

1 STATE OF ALASKA
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
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5 STATE MEDICAL BOARD
6 MINUTES OF MEETING
7 Friday, August 9, 2024
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9 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, a quarterly meeting
10 of the Alaska State Medical Board was held Friday, August 9, 2024.
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12 **1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

13 The meeting was called to order by Chair Nimmo at 9:01 a.m.
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15 **Roll Call**

16 Board members present:

17 David Barnes, DO
18 Sarah Bigelow Hood, PA-C (Vice-Chair)
19 Lydia Mielke, Public Member (Secretary)
20 Eric Nimmo, MD (Chair)
21 David Paulson, MD
22 Brent Taylor, MD
23 David Wilson, Public Member

24 Absent: Matt Heilala, DPM
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26 Board staff present: Natalie Norberg, Executive Administrator; Jason Kaeser, Licensing Supervisor; Sonia
27 Lipker, Senior Investigator; Shelley Irons, Investigator; Kendra Wardlaw, Investigator; Charley Larson,
28 Investigator; Carmen Pora, Investigator; Billy Homestead, Senior Investigator
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30 **2. Review / Approval of Agenda**
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32 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
33 **call vote the Alaska State Medical Board approved the agenda as presented.**
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35 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
36 and Mr. Wilson.

37 Absent: Dr. Heilala
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39 **3. Review/Approval of Minutes**

40 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
41 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board accepted the minutes for May 3, 2024; May 30, 2024;**
42 **June 13, 2024; and July 18, 2024 meetings as presented.**
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44 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
45 and Mr. Wilson.

46 Absent: Dr. Heilala
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1 **4. Ethics Disclosures**

2 Ethics reporting by board members is done on a quarterly basis and is a standing item on the quarterly
3 meeting agenda. The Chair requested Ms. Norberg query each board member.

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5 There were no ethical disclosures made by board members.

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7 **5. Division Update**

8 Chair Nimmo invited Melissa Dumas, CBPL Admin. Operations Manager, to address the Board. Ms.
9 Dumas provided a brief overview of the Board’s FY24 3rd Quarter budget, highlighting a budget surplus,
10 which is the rationale for the division’s recent regulatory change proposal to decrease license fees.
11 Physician biennial license fees will be reduced by \$75.00, making the total cost for the fee \$350 from
12 \$425.00; Physician Assistant biennial license fees will be reduced by \$100, making the total cost for the
13 license fee \$150.00 from \$250.00. Additionally, the \$125,00 fee for Physician Assistant Collaborative
14 Plans is eliminated. The new fee changes will go into effect on September 12, 2024.

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16 **6. Investigation Unit Updates:**

17 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
18 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS**
19 **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of**
20 **discussing Case# 2022-001182 with Board and Investigative staff remaining during session.**

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22 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
23 and Mr. Wilson.

24 Absent: Dr. Heilala

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26 The Board entered executive session at 9:14 a.m. The Board returned on the record at 9:19 a.m.

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28 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by**
29 **roll call vote, the Board imposed a civil fine as proposed for Matthew Cannava in Case No.**
30 **2022-001182.**

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32 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
33 and Mr. Wilson.

34 Absent: Dr. Heilala

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36 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
37 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS**
38 **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of**
39 **discussing Case# 2023-000386 with the reviewing board member abstaining from the session**
40 **and board and Investigative staff remaining during the session.**

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42 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
43 and Mr. Wilson.

44 Absent: Dr. Heilala

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46 The Board entered executive session at 9:21 a.m. The Board returned on the record at 9:24 a.m.

1 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by**
2 **roll call vote, the Board accepted the consent agreement as proposed for Tyson Bubnar in**
3 **Case# 2023-000386.**

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5 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor, and Mr. Wilson.

6 Abstained: Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood

7 Absent: Dr. Heilala

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9 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
10 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS**
11 **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of**
12 **discussing Case #2023-000302 with the reviewing board member abstaining from the session**
13 **and board and Investigative staff remaining during the session**

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15 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
16 and Mr. Wilson.

17 Absent: Dr. Heilala

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19 The Board entered executive session at 9:27 a.m. The Board returned on the record at 9:31 a.m.

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21 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Dr. Taylor, and approved by roll call**
22 **vote, the Board imposed a civil fine as proposed for Lucy Peterson in Case #2023-000302.**

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24 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor, and Mr.
25 Wilson.

26 Abstained: Dr. Barnes

27 Absent: Dr. Heilala

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29 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
30 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS**
31 **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of**
32 **discussing #2023-000019 with Board and Investigative staff remaining during the session.**

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34 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
35 and Mr. Wilson.

36 Absent: Dr. Heilala

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38 The Board entered executive session at 9:33 a.m. The Board returned on the record at 9:35 a.m.

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40 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by**
41 **roll call vote, the Board imposed a civil fine as proposed for Pravina Sheth in #2023-**
42 **000019.**

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44 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
45 and Mr. Wilson.

46 Absent: Dr. Heilala

1 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
2 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS**
3 **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of**
4 **discussing Case# 2023-000016 with the reviewing board member abstaining from the session**
5 **and Board and Investigative staff remaining during the session.**

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7 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
8 and Mr. Wilson.

9 Absent: Dr. Heilala

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11 The Board entered executive session at 9:36 a.m. The Board returned on the record at 9:39 a.m.

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13 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by**
14 **roll call vote, the Board imposed a civil fine as proposed for Stanley Smith in Case# 2023-**
15 **000016.**

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17 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor, and Mr.
18 Wilson.

19 Abstained: Dr. Barnes

20 Absent: Dr. Heilala

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22 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
23 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS**
24 **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of**
25 **discussing Case# 2019-000664 with Board and Investigative staff remaining during the session.**

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27 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
28 and Mr. Wilson.

29 Absent: Dr. Heilala

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31 The Board entered executive session at 9:42 a.m. The Board returned on the record at 10:03 a.m.

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33 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by**
34 **roll call vote, the Board ordered a summary suspension for Claribel Tan in Case# 2019-**
35 **00664.**

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37 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
38 and Mr. Wilson.

39 Absent: Dr. Heilala

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41 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
42 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS**
43 **44.62.310(c)(2) & (c)(4) and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the**
44 **purpose of Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Registration Violations in Case Numbers:**
45 **2022-000637, 2021-000613, 2022-000725, 2023-000496 and changes to the disciplinary matrix**
46 **for such violations, with the reviewing board member abstaining during the case discussions**
47 **and Investigative and Board staff remaining during session.**

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2 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
3 and Mr. Wilson.
4 Absent: Dr. Heilala
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6 The Board entered executive session at 10:06 a.m. The Board returned on the record at 10:19 a.m.
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8 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by**
9 **roll call vote, the Board imposed a civil fine as proposed for Jeanne Haberer in Case# 2022-**
10 **00637, Mary Huff in Case# 2021-000613, Mitali Mehta in Case# 2022-000725, and**
11 **Matthew Williamson in Case#2023-000496.**
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13 Roll Call: Yeas, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor, and Mr.
14 Wilson.
15 Abstained: Dr. Barnes
16 Absent: Dr. Heilala
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18 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by**
19 **roll call vote, the Board decided to accept changes to its disciplinary sanctions guidelines**
20 **as proposed pertaining to prescription drug monitoring program registration violations.**
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22 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
23 and Mr. Wilson.
24 Absent: Dr. Heilala
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26 **Break** – The Board went off the record at 10:22 a.m. and returned on the record at 10:33 a.m.
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28 **7. Deliberative Sessions**

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30 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by**
31 **roll call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into a deliberative session under AS**
32 **44.62.310(d) solely to make a decision concerning the Office of Administrative Hearing’s**
33 **decision related to sanctions,**

34 **In the Matter of Raymond Andreassen, D.O.**

35 **Board Case Number 2018-000439/843/502**

36 **Office of Administrative Hearings Case Number 22-0897-MED**

37 **all others were excluded during the deliberative session.**
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39 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
40 and Mr. Wilson.
41 Absent: Dr. Heilala
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43 The Board entered the deliberative session at 10: 37 a.m. The Board returned on the record at
44 10:48 a.m.
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46 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by**
47 **roll call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board decided in accordance with AS 44.64.060(e)(3)**

1 to adopt the decision of the Administrative Law Judge but modified the sanction to include a
2 three-year suspension followed by probation for three years and the imposition of a civil fine
3 of \$25,000 with \$10,000 suspended and all other conditions proposed by the Administrative
4 Law Judge to be imposed.

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6 **In the Matter of Raymond Andreassen, D.O.**
7 **Board Case Number 2018-000439/843/502**
8 **Office of Administrative Hearings Case Number 22-0897-MED**
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10 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
11 and Mr. Wilson.

12 Absent: Dr. Heilala
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14 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by**
15 **roll call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into a deliberative session under AS**
16 **44.62.310(d) solely to make a decision,**
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18 **In the Matter of Mahmood Ahmad, M.D**
19 **Board Case Number: 2022-00787**
20 **Office of Administrative Hearings Case Number 22-0726-MED**

21 **all others were excluded during the deliberative session.**
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23 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
24 and Mr. Wilson.

25 Absent: Dr. Heilala
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27 The Board entered the deliberative session at 10:51 a.m. The Board returned on the record at 10:57
28 a.m.
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30 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by**
31 **roll call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board adopted the Administrative Law Judge's**
32 **decision in accordance with AS 44.64.060(e)(1)**
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34 **In the Matter of Mahmood Ahmad, M.D**
35 **Board Case Number: 2022-00787**
36 **Office of Administrative Hearings Case Number 22-0726-MED**
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38 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
39 and Mr. Wilson.

40 Absent: Dr. Heilala
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41 **Malpractice case reviews**

42 Due to being ahead of schedule, it was decided to address agenda item #14 at this time in the meeting.
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44 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
45 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board enter into executive session in accordance with AS**
46 **44.62.310 (c)(3), and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of**
47 **discussing malpractice cases involving the following practitioners:**

- 1 1. Christopher Hager, MD
- 2 2. Kamran Janua, MD
- 3 3. Avery Knapp, MD
- 4 4. William McIntyre, MD
- 5 5. Gregory Strohmeyer, MD
- 6 6. Matthew Williamson, DO
- 7 7. Yuming Yin, MD

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9 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
10 and Mr. Wilson.
11 Absent: Dr. Heilala

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13 The Board entered executive session at 11:00 a.m. The Board returned on the record at 11:44 a.m.

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15 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
16 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board decided to take no further action with respect to**
17 **malpractice cases related to the following physicians:**

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- 19 1. Christopher Hager, MD
- 20 2. Kamran Janua, MD
- 21 3. Avery Knapp, MD
- 22 4. William McIntyre, MD
- 23 5. Yuming Yin, MD

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25 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
26 and Mr. Wilson.
27 Absent: Dr. Heilala

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29 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
30 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board decided to issue non-disciplinary advisory letters for**
31 **the malpractice cases to the following physicians:**

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- 33 1. Gregory Strohmeyer, MD
- 34 2. Matthew Williamson, DO

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36 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
37 and Mr. Wilson.
38 Absent: Dr. Heilala

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40 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
41 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board decided to issue a Letter of Inquiry to the Surgery**
42 **Center of Wasilla.**

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44 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
45 and Mr. Wilson.
46 Absent: Dr. Heilala

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48 **8. Lunch Break** – The Board went off the record at 11:48 a.m. and returned on the record at 1:01 a.m.

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9. Public Comments / Board Correspondence

There were no members of the public present who requested to address the Board. Chair Nimmo and Ms. Norberg highlighted written communication received including an invitation from the FSMB to participate in training for new board members and an inquiry about the Board’s telemedicine regulations. It was noted that recent changes in federal and state legislation will require updates to these regulations.

10. Board Interview

Dr. Brian Hinnebusch elected to have his interview conducted in executive session.

On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing Dr. Brian Hinnebusch’s application for licensure, with Board staff remaining during the session.

Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor, and Mr. Wilson.
Absent: Dr. Heilala

The Board entered executive session at 1:17 p.m. The Board returned on the record at 1:49 p.m.

On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved a temporary permit for Dr. Hinnebusch and instructed the Executive Administrator to provide follow up information to Dr. Hinnebusch.

Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor, and Mr. Wilson.
Absent: Dr. Heilala

11. Old Business

Physician-Pharmacy Agreements

Chair Nimmo provided background information. Agreements are allowed between physicians and pharmacists when criteria outlined in regulation are met. There are two such agreements for the Board’s consideration. The first agreement is between Whale’s Tail pharmacy and Dr. Sealander. This agreement proposes to grant the pharmacist authority to dispense a one-time refill for a medication previously prescribed by the physician so long as other criteria are met, and if the doctor’s office is closed, and the physician is not reachable. Chair Nimmo stated this sounded like an appropriate and reasonable agreement, other board members concurred. It was noted that the agreement is missing a provision (required in regulation) that allows the physician to override the agreement if the physician considers it medically necessary or appropriate. It was suggested the Executive Administrator follow-up with the parties and request the agreement be updated to include all of the medical board’s regulatory requirements. The second agreement before the Board is one of seven identical agreements between one physician, Dr. Weir and the Walmart pharmacists that work in seven different Walmart pharmacies throughout the state. These agreements would authorize the pharmacists to prescribe hormonal

1 contraception, after the pharmacist screens and assesses the patient. Chair Nimmo pointed out that
2 according to the medical board’s regulations, the physician or physician assistant must issue the
3 prescription and conduct the physician examination. Chair Nimmo and three other board members
4 voiced concerns about pharmacists being given the authority to prescribe hormonal contraception.
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6 The Board discussed granting Dr. Nimmo the authority to approve future physician-pharmacy
7 agreements independently, unless he has concerns, in which case he will bring them before the Board.
8 Future agreements approved independently by Dr. Nimmo will be saved in a folder in Onboard for board
9 members to review.
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11 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by**
12 **roll call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board denied the proposed Cooperative practice**
13 **pharmacy Agreements between Dr. Weir and the Alaska Walmart facilities. If**
14 **implemented as presented the agreements would grant prescriptive authority to**
15 **pharmacists for hormonal contraceptive therapies, which is in violation of state medical**
16 **board regulation 12 AAC 40.983 (d).**

17 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
18 and Mr. Wilson.

19 Absent: Dr. Heilala
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21 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by**
22 **roll call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board granted Chair Nimmo the authority to review**
23 **and approve cooperative pharmacy agreements and to bring agreements to the board for**
24 **review at his discretion.**

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26 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson, Dr. Taylor,
27 and Mr. Wilson.

28 Absent: Dr. Heilala
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30 **12. New Business**

31 **Priority Action Items**

32 The Board reviewed their prioritized list of action items and explored possible strategies for addressing
33 the items, such as discussing an item all together during a board meeting or creating subcommittees.
34 Chair Nimmo facilitated a discussion regarding the first item on the list, establishing new guidelines for
35 the board’s review of licensee’s malpractice cases. Various metrics/filters to screen-out cases requiring
36 a board review were identified, such as the number of dismissed cases, dollar amount of settlement,
37 number of suits, practice area and regional differences. Chair Nimmo suggested a board member could
38 be assigned to screen all cases to decide which ones come to the Board. Board members generally
39 agreed they want to continue with their current practice of reviewing all cases with a monetary
40 settlement, and they would be willing to start reviewing a higher number of cases during board
41 meetings in order to gain a sense of any trends or potential metrics that could be applied at a future
42 date to screen-out cases for review. Several board members stated the pressure to review investigative
43 cases is more burdensome at this time than the workload from reviewing malpractice cases. Pursuing
44 statutory changes to add additional members to the board and to fix antiquated language that does not
45 allow board members to respond to inquiries related to subpoenas by email was discussed. Dr. Nimmo

1 observed that increasing board membership would concretely decrease workload while fixing the
2 subpoena language would have less of a direct impact on workload. Some members expressed concerns
3 about pursuing additional members for the board. Dr. Barnes stated he has a contact in the State
4 Senate and would be willing to ask for the Senator’s support in fixing the antiquated subpoena language.
5 Several board members spoke in favor of this idea.
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7 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by**
8 **roll call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board authorized Dr. Barnes to speak with Senator**
9 **Showers about statute updates with regards to communication efficiencies and**
10 **modernizations.**

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12 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Taylor, and Mr.
13 Wilson.

14 Absent: Dr. Heilala and Dr. Paulson
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16 Mr. Wilson left the meeting at 2:48 p.m.
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18 **13. Break** – The Board went off the record at 2:48 p.m., and returned on the record at 3:04 p.m.
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20 **14. Malpractice Case Reviews** – see page #7, this item was addressed earlier in the agenda.
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22 **15. Applicant Review**

23 Board members were queried about their individual applicant reviews, no concerns were identified.
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25 Dr. Paulson left the meeting at 3:08 p.m.
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27 **Ratification of Full Licenses**
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29 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll**
30 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved the following list of physician assistants for**
31 **full licensure.**
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	Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
1.	PA	Margaret	Holbrook
2.	PA	Paul	Jachimek
3.	PA	Jeremy	Krider
4.	PA	Marlina	Robinson

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35 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Taylor

36 Absent: Dr. Heilala, Dr. Paulson and Mr. Wilson
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38 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by**
39 **roll call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved the following list of osteopathic**
40 **physicians for full licensure.**
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	Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
1.	DO	Lien	Nguyen
2.	DO	Todd	Paxton
3.	DO	Genova	Stearns

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Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Taylor
Absent: Dr. Heilala, Dr. Paulson and Mr. Wilson

On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood, and approved by roll call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board approved the following list of allopathic physicians for full licensure.

	Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
1.	MD	Muna	Beeai
2.	MD	Erica	Berger
3.	MD	Richard	Bruckner
4.	MD	Jessica	Clarke
5.	MD	Arvind	Durvasan
6.	MD	Christopher	Findley
7.	MD	Amy	Flick
8.	MD	Murray	Hamilton
9.	MD	Jeffrey	Hebert
10.	MD	Fatimah	Jah
11.	MD	Vishal	Jani
12.	MD	Peter	Kim
13.	MD	Sunil	Kurup
14.	MD	Kyle	Lapidus
15.	MD	Kerry	Latham
16.	MD	Yolanda	Lau
17.	MD	Howard	Leftin
18.	MD	Paul	Llobet
19.	MD	Michael	Mai
20.	MD	Murat	Mardirossian
21.	MD	Joseph	Martinez
22.	MD	Stephen	McElroy
23.	MD	Jennifer	McQuade
24.	MD	Daniel	Miner
25.	MD	Seema	Misra

	Lic Type	First Name	Last Name
26.	MD	Yosuke	Miyashita
27.	MD	Rushabh	Modi
28.	MD	Justin	Morgan
29.	MD	Andrea	Nelsen
30.	MD	Oleg	Odin
31.	MD	Miguel	Palos
32.	MD	Prabhjot	Pannu
33.	MD	Todd	Paxton
34.	MD	Mary	Peterson
35.	MD	Anthony	Rowe
36.	MD	Gerald	Rowland
37.	MD	David	Sanford
38.	MD	Michael	Sarkees
39.	MD	Laligam	Sekhar
40.	MD	Scott	Stoughton
41.	MD	Atilla	Uner
42.	MD	Cheryl	Villareal
43.	MD	David	Walker
44.	MD	Brad	Watkins
45.	MD	Barbara	Zimmerman
46.	MD	Grald	Rowland
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Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Taylor
Absent: Dr. Heilala, Dr. Paulson and Mr. Wilson

1 **Full Board Review**

2 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll**
3 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board entered into executive session in accordance with AS**
4 **44.62.310(c)(2), and the Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of**
5 **discussing license applications with board staff remaining during session.**

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7 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Taylor
8 Absent: Dr. Heilala, Dr. Paulson and Mr. Wilson
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10 The Board entered executive session at 3:11 p.m. The Board returned on the record at 3:39 p.m.

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12 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll**
13 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board decided to table a decision to grant Dr. James Black a**
14 **license until a complete application is received.**

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16 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Taylor
17 Absent: Dr. Heilala, Dr. Paulson and Mr. Wilson
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19 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll**
20 **call vote, the Alaska State Medical Board decided to postpone a decision to grant Dr. Dolf**
21 **Ichtertz a license until further information is received.**

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23 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow Hood, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Taylor
24 Absent: Dr. Heilala, Dr. Paulson and Mr. Wilson
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26 **16. Wrap up/Adjourn**

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28 The next monthly meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 19, 2024.

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30 The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 3:42 p.m.