

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY

August 28, 2015

ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Medicine and Surgery was called to order by Chairman, Jeff Howorth, at 9:02 a.m. on August 28, 2015, in the Lighthouse Room, Country Inn & Suites, 5353 N 27th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. The following members answered the roll call:

Jeffrey L. Howorth, Chair
Merle J. Henkenius
Vonn E. Roberts, MD
Karen Higgins, MD
Judith Scott, DO

Absent: Carl Smith, MD, Vice-Chair
Mark Goodman, MD, Secretary
Michael Bittles, MD

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

Also present to participate in the meeting: Julie Agena, Assistant Attorney General; Kathie Lueke, Program Manager, Licensure Unit; Kelli Dalrymple, Health Licensing Coordinator; Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, Department Legal Counsel, Jeff Newman, Investigator; Kathy Krueger, Investigator, Dennis Scott, Investigator, Laura Weber, Investigator, Peggy Percell, Program Manager, Investigations Department.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Higgins moved, seconded by Roberts, to approve the minutes of the meeting for June 12, 2015, with the stated changes. Voting aye: Henkenius, Higgins, Roberts, Howorth, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: Smith, Goodman, Bittles. Motion carried.

COPIC PRESENTATION

COPIC Insurance had representative Dr. Dan Rosenquist speak to the Board on how COPIC best represents and supports doctors with insurance coverage they can provide.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS, DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, APPLICATION REVIEW

Roberts moved, seconded by Higgins, to go into closed session at 9:29 a.m. for the purpose of review of investigational and disciplinary reports and other closed session items as identified on the agenda.

Howorth recused himself from the meeting at 9:34 a.m.
Howorth rejoined the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

Roberts recused himself from the meeting at 10:04 a.m.
Roberts rejoined the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

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Agena recused herself from the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Agena rejoined the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Returned to open session at 11:08 a.m.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE

Physician and Osteopathic Physician Application(s)

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALI KHAN - application for a license to practice medicine and surgery. Higgins moved, seconded by Scott, to table a recommendation on this application pending further information. Voting aye: Howorth, Higgins, Roberts, Henkenuis, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: Smith, Goodman, Bittles. Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Physician Assistant Application

JESSICA THURMAN - application for a license to practice as a physician assistant. Higgins moved, seconded by Scott, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Howorth, Higgins, Roberts, Henkenhuis, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: Smith, Goodman, Bittles. Motion carried.

Temporary Education Permits

BRADLEY GIBSON - application for a temporary education permit to practice medicine and surgery. Higgins moved, seconded by Scott, to recommend issuance of a license. Voting aye: Howorth, Higgins, Roberts, Henkenuis, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: Smith, Goodman, Bittles. Motion carried.

Physician and Osteopathic Reinstatement Application

VINCENT MISCIA - application for reinstatement of a license to practice medicine and surgery. Roberts moved, seconded by Higgins, to accept the proposed re-entry education plan for reinstatement. Voting aye: Howorth, Higgins, Roberts, Henkenuis, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: Smith, Goodman, Bittles. Motion carried.

Physician and Osteopathic Reinstatements After Discipline

KENNETH ZOUCHA - application for reinstatement after discipline of a license to practice medicine and surgery. Scott moved, seconded by Higgins, to reinstate license with removal of limitation, all other probationary conditions kept. Voting aye: Howorth, Higgins, Roberts, Henkenuis, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: Smith, Goodman, Bittles. Motion carried.

THOMAS LANSPA - application for reinstatement after discipline of a license to practice medicine and surgery. Higgins moved, seconded by Scott, to reinstate license with removal of limitation, all other probationary conditions are kept. Voting aye: Howorth, Higgins, Roberts, Henkenuis, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: Smith, Goodman, Bittles. Motion carried.

GREGORY DAMMAN - application for reinstatement after discipline of a license to practice medicine and surgery. Higgins moved, seconded by Roberts, to reinstate license early from probation. Voting aye: Howorth, Higgins, Roberts, Henkenuis, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: Smith, Goodman, Bittles. Motion carried.

Physician Assistant Reinstatement After Discipline

CHRISTOPHER KUDRON - application for reinstatement after discipline of a license to practice medicine and surgery. Higgins moved, seconded by Scott, to deny the reinstatement of the license based on new information. Voting aye: Howorth, Higgins, Roberts, Henkenuis, Scott. Voting nay: none. Absent: Smith, Goodman, Bittles. Motion carried.

FSMB ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Board reviewed the Annual Highlights provided by FSMB.

DISPENSING PRACTITIONER MEMORANDUM

The Board reviewed the Dispensing Practitioner Memorandum that was sent out to all Nebraska license Dispensing Practitioners outlining new changes with regard to LB37.

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ABLS LASER MEMORANDUM

The Board reviewed the memorandum.

NBOME VISITATION DAY

The Board reviewed the information provided by NBOME.

CCAOM - CLEAN NEEDLE TECHNIQUE MANUAL UPDATE

The Board reviewed the manual update.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

signature available upon request

Jeff Howorth, Chairman
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