



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

October 28, 2022  
9:00 a.m.

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On October 28, 2022 the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery held a webinar meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**STAFF PRESENT**

Becky McElhiney, Program Manager  
Harold Wright, Jr., Executive Director  
Davis Hylkema, Assistant Program Manager  
Joan Simmons, Administrative Assistant  
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General  
Heather Cantrell,  
Ashley Maxwell, Supervising Staff Attorney  
Chelsea Sabella, Staff Attorney  
Pam Bright, Case Manager

**GUESTS:**

Adam Martorana  
Ezgi Ulger  
Gillian XU  
Huyen Huynh  
John Dew  
Kate Briones  
Mallory Zembower  
Miah Lingelbach  
Sankalp Katta  
Sara Sharif  
Valerie Chieng

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Dr. Chris Bundy, WPHP

**1. Call to Order/Introductions**

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

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

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the October 28, 2022 agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

1.3 Approval of September 16, 2022 business meeting minutes

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the September 16, 2022 business meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

**MOTION:** A motion was made to hold the December 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. 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 Washington Physicians Health Program (WPHP)**

Dr. Bundy provided the board with the annual WPHP presentation and answered questions.

**4. Osteopathic Physicians' Assistant References**

The board discussed whether to file a CR105 to remove references to osteopathic physicians' assistants (OPAs) throughout the osteopathic physicians' rule chapter due to the recent legislation moving regulatory authority of OPAs to the Washington Medical Commission.

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**5. Opioid Exclusions Rules**

The board discussed rule amendments regarding opioid exclusions for WAC 246-853-661.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the rule amendments regarding opioid exclusions for WAC 246-853-661. The motion was seconded and passed.

**6. Federation of State Medical Boards Tri-Regulator Symposium**

Dr. Tsirulnikov reported to the board on the FSMB Tri-Regulator Symposium held in Alexandria, VA on October 13-14, 2022.

**7. 2023 Board Meeting Locations**

The board discussed meeting locations for the 2023 board business meetings.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the 2023 board business meetings locations as hybrid. The motion was seconded and passed.

**8. Disciplinary Panel Call Quorums**

The board discussed potential solutions for quorum issues for disciplinary panel calls.

**9. Correspondence**

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

No correspondence was received.

**10. Program Reports—Becky McElhiney, Program Manager; Heather Carter, AAG Adviser**

10.1 Rules update

10.1.1 WAC 246-853-650 Office-based anesthesia

Ms. McElhiney shared the CR102 was filed with the code revisor on October 18, 2022 and the hearing is scheduled for the December 2, 2022 business meeting.

10.1.2 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.

**11. 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.

There were no consent agenda items.

**12. Future Business—DISCUSSION**

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

- WAC 246-853-650 Rules Hearing
- OILS Presentation
- Medical Informatics and EMR Presentation to include what may happen in a situation where the system goes down and what the standard of practices are in the emergency department and critical care areas.

**13. Adjournment of public meeting—ACTION 10:30 a.m.**

**MOTION:** A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed.

**14. 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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