

Maine Board of Osteopathic Licensure
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Minutes of July 9, 2020 Virtual Board Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Members Present: Scott Thomas, D.O., Board Chair; Melissa Michaud, PA-C, Vice Chair; Brian Gillis, D.O.; John Gaddis, D.O., Board Secretary; John Brewer, D.O.; Ryan Smith, D.O. Board members excused: James Pisini, DO; Marty McIntyre, Public Member;

Others Present: Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary; Lisa Wilson, Assistant Attorney General; Savannah Okoronkwo, Consumer Assistant; Det. James Gioia, Office of the Attorney General; Emily Bloch, Esquire; Amanda Richards, Maine Osteopathic Association

Dr. Thomas recited a script prepared specifically for the virtual meeting, noted that all members were present with the exception of James Pisini, DO and Ms. Marty McIntyre, welcomed those in the virtual audience and started the meeting.

I. Complaints & Investigations

Complaint and investigative reviews are conducted in Public Session without the use of names, unless otherwise noted.

A. CR2019 02

Following review of additional materials presented (as previously requested by the Board), the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis, seconded by Dr. Gillis with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to authorize a hearing with the licensee and authorizing AAG Wilson to offer a draft Consent Agreement with the specifics having been discussed. Case Reporter, Dr. Pisini, was not present.

B. CR2019 36

Following review of the materials presented, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call, being unanimous to 1) inform the licensee that per Board vote, because he is not currently licensed, he must cease and desist practicing immediately; 2) inform him that if he wishes to pursue the reinstatement of his license, he must request reinstatement paperwork and 3) authorize a formal (adjudicatory) hearing to address the billing, coding and documentation issues of the original complaint. The Case Reporter, Dr. Brewer, abstained.

C. CR2020 12

Following review of the complaint, response and medical records, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gillis, seconded by Dr. Thomas with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant any action against the licensee. Dr. Gaddis, Case Reporter, abstained.

D. CR2020 13

Following review of the complaint, response and medical records, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Brewer, seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to dismiss the complaint as it did not rise to a level which would warrant any action against the licensee. Dr. Gillis, Case Reporter, abstained.

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E. IN2020 24

Following review of a 2506 report of concern regarding the health of a licensee as well as the results of the reporter’s neuropsychological exams conducted in January 2020 and again in June 2020, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas to have the Case Reporter (or any other member who may be familiar with the licensee) reach out to him to discuss the possibility of permanent retirement from the practice of medicine and voluntary surrender of his Maine license.

That motion was withdrawn and following additional discussion, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to table any action pending further information regarding his practice and the Board’s request that the licensee surrender his licensure based on the findings in the report. The Board would like the information in time for the August 13 meeting.

V. A. Barbara Steinbrecher, DO Meeting (out of order from agenda)

The Board met with Dr. Steinbrecher, who applied for permanent licensure but has not practiced clinical medicine since October 2014. For this reason, the Board needs full assurance of clinical competency and asks that the applicant follow the Guidelines for Re-Entry to Practice. Following the meeting, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis, seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to table any action pending the receipt of evidence of clinical competency per the Guidelines and as discussed.

II. Consent Agreement Compliance Update

A. Andrew Candelore, DO

Ms. McIntyre, Case Reporter, was not present; Board members reviewed the report received pursuant to the Consent Agreement. No Board action was necessary.

III. Minutes/Revenue & Expense Reports

A. May 2020 Meeting Minutes

Following their review of the draft May 2020 minutes, the Board took this action:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Brewer with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to approve the minutes as written.

B. Revenue & Expense Reports

Review of the Revenue & Expense reports was tabled as the reports were not yet available from DAFS¹

IV. Other Business

A. Acadia Hospital Correspondence re Helpful SAMHSA Mobile App

Board members reviewed the e-mailed information; no Board action was necessary.

V. Licensure Matters

A. Barbara Steinbrecher, DO Meeting with Board – see above – taken out of order

B. Permanent Licensure Applications

Following review, the Board took these actions regarding permanent licensure applications:

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MOTION: Made by Dr. Gaddis, seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to table the application submitted by Erin Chandler, DO pending the receipt of further information/clarification of certain affirmative answers on her addendum.

MOTION: Made by Dr .Gaddis, seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to approve the applications submitted by John Haber, DO; Nurudeen Lawani, DO; Laura Groomes Lee, DO; Chelsea Martin, DO; Karanprit Singh, DO; Biana Volfinzon, DO; Michael Ligotti, DO; George Elias, DO and Jennifer Mytar-Li, DO.

C. Physician Assistant Application

Following review, the Board took this action regarding a PA application:

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Dr. Gaddis with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to approve the application submitted by Ann Catherine Boss, PA-C. Ms. Michaud abstained from the vote.

Dr. Thomas noted having attended a brief Zoom meeting with Amanda Richards, Executive Director of the Maine Osteopathic Association (MOA) and Charles Sultan, Esquire who represents the MOA to discuss immunity issues and the Emergency Medicine Act.

VII. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by Dr. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Michaud with the vote, via roll call being unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 1 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Strout, Executive Secretary