



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

January 26, 2024
9:00 a.m.

On January 26, 2024, 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

Shannon Phipps, DO, Chair
Lisa Galbraith, DO, Vice Chair
Patrice Konschuh, Public Member
Tania Hernandez, DO
Yuri Tsirolnikov, DO
Dustin Colegrove, DO

STAFF PRESENT

Becky McElhiney, Program Manager
James Chaney, Executive Director
Jonathan Chamrad, Program Support
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 9:00 a.m.

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

MOTION: Ms. McElhiney stated that the agenda would need to be amended to remove items 8.2 and 8.3. A motion was made to approve the January 26, 2024, business meeting agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

- 1.3 Approval of December 01, 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 Center Facilities Risk Adjudication - Presentation

Roman Dixon, Chief Health Law Judge, gave a presentation regarding the hearing process.

4. Presentation Regarding the Hearing and Summary Suspension Processes—Presentation

Shelly Buchanan, Supervising Staff Attorney, provided a presentation regarding the hearing and summary suspension processes.

5. Pacific Northwest University Student Presentation – DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board held a discussion on the upcoming PNWU student presentation.

- Drs. Phipps and Galbraith agreed to present to the students at the meeting.

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

The board considered sending board members and staff to the April 18-20, 2024, annual meeting in Nashville, TN.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve sending three or more board members and two staff to the FSMB annual meeting in April 18-20, 2024. The motion was seconded and passed.

7. Osteopathic Physician Application- DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board discussed updating the osteopathic physician application to remove sensitive demographic questions.

MOTION: A motion was made to update the language to include a “safe harbor” disclaimer before the sensitive questions on the application to be consistent with the Washington Medical Commission. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

8. Rules Workshops —DISCUSSION/ACTION

- 8.1 The board will consider rule language amendments to WAC 246-853-020, Osteopathic medicine and surgery examination

MOTION: The board agreed to send this item to the Substantial Equivalency Subcommittee to draft recommended rule amendments and bring back before the full board at a future meeting for further discussion.

- 8.2 The board will consider rule amendments to WAC 246-853-080, Continuing education.

MOTION: This item was removed from the amended agenda and will be discussed at a future meeting.

- 8.3 The board will discuss WAC 246-853-661 Exclusions, WAC 246-853-730 Periodic review, and WAC 246-853-755 Tapering requirements to consider aligning with review, and WAC 246-853-755 Tapering requirements to consider aligning with recent WMC rule language amendments regarding opioid prescribing.

MOTION: This item was removed from the amended agenda and will be discussed at a future meeting.

9. Substitute Senate Bill 5496 - DISCUSSION/ACTION

The board discussed proposed rule language amendments regarding physician's provider monitoring programs in response to SSB 5496

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the amendments as presented. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

10. 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.

- There was no correspondence to discuss.

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

11.1 HELMS update

- This item was removed from the amended agenda and will be discussed at a future meeting.

11.2 United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) reports

- The board was provided the most recent annual and quarterly USMLE reports.

11.3 Rules updates

- 5-year rule review general chapter cleanup
- Ms. McElhiney shared that program is drafting the language updates.
- SSB 5229 Health equity continuing education
- Ms. McElhiney shared that the CR103 has been filed and the rules were effective December 14, 2023.

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 discussed agenda items identified or suggested for future meeting:

- The board requested a tour of the PNWU osteopathic school campus be arranged for members attending in person when the board held their March 25, 2024 business meeting there. Ms. McElhiney agreed to reach out to PNWU staff to coordinate a tour.

13. 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 10:59 a.m.

14. 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: March 25, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Hybrid Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Becky McElhiney, Program Manager

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