

NEBRASKA BOARD OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

MEETING MINUTES

March 9, 2018

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Medicine and Surgery was called to order by Chairperson, Mark Goodman, MD, at 9:02 a.m. on March 9, 2018, in the Light House Room, Country Inn & Suites, 5353 N. 27th, Lincoln, Nebraska. The following members answered the roll call:

Mark Goodman, MD, Chairperson
Todd Stull, MD, Vice-Chairperson
Carl Smith, MD,
Michael Bittles, MD
Judith Scott, DO
Merle Henkenius
Jeffrey Howorth

Absent:

John Massey, MD, Secretary

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

Also present to participate in the meeting: Kathie Lueke, Program Manager, Jan Gadeken-Harris, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit; Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General; Jeff Newman, Investigator; Mike Meyerson, Investigator, from Investigations; Anna Harrison, Compliance Monitor, from Licensing and Investigations.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Smith moved, seconded by Howorth, to approve adoption of the agenda. Voting aye: Bittles, Goodman, Henkenius, Howorth, Scott, Smith, and Stull. Voting nay: none. Absent: Massey. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Smith moved, seconded by Stull to approve the minutes for January 26, 2018, as presented. Voting aye: Bittles, Goodman, Henkenius, Howorth, Scott, Smith, and Stull. Voting nay: none. Absent: Massey. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS, DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, APPLICATION REVIEW

Stull moved, seconded by Smith, to go into closed session at 9:05 a.m. for the purpose of review and discussion of investigative reports, disciplinary reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Voting aye: Bittles, Goodman, Henkenius, Howorth, Scott, Smith, and Stull. Voting nay: none. Absent: Massey. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

Goodman recused himself from the meeting at 9:08 a.m.
Goodman returned to the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Howorth recused himself from the meeting at 9:25 a.m.
Howorth returned to the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

Lester left the meeting at 9:29 a.m.
Lester returned to the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Smith moved, seconded by Howorth, to open the session at 9:37 a.m. Voting aye: Bittles, Goodman, Henkenius, Howorth, Scott, Smith, and Stull. Voting nay: none. Absent: Massey. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Physician and Osteopathic Physician Initial Application(s)

ABRAHAMAS, MICHAEL - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Smith moved, seconded by Scott, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Goodman, Henkenius, Howorth, Scott, Smith, and Stull. Voting nay: none. Absent: Massey. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

CRNIC, TRACY - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Scott moved, seconded by Smith, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Goodman, Henkenius, Howorth, Scott, Smith, and Stull. Voting nay: none. Absent: Massey. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

DIAMOND, LEE - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Smith moved, seconded by Howorth, to recommend issuance of license. Voting aye: Bittles, Goodman, Henkenius, Howorth, Scott, Smith, and Stull. Voting nay: none. Absent: Massey. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

ESKANDAR, ALI MOHAMAD - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Smith moved, seconded by Bittles, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Goodman, Henkenius, Howorth, Scott, Smith, and Stull. Voting nay: none. Absent: Massey. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

HINSHAW, TYLER JAMES - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Scott moved, seconded by Stull, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Goodman, Henkenius, Howorth, Scott, Smith, and Stull. Voting nay: none. Absent: Massey. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

REUTER, GREGORY - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Stull moved, seconded by Smith, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Goodman, Henkenius, Howorth, Scott, Smith, and Stull. Voting nay: none. Absent: Massey. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

WYNKOOP, WALKER - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Stull moved, seconded by Smith, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Goodman, Henkenius, Howorth, Scott, Smith, and Stull. Voting nay: none. Absent: Massey. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

2018 LEGISLATIVE BILLS

Meghan Chaffee, staff member with the Nebraska Medical Association, presented the Board with updates of the different legislative bills that are followed by the NMA.

The following list of bills were available for review by the board prior to the meeting.

- LB701- Provide for telehealth practice by physicians and physician assistants
Status: Placed on General File with AM1880m Floor debate March 30, 2018
AM1880 – Pending – 1. On page 4, line 16 strike “shall” and insert “may”
“16 (3) The department shall may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
“17 pursuant to section 38-126 that are consistent with this section.”
- LB703 - Provide a licensure exemption for visiting athletic team physicians as prescribed
Status: Placed on General File February 12, 2018
NMA supports
- LB704 - Change provisions relating to foreign medical graduates
Status: Placed on General File February 12, 2018
NMA supports
- LB788 - Require continuing education for health care professionals regarding opiate prescriptions
- LB834 - Provide for waiver of certain occupational and licensing fees as prescribed
- LB836 - Provide for minors' consent to certain mental health services as prescribed
- LB897 - Change medical providers' duties under offense of failure to report injury or violence
Status: Hearing February 23, 2018

LB931 - Provide requirements for opiate and controlled substance prescriptions

Status: Priority bill for Senator Howard as of February 13, 2018

NMA opposed

AM1849 – pending – edits the original bill to include specifics related to prescribing for children, alternatives for opiates, education about the risks, and proof of identification for taking receipt of dispensed opiate prescription.

LB933 - Provide prescription requirements for certain controlled substances

Status: Placed on General File February 12, 2018

LB934 - Require identification prior to receipt of dispensed opiates

LB1127 - Provide additional fees for certain credentials under the Uniform Credentialing Act and create the Patient Safety Cash Fund

NMA supports

FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS

Reminder that the 2018 Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 26-28, 2018. The Board members have been asked to notify either Jan or Kathie if they are interested in attending.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Howorth moved, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 a.m. Voting aye: Bittles, Goodman, Henkenius, Howorth, Scott, Smith, and Stull. Voting nay: none. Absent: Massey. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

John Massey, MD, Secretary
Board of Medicine and Surgery