



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

December 01, 2023
9:00 a.m.

On December 01, 2023, the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery held a hybrid meeting at Department of Health, 111 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater, WA 98501. Virtual access was through MS Teams.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lisa Galbraith, DO, Vice Chair
Patrice Konschuh, Public Member
Alex Sobel, DO
Tania Hernandez, DO
Yuri Tsirolnikov, DO
Kristen Pomeroy, DO
Dustin Colegrove, DO

STAFF PRESENT

Becky McElhiney, Program Manager
James Chaney, Executive Director
Davis Hylkema, Program Associate
Alyssa Brazil, Administrative Assistant
Shelly Buchanan, Staff Attorney
Heather Cantrell, Policy Analyst
Marlon Basco, Policy Analyst
Pam Bright, Case Manager
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General

1. Call to Order/Introductions – DISCUSSION/ACTION

Shannon Phipps, Chair, called the open public meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

1.1 Introductions were made of the board and staff.

1.2 Approval of agenda

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the December 1, 2023, business meeting agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

1.3 Approval of October 27th, 2023, business meeting minutes.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the 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 attendees were present for the meeting. No comments were presented.

**3. Presentation from Washington Physicians health Program (WPHP)-
DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Dr. Chris Bundy provided the board with the annual WPHP presentation.

**4. Presentation from the Office of Investigations and Legal Service (OILS) –
DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Patrick Hager, chief investigator, provided the board with the annual OILS presentation.

5. Legislative Meet Me Calls – DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board discussed board member representation on the Legislative Meet Me Calls for the upcoming legislative session.

MOTION: Lisa Galbraith, vice chair, volunteered. A motion was made to approve her to represent the board during the 2024 legislative session meetings. The motion was seconded and passed.

6. Substantial Equivalency – DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board reviewed licensing requirements of Indiana and South Carolina to determine if they are substantially equivalent to Washington licensing requirements in response to Second Substitute House Bill (SSHB) 1724.

- 6.1** California
- 6.2** Colorado
- 6.3** Florida
- 6.4** Indiana
- 6.5** Michigan
- 6.6** Oklahoma
- 6.7** Oregon
- 6.8** South Carolina
- 6.9** Texas
- 6.10** Virginia

MOTION: The Substantial Equivalency Subcommittee recommended approving all ten states for the substantial equivalency list, except Oklahoma. Oklahoma allows their board to approve educational programs, not just the American Osteopathic Association (AOA). A motion was made to add California, Colorado, Florida, Indiana, Michigan, Oregon, South

Carolina, Texas and Virginia to the substantial equivalency list. The motion was seconded and passed.

7. Business Meeting Location for 2024- DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board will discuss locations for the 2024 regular business meetings.

MOTION: The motion was made to hold the September 13, 2024, meeting in King County. The motion was seconded and passed.

8. Correspondence—DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board will review and discuss any correspondence received since the last meeting. This could include requests for lists and labels or any other general questions or requests.

No correspondence was received.

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

9.1 Recruitment update

Ms. McElhiney stated that the board now has nine members, with one professional position and one public member position open. There has been one professional member application received, and staff are working on scheduling an interview with that individual.

9.2 Military Spouse Cultural Competency Training

Ms. McElhiney reminded the board that this training was due to be completed by December 31, 2023.

9.3 Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission (IMLCC) Annual Meeting Report

Ms. McElhiney reported to the board on the IMLCC annual meeting.

9.4 Rules updates

9.4.1 Opioid prescribing

9.4.2 5-year rule review general chapter cleanup

9.4.3 ESSB 5229 Health equity continuing education

9.4.4 SSB 5496 Substance use disorder

9.4.5 WAC 246-853-020 Osteopathic medicine and surgery examination

9.4.6 WAC 246-853-080 Continuing education

Ms. McElhiney provided the board with a status update on all open rules projects.

10. 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.

The board received the most recent budget report.

11. Future Business – DISCUSSION

The board discussed agenda items identified or suggested for future meeting:

No future business was discussed.

12. Adjournment of public meeting—ACTION

MOTION: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

13. Discipline, Settlement Presentations and Licensing

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

Next Scheduled Meeting

Date: January 26th, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Hybrid Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Becky McElhiney, Program Manager

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