



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

January 7, 2022
9:00 a.m.

On January 7, 2022 the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery held a webinar meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Roger Ludwig, DO, Chair
Alex Sobel, DO, Vice Chair
Lisa Galbraith, DO – Acting Chair
Sharon Gundersen, PHD, Public Member
Tania Hernandez, DO
Patrice Konschuh, Public Member
Kim Morrissette, DO
Shannon Phipps, DO
Kevin Ware, DO
Joel Quiroz, PA-C

STAFF PRESENT

Tracie Drake, Program Manager
Renee Fullerton, Executive Director
Davis Hylkema, Assistant Program Manager
Michelle Hartman, Administrative Assistant
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General
Heather Cantrell, Policy Analyst
Anita Nath, Staff Attorney
Becky McElhiney
Ashley Maxwell

GUEST SPEAKER:

Ashley Bell, Behavioral Health Program
Coordinator

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Lisa Galbraith, Acting Chair, called the open public meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

- 1.1 Introductions of the board and staff.
- 1.2 The board approved the January 7, 2022 agenda as presented.
- 1.3 The board approved the December 3, 2021 business meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION: Prior to the meeting starting, a motion was made to vote Dr. Galbraith as acting chair for the January 7, 2022 board meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

2. Health Equity Legislative Implementation Update

Ashley Bell, behavioral health program coordinator, provided the board with an update on the health equity legislation implementation.

3. Telemedicine Policies

Due to the postponement of telemedicine rulemaking, the board discussed current telemedicine interpretive statements and whether any additional telemedicine guidance is necessary. Ms. Drake reviewed with the board updated telemedicine policy from the Washington Medical Commission.

MOTION: A motion was made to adopt the Washington Medical Commission policies. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

MOTION: A motion was made to rescind the current prescribing interpretative statement, OP-99-27. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

4. Pacific Northwest University Student Presentation

The board reviewed the updated draft student presentation for the PNWU students, which is taking place on March 28, 2022, and discussed updates and necessary changes.

5. Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Annual Meeting

Ms. Drake asked for board member volunteers to attend the April 28-30, 2022, FSMB annual meeting. She explained that the board delegate and executive director are typically covered, and the Program Manager and an additional board member could potentially go if the Department of Health is allowing travel at that time. Dr. Ludwig and Dr. Phipps both volunteered to attend. Dr. Ludwig will serve as the voting delegate. If travel restrictions are not lifted, a virtual option may be offered.

6. Statistics on Discipline Panel Calls

Ms. Drake presented to the board the discipline panel call statistics for the previous year, to determine whether calibration is needed between discipline panels. The board directed staff to continue to follow the statistics of the panel and consider additional methods to determine if there is a significant difference.

7. 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.

7.1 There are no items for the consent agenda.

8. Correspondence

The board reviewed and discussed correspondences received since the last meeting. This could include requests for lists and labels or any other general questions or requests.

The board received no correspondence to review

9. Program Reports

9.1 Rules update

9.1.1 WAC 246-853-655 dental anesthesia

Ms. Drake reported that the CR 102 is completed and submitted for review.

9.1.2 WAC 246-853-650 office-based anesthesia

Ms. Drake shared that the CR 102 is done, but is being held at the moment until the dental anesthesia package is approved.

9.2 Other

- Physician Assistant Rules: Staff have submitted for department review a CR105 package proposing to repeal the physician assistant rules along with the osteopathic acupuncture assistant rules.
- Ms. Fullerton made announcement about staffing changes. Ms. Drake will be moving into her new position working with HELMS, so today will be her last meeting. Becky McElhiney is her replacement as of January 16, 2022, and will be the new Program Manager for the board. Michelle Hartman will be leaving as well in the role of Office Manager for Office of Health Professions, and will be assisting until position is filled.

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

Presentation to students

12. Adjournment of public meeting

The public meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

13. Discipline, Settlement Presentations and Licensing

The board attended to licensing and disciplinary matters in closed session.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky McElhiney, Program Manager

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