME

1. Call to Order/Introductions – DISCUSSION/ACTION

Alex Sobel, Chair, called the open public meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the March 27, 2023 business meeting agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

- 1.3 Approval of January 27, 2023 business meeting minutes

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the January 27, 2023 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 from the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) - PRESENTATION

Andrea Ciccone and Jone Geimer-Flanders, DO with FSMB presented to the board regarding the organization's role and how it interacts with the board and DOs in Washington.

4. Presentation from the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) - PRESENTATION

Douglas Murray and Jeanne Sandella, DO with NBOME presented to the board regarding osteopathic licensure examinations.

5. Osteopathic Licensure Examinations – DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board discussed osteopathic licensure examinations.

Ms. McElhiney presented the question that was submitted to the credentialing department on whether the COMLEX CE exam would be considered an acceptable substitute for the Washington Osteopathic Principles and Practices Examination (OP&P) for licensure. The board discussed and a motion was made not to accept COMLEX CE as an acceptable substitute for the Washington Osteopathic Principles and Practices Examination as stated in WAC 246-853-020. The motion was seconded and passed.

6. Report from Office of Customer Service-Credentialing Unit-PRESENTATION

Hyon Yi, Health Services Consultant provided the board with an update on osteopathic physician credentialing.

7. 2023 Legislative Session – DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board discussed 2023 legislation that may impact or be of interest to osteopathic physicians. The board also reviewed a draft opinion statement for legislative support responses on behalf of the board.

Ms. McElhiney stated since the last business meeting there are no additional bills for discussion. Dr. Galbraith gave an update on the legislative calls she attended. The board approved the opinion statement as written and a motion was made to implement it if necessary. The motion was seconded and passed.

8. Policies and Procedures – DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board reviewed the current policies and procedures to determine whether any updates were needed.

A motion was made to approve the current policies and procedures with no updates. The motion was seconded and passed.

9. Bylaws – DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board reviewed the current business plan to determine whether any updates were needed.

Dr. Galbraith recommended updating section 5 from referencing “5A” to “6A”. A motion was made to approve the amended bylaws. The motion was seconded and passed.

10. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Annual Meeting – DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board discussed sending staff and board members to the May 4-6, 2023 FSMB annual meeting in Minneapolis, MN.

The board determined Dr. Tsurulnikov, Dr. Hernandez, Ms. McElhiney, Mr. Chaney, and Ms. Maxwell will attend the meeting. Dr. Tsurulnikov, Dr. Hernandez, and Ms. Maxwell will utilize the sponsorships provided by FSMB. A motion was made for Dr. Tsurulnikov to act as voting delegate on behalf of the board and Dr. Hernandez as alternate if necessary. The motion was seconded and approved.

11. Correspondence – DISCUSSION/ACTION

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

No correspondence was received.

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

12.1 Rules update

12.1.1 Exclusions

Ms. McElhiney shared with the board that the CR102 will be filed in April 2023 for a hearing date on June 2, 2023.

12.1.2 Removing OPA references

Ms. McElhiney stated that the CR105 is in the final stages of agency review.

12.1.3 SSB 5496 Substance use disorder

Ms. McElhiney shared CR105 is on hold until the OPA references rules package is completed and filed due to overlap in rule sections. An update will be presented to the board in a future meeting.

13. 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.

13.1. Budget report

Ms. McElhiney shared the most recent budget report. This was for informational purposes only.

14. Future Business – DISCUSSION

The board discussed agenda items identified or suggested for future meetings that were identified at the last meeting.

Ms. McElhiney reviewed the following items identified at the last meeting. Due to the length of the agenda for this meeting, these topics will be discussed at the a future meeting. No other suggestions were made.

- Discuss ways to build institutional knowledge of the board
- Discuss one year term limits for board chair positions
- 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

15. Adjournment of public meeting—ACTION 10:50 a.m.

MOTION: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:50am. The motion was seconded and passed.

16. 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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