

NEBRASKA BOARD OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2016

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Medicine and Surgery was called to order by Chairman, Carl Smith, MD, at 9:02 a.m. on June 17, 2016, in the Lighthouse Room, Country Inn & Suites, 5353 N 27th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The following members answered the roll call:

Carl Smith, MD, Chairman
Mark Goodman, MD, Vice-Chair
Todd Stull, MD, Secretary
Merle Henkenius
Jeff Howorth
Karen Higgins, MD
Michael Bittles, MD

Absent: Judith Scott, DO

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

Also present to participate in the meeting: Kathie Lueke, Program Manager, Kelli Dalrymple, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit; Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General, Jeff Newman, Investigator; Russell Fosler, Investigator, Investigations Unit; Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, Department Legal Counsel, Anna Harrison, Compliance Monitor, Licensure Unit.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Adoption of Agenda

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Stull moved, seconded by Howorth, to approve the minutes of the meeting for May 6, 2016, as presented. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Howorth, Stull, Goodman, Smith and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Scott. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS, DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, APPLICATION REVIEW

Goodman moved, seconded by Howorth, to go into closed session at 9:02 a.m. for the purpose of review of investigational and disciplinary reports and other closed session items as identified on the agenda. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Howorth, Stull, Goodman, Smith and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Scott. Motion carried.

Howorth moved, seconded by Goodman, to open the session at 9:40 a.m. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Howorth, Stull, Goodman, Smith and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Scott. Motion carried.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

Physician and Osteopathic Physician Application(s)

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

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

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

HICKERT, ALYSSA - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery on temporary education permit. Bittles moved, seconded by Howorth, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Howorth, Stull, Goodman, Smith and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Scott. Motion carried.

JAIN, SHWETA - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery on a temporary educational permit. Howorth moved, seconded by Higgins, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Howorth, Stull, Goodman, Smith and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Scott. Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KAVANAGH, KRISTIN - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery on a temporary education permit. Stull moved, seconded by Goodman, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Howorth, Stull, Goodman, Smith and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Scott. Motion carried.

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

Howorth moved, seconded by Goodman, to go into closed session at 9:45 a.m. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Howorth, Stull, Goodman, Smith and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Scott. Motion carried.

Goodman moved, seconded by Howorth, to return to open session at 9:48 a.m. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Howorth, Stull, Goodman, Smith and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Scott. Motion carried.

REISLER, DAVID - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Higgins moved, seconded by Goodman, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Stull, Goodman, Smith and Henkenius. Voting nay: Howorth. Absent: Scott. Motion carried.

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

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

GROSS, ANDREW - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Goodman moved, seconded by Stull, to table recommendation for further information. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Howorth, Stull, Goodman, Smith and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Scott. Motion carried.

KAZMI, SYED - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Bittles moved, seconded by Goodman, to deny a license based on history of multi state licensure discipline and false documentation. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Howorth, Stull, Goodman, Smith and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Scott. Motion carried.

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

BROWN, SAMUEL - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery on a temporary education permit. Bittles moved, seconded by Goodman, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Howorth, Stull, Goodman, Smith and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Scott. Motion carried.

KERK, JOSEPHINE - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery on a temporary education permit. Goodman moved, seconded by Stull to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Howorth, Stull, Goodman, Smith and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Scott. Motion carried.

Physician Reinstatement Application(s)

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

Physician Assistant Applications(s)

LUJAN, CHRISTIAN - application for a license to practice as a physician assistant. Howorth moved, seconded by Bittles, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Howorth, Stull, Goodman, Smith and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Scott. Motion carried.

Physician Reinstatement after Discipline Application(s)

Stull moved, seconded by Howorth, to go into closed session at 9:54 a.m. Voting aye: Bittles, Higgins, Howorth, Stull, Goodman, Smith and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Scott. Motion carried.

Lester and Higgins left the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Howorth moved, seconded by Goodman, to go into open session at 10:02 a.m. Voting aye: Bittles, Howorth, Stull, Goodman, Smith and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Scott. Motion carried.

Lester and Higgins returned to the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

BAUHARD, MARLIN - application on reinstatement after discipline license to remove limitations and shorten probationary status. Goodman moved, seconded by Howorth, to deny the requests. Voting aye: Bittles, Howorth, Stull, Goodman, Smith and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Abstain: Higgins. Absent: Scott. Motion carried.

PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES REVIEW

The Board reaffirmed the current guidelines. They recommended removing the outdated CDC link and replacing it with a current one and to reflect a current adopted/revised/review date on the guidelines.

SURGICAL FIRST ASSISTANT DRAFT REGULATIONS

An initial draft document of regulations for licensure as a Surgical First Assistant was shared with members of the Board for their review and comment. In addition to the draft document, the board members were provided information on national certification programs, assessment of continued competency, and documentation of evidence to achieve licensure. This information was received by the Department prior to the board meeting from the Nebraska Hospital Association and Nebraska State Assembly of the Association of Surgical Technologists.

Suggested edits were provided by the board, and the revised draft document will be available for review at the next meeting.

PHARMACEUTICAL CARE AGREEMENTS

The Board has no comments or concerns with the agreements.

PDMP LETTER TO DISPENSERS

The board reviewed the letter and had no discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Howorth moved, seconded by Goodman, to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m. Voting aye: Bittles, Howorth, Stull, Goodman, Higgins, Smith and Henkenius. Voting nay: none. Absent: Scott. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

Todd Stull, Secretary
Board of Medicine and Surgery