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October 1, 2021



DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Board of Osteopathic Medicine
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Meet-Me-Number 1(866) 899-4679
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October 1, 2021
4 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Sandra Schwemmer, Chair, at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Those present for all or part of the meeting included the following:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sandra Schwemmer, DO, Chair
Michelle R. Mendez, DO, Vice-Chair
Tiffany Sizemore, DO
Jorge Gadea, DO.
William Kirsh, DO
Valerie Jackson, Consumer Member

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

Kama Monroe, Executive Director
Carol Taylor, Program Administrator
Christa Peace, RSIII

MEMBERS ABSENT

NONE

BOARD COUNSEL

Donna McNulty, Board Counsel
Cassandra Fullove, Paralegal

PROSECUTION SERVICES ATTORNEYS:

NONE

COURT REPORTER:

For the Record Reporting
(850) 222-5491

OTHERS PRESENT:

None

Please note that the meeting minutes reflect the actual order that agenda items were discussed during the meeting and may differ from the agenda outline.

Prior to discussing the agenda items, the Vice-Chair voiced her unhappiness with the scheduling of the instant meeting. She noted that none of the four applications on the agenda were coming into COVID areas. The Chair stated that she had voiced the same concerns when interim meetings was first approached.

Ms. Monroe explained the interim meetings, noting they should be scheduled six weeks apart and providing examples of other boards who hold interim meetings.

Discussion ensued wherein it was opined that it is unfair to compare osteopathic physicians to massage therapists. Further opinion was that bringing board members from surgeries and office visits to listen to four applications created an undue burden. It was then agreed to further discuss at the end of the meeting.

APPLICANTS

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TAB 1: Hal Frederick Martens, D.O., File #18115

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

Following discussion,

Motion: by Dr. Kirsh, to accept the application, seconded by Ms. Jackson. Motion carried.

TAB 2: Brendan Michael O'Donnell, D.O., File #17540

Applicant was present. Applicant was represented by attorney Alan Grossman.

Following discussion,

Motion: by Dr. Mendez, to accept the application, seconded by Dr. Kirsh. Motion carried.

TAB 3: Edward Joseph Waseleski, Jr., D.O., File #18066

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

Dr. Sizemore informed the board that she was a teaching attendant when the applicant was a medical student. She recused herself from this agenda item.

Following discussion,

Applicant requested to withdraw his application.

Motion: by Dr. Mendez, to accept the applicant's withdrawal of the application, seconded by Dr. Kirsh. Motion carried.

TAB 4: Ann Brown McCombs, D.O., File#18262

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

After discussion:

Motion: by Dr. Kirsh, to approve the application, Ms. Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Executive Director, Kama Monroe, informed the board that there is one remaining interim board meeting remaining and inquired if the board wanted to set a minimum number of applications for the meeting to occur.

Prior to discussion, Dr. Schwemmer stated for the record the good cause for adding Agenda Item 4 to the agenda was due to an attempt to move the licensure process along to meet the ninety day requirement and that osteopathic medicine is a critical profession due to the COVID 19 effort in Florida. She added any license issued adds to that effort.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for interim meetings and the pros and cons associated. It was then agreed that three or less applications were not sufficient to schedule a special meeting. If there are not at least four or five applications a special meeting for non-typical applications will not be scheduled.

It was additionally noted that relying on precedent in the future might be difficult.

ADJOURN:

Motion: by Ms. Jackson, to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Kirsh. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 5, 2021

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