



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

February 26, 2021
9:00 a.m.

On February 26, 2021 the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery held a webinar meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Roger Ludwig, DO, Chair
Alex Sobel, DO, Vice Chair
Patrice Konschuh, Public Member
Yuri Tsirulnikov, DO
Lisa Galbraith, DO
Sharon Gundersen, PHD, Public Member
Joel Quiroz, PA-C
Kim Morrisette, DO
Kevin Ware, DO
Shannon Phipps, DO

STAFF PRESENT

Tracie Drake, Program Manager
Renee Fullerton, Executive Director
Davis Hylkema, Assistant Program Manager
Michelle Hartman, Administrative Assistant
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General
Ashley Maxwell, Supervising Staff Attorney
Cori Tarzwell, Policy Analyst

GUESTS:

Jason Attaman, DO
Jo-An Tremblay

1. **Call to Order/Introductions**

Roger Ludwig, DO, Chair, called the open public meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

- 1.1 The board members, staff, and guests, introduced themselves.
- 1.2 The board approved the February 26, 2021 agenda with amendment to move item five up to item two.
- 1.3 The board approved the January 8, 2021 business meeting minutes as presented.

2. **Rule Amendment Petition—Nitrous Oxide Sedation**

The board reviewed the request received from Dr. Attaman and Dr. Carier to amend WAC 246-853-650 to add specific nitrous oxide sedation systems to the definition of minimal sedation.

They proposed the last sentence "Minimal sedation is limited to oral or intramuscular medications, or both" should be modified to include demand flow nitrous oxide systems with a fixed 50/50 mix of oxygen and nitrous oxide.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the petition to open rule making on WAC 246-853-650. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

3. **Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Voting Delegates**

Ms. Drake advised the board that the FSMB's House of Delegates meeting will be held virtually on April 29 - May 1, 2021 and asked members to elect a voting delegate and an alternate voting delegate that will vote on behalf of the board.

The board elected Dr. Ludwig as the voting delegate and Dr. Tsirulnikov as the alternate voting delegate.

4. **Pacific Northwest University (PNWU) Presentation**

The board discussed the upcoming PNWU student presentation, which will take place at the next board meeting, March 29, 2021. The board will work on assigning presenters and provide the information to Ms. Drake prior to the meeting.

5. **2021 Legislative Session**

The board discussed 2021 legislation that may impact or be of interest to the osteopathic professions.

- SB 5195 related to opioid overdose reversal medications.
- SB 5423 related to telemedicine consults.
- SB 5441 related to breast implant informed consent.
- HB 1378 concerning the supervision on medical assistants.
- SSB 5229 concerning health equity continuing education for health care professionals.

6. **Applicants With Multiple Hospital Privileges**

The board discussed developing a policy, similar to that of the Washington Medical Commission (WMC), for verification requirements from applicants with multiple hospital privileges. Currently, the policy requires ten hospital verifications or at least one from each state. Ms. Drake discussed WMC policies with the board.

MOTION: A motion was made to align our policy to be similar to that of the WMC. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

7. **Washington Medical Commission (WMC) Dental Anesthesia Rules**

The board reviewed the WMC's newly created dental anesthesia rules to determine whether the board should adopt similar rules.

MOTION: A motion was made to file a CR-101 to consider adopting similar dental anesthesia rules to the Washington Medical Commission. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

8. **Correspondence**

The board reviewed and discussed the correspondence received since the last meeting. This included requests for lists and labels and other general questions or requests.

8.1 The board reviewed a request to receive lists and labels from Pierce County Medical Society.

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the request from the Pierce County Medical Society. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

9. **Program Reports—Renee Fullerton, Executive Director; Tracie Drake, Program Manager; Heather Carter, AAG Adviser**

9.1 Budget report

Ms. Fullerton gave an overview of the budget as of January 31, 2021. Not much has changed from previous review and overall, the revenue is very stable.

10. **Open Forum**

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.

There was no public comment.

11. **Future Business**

The board discussed agenda items identified for future meetings.

Work on creating a list of speakers for the Pacific Northwest University Presentation.

12. **Adjournment of public meeting**

The public meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

13. **Discipline, Settlement Presentations and Licensing**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tracie Drake, Program Manager

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