



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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

September 16, 2022  
9:00 a.m.

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On September 16, 2022 the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery held a webinar meeting.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Alex Sobel, DO, Chair  
Shannon Phipps, DO, Vice Chair  
Lisa Galbraith, DO  
Sharon Gundersen, PHD, Public Member  
Kevin Ware, DO  
Yuri Tsurulnikov, DO  
Patrice Konschuh, Public Member  
Tania Hernandez, DO

**STAFF PRESENT**

Becky McElhiney, Program Manager  
Megan Maxey, Acting Executive Director  
Davis Hylkema, Assistant Program Manager  
Joan Simmons, Administrative Assistant  
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General  
Ashley Maxwell, Supervising Staff Attorney

**GUESTS:**

None

**1. Call to Order/Introductions**

Alex Sobel, Chair, called the open public meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

- 1.1 Introductions of the board and staff
- 1.2 Approval of agenda

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the September 16, 2022 agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

- 1.3 Approval of June 3, 2022 business meeting minutes

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the June 3, 2022 business meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

- 1.4 Approval of July 22, 2022 business meeting minutes

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the July 22 business meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

- 1.5 The board discussed whether to hold the October business meeting in person or virtually.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to hold the October business meeting virtually due to the board making a determination that it is not reasonably safe to meet in person due to the declared COVID-19 emergency. 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 comments were received.

**3. Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5229—DISCUSSION/ACTION**

The board discussed whether to file a CR101 to open rule sections referencing continuing education in response to ESSB 5229.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve the filing of a CR101 to add a new rule section regarding health equity continuing education in response to ESSB 5229. The motion was seconded and passed.

**4. Federation of State Medical Boards Tri-Regulator Symposium—DISCUSSION/ACTION**

The board discussed sending board and staff members to the FSMB Tri-Regulator Symposium in Alexandria, VA October 13-14, 2022.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to send two board members and one staff to the FSMB Tri-Regulator Symposium in Alexandria, VA. The motion was seconded and passed.

**5. Evaluation of Patient Interpretive Statement—DISCUSSION/ACTION**

Ms. McElhiney shared the history and updates of the interpretive statement. The board discussed the interpretive statement regarding patient evaluation.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to rescind the interpretive statement. The motion was seconded and passed.

**6. Correspondence—DISCUSSION/ACTION**

The board reviewed and discussed correspondence received since the last meeting.

- 6.1 Lists and labels request from Washington Physician Health Program

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve lists and labels from Washington Physician Health Program. The motion was seconded and passed.

- 6.2 Lists and labels request from Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

**MOTION:** A motion was made to approve lists and labels from Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center. The motion was seconded and passed.

**7. Program Reports—Megan Maxey, Acting Executive Director; Becky McElhiney, Program Manager; Heather Carter, AAG Adviser**

**7.1 Rules update**

**7.1.1 WAC 246-853-650 Office-based anesthesia**

Ms. McElhiney shared this rules package is still in the SharePoint review process for the CR102. The hearing will likely be scheduled for the December 2 business meeting.

**7.1.2 WAC 246-853-661 Exclusions**

Ms. McElhiney shared that the CR101 was filed with the code reviser's office on August 23, 2022. Discussions for the updated rules are anticipated to begin at the October 28 business meeting.

**7.1.3 SSB 5496 Substance use disorder**

Ms. McElhiney shared this rules project is currently on hold to allow impacted professions the opportunity to take a coordinated and streamlined approach.

**7.2 Recruitment update**

Ms. McElhiney shared recruitment notices for three professional vacancies and one public member vacancy have been posted. Two professional applications were received; one was interviewed and the other rescinded their application. An appointment packet for the applicant that was interviewed has been submitted and is in the approval process.

**8. 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.

**8.1 Budget report**

Ms. McElhiney shared the budget as of July 31, 2022. The revenue includes a reduction of \$63,329.46 from the HELMS adjustment for FY22.

**8.2 Sexual misconduct report**

Ms. McElhiney shared a report regarding sexual misconduct from the Patient Safety Action Network in the board packet. It is informational only.

**9. Future Business—DISCUSSION**

The board will discuss agenda items identified or suggested for future meetings.

- Future meetings discussion to consider whether or not they are to be held in-person, remotely, or hybrid.

**10. Adjournment of public meeting—ACTION 9:35 a.m.**

**MOTION:** A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Becky McElhiney, Program Manager

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