

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 Thursday October 10, 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 special meeting of
10 the Alaska State Medical Board was held Thursday, October 10, 2024.
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12 **1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

13 The meeting was called to order by Chair Nimmo at 5:00 p.m.
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15 **Roll Call**

16 Board members present:

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

24 Note: David Paulson, MD was present but did not answer at roll call.
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26 State employees present:

27 Natalie Norberg, Executive Administrator and Jason Kaeser, Licensing Supervisor
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29 **2. Review / Approval of Agenda**
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31 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke and seconded by Ms. Bigelow-Hood, the Alaska State**
32 **Medical Board approved the agenda as presented.**
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34 Roll Call: Yeas, Dr. Barnes, Ms. Bigelow-Hood, Dr. Heilala, Ms. Mielke, Dr. Nimmo, Dr. Paulson,
35 Dr. Taylor, and Mr. Wilson
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37 **3. Physician Assistant Regulation Project**

38 Chair Nimmo invited Ms. Bigelow Hood to present the work group's changes to the physician assistant
39 regulations. After the members of the work group were named, Ms. Bigelow Hood provided a section-
40 by-section review and rationale for the recommended changes. Primary points of discussion were
41 around the changes to eliminate the requirement for methods of assessment to be included in practice
42 agreements; the fact that the change to permitting practice agreements to be maintained at the
43 practice level will eliminate the ability for the public to view/search agreement participants from the
44 licensing website; and the inclusion of advanced practitioners as having the ability to provide the
45 requisite hours of onsite training for new physician assistants in remote settings. Board members
46 generally acknowledged their understanding for and support for the changes.
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48 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Mielke, seconded by Ms. Bigelow Hood and approved by roll**
49 **call vote, Alaska State Medical Board accepted the changes proposed to Article 5. Physician**

1 **Assistants, in sections 12. AAC 40. 400 through 12. AAC. 40.490, as presented requested the**
2 **initiation of a regulation change project.**

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

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7 The members of the work group were heartily thanked by the Chair and other members of the board for
8 their hard work.

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10 **4. Wrap up / Adjourn**

11 Board members discussed the proposed date of the next quarterly board meeting and decided to
12 change the date from November 8, 2024, to November 15, 2024.

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14 The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Nimmo at 6:12 p.m.

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